

Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 3, 2018
5:00 P.M.	Barbara Bryant – RIP JoAnn Eagleton – RIP
Sunday	February 4, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Rosemary Velasquez – RIP
9:30 A.M.	Intentions of the Parishioners
11:00 A.M.	Gregoria Flores – RIP
11:30 A.M.	Loreto Cunanan – RIP
Monday	February 5, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Leonila De La Rosa – RIP
Tuesday	February 6, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Michael Norris – Surgery
Wednesday	February 7, 2018
8:00 A.M.	End to Abortion
Thursday	February 8, 2018
8:00 AM	Amanda Bow – RIP
Friday	February 9, 2018
8:00 A.M.	Dodie Arevalos – RIP, 1 st year Anniversary

Conversion of Saint Paul

Paul, more than anyone else, has shown us what man really is, and in what our nobility consists, and of what virtue this particular animal is capable. Each day he aimed ever higher; each day he rose up with greater ardor and faced with new eagerness the dangers that threatened him. When he saw death imminent, he bade others share his joy: *Rejoice and be glad with me!* [cf Philippians 2:18]. And when danger, injustice and abuse threatened, he said: *I am content with weakness, mistreatment and persecution* [cf 2 Corinthians 12:10]. These he called the weapons of righteousness, thus telling us that he derived immense profit from them.

Thus, amid the traps set for him by his enemies, with exultant heart he turned their every attack into a victory for himself; constantly beaten, abused and cursed, he boasted of it as though he were celebrating a triumphal procession and taking trophies home, and offered thanks to God for it all: *Thanks be to God who is always victorious in us!* [cf 1 Corinthians 15:57]. This is why he was far more eager for the shameful abuse that his zeal in preaching brought upon him than we are for the most pleasing honors, more eager for death than we are for life, for poverty than we are for wealth; he yearned for toil far more than others yearn for rest after toil. The one thing he feared, indeed dreaded, was to offend God; nothing else could sway him. Therefore, the only thing he really wanted was always to please God.

The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself happier than anyone else; were he without it, it would be no satisfaction to be the friend of principalities and powers. He preferred to be thus loved and be the least of all, or even to be among the damned, than to be without that love and be among the great and honored.

To be separated from that love was, in his eyes, the greatest and most extraordinary of torments; the pain of that loss would alone have been hell, and endless, unbearable torture.

So too, in being loved by Christ he thought of himself as possessing life, the world, the angels, present and future, the kingdom, the promise and countless blessings. Apart from that love nothing saddened or delighted him; for nothing earthly did he regard as bitter or sweet.

Paul set no store by the things that fill our visible world, any more than a man sets value on the withered grass of the field. As for tyrannical rulers or the people enraged against him, he paid them no more heed than gnats.

Death itself and pain and whatever torments might come were but child's play to him, provided that thereby he might bear some burden for the sake of Christ.

La Conversion de San Pablo

San Pablo más que nadie, nos ha mostrado lo que realmente es el hombre, y en que consiste nuestra nobleza, y las virtudes que este animal en particular es capaz. Cada día él aspira a cosas más grandes; cada día él se levanta con un ardor más grande y encara con ahínco los peligros que lo amenazan. ¡Cuando vio que la muerte era eminente, él retaba a otros a compartir su gozo: Regocíjense y estén alegres conmigo! (Filipenses 2:18). Y cuando estaba en peligro, y la injusticia y el abuso lo amenazaban, él decía: estoy contento con mi debilidad, con los maltratos y con las persecuciones (2 de Corintios 12:10). Estas cosas en las llamaba armas de rectitud, así de es como de esa manera él sacaba inmensas ganancias de ellas.

Así pues, en medio de las trampas que le ponían sus enemigos, con corazón exaltante él tornaba cada ataque en victoria para el mismo, constantemente golpeado, abusado y maldecido, él se gloriaba de todo: ¡A Dios gracias que siempre sale victorioso en nosotros! (Corintios 15:57). Es por eso que él estaba más ansioso por el abuso vergonzoso que por el celo de predicar y que nosotros estamos más ansiosos por los honores placenteros, estamos más ansiosos por la muerte que por la vida, por la pobreza que por la riqueza; él anhelaba luchar más que otros que anhelan descansar después de la lucha. La cosa que él temía, mucho, era ofender a Dios; ninguna otra cosa lo movía. Por lo tanto, la única cosa que él realmente quería era complacer siempre a Dios.

La cosa más importante de todas para él, sin embargo, era que él se supiera amado por Cristo. Disfrutando de este amor, él se consideraba más feliz que nadie más; puesto que sin él, no hubiera tenido ninguna satisfacción ser amigo de principalidades y potencias. Él prefería ser pues amado y ser menos que todos, o aun estar entre los condenados, en vez de estar sin ese amor y estar entre los más grandes y honorables.

Estar separado de ese amor era, ante sus ojos, el más grande y extraordinario de los tormentos; el dolor de esa pérdida hubiera podido ser como el infierno, e interminable, una tortura insoportable. Así también, el ser amado por Cristo él pensaba de sí mismo como poseedor de la vida, del mundo, de los ángeles, del presente y del futuro, del reino, de las promesas y de incontables bendiciones. Aparte de ese amor, nada lo ponía triste o lo deleitaba; pues nada terrenal consideraba él como amargo o dulce. A San Pablo no le interesaban las cosas que llenan nuestro mundo visible, así como ningún hombre valoriza el pasto seco del campo. En cuanto a los gobernantes tiranos o la gente que le tenía coraje, él les ponía no menos atención que a los mosquitos.

La muerte misma y el dolor y cualquier tormento que pudiera venir eran para él como un juego de niño, siempre y cuando tuviera que soportar alguna carga por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desire. Possess all that I am...you alone. I am your sheep.

– Saint Agatha (February 3)



Michael Norris, Heidi Pazinske, Jill Anderson, James Ruiz, Rolfe Scofield, Bob Franklin, Colleen Wilson, Sherry Schollenberger, Gail Mulford, Richard Brazil, Cindy, Griffin Cramer, Manuela Sanger, Katheryn Nelson, Judith Withers Paquin, Stella Hnatiuk, Magie and Carol Reed, Ed Reed, Frank Guinto, Mark Norris, Lenet Inglett, Joe Carey, Cheryl Bryant, Mary Jo Reed, Jesus Ayala, Beverly Lugo, Blaze Anthony, Georgiana Viveros, Aswut Toscano, Virgil Yazzie, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, Kathleen and John Admire. **Also, please remember those who have died: Herminio Gestelum, Mario Garcia, Ramona Pelayo, Michael Raney, Michael Pavlovich, Mayela Muñoz, Julia Cruz, Claire Kiempisty, Marcellus Lopez, and James Brittan**

Do you know anyone who would like to be listed for prayer? Please Call the Office at 760-742-3317 or Mike Kerrigan at 951-805-3872

Around the Mission – February

Baptism – Gilbert Madera, III, Viviana Madera, Melody Ambrice, and James Pagett

Funeral – Adora Bojovquez, Rosary, 9:30 AM, Tuesday, February 6; Funeral Mass, 10:00 AM, February 6, Pala

Weddings– Yasmin and Raul Duran
Veronica Mendoza and Nathan Lewis

What does the Catechism say about...

What is required to receive Holy Communion?

To receive Holy Communion one must be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church and be in the state of grace, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin. Anyone who is conscious of having committed a grave sin must first receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before going to Communion. Also important for those receiving Holy Communion are a spirit of recollection and prayer, observance of the fast prescribed by the Church, and an appropriate disposition of the body (gestures and dress) as a sign of respect for Christ.

What are the fruits of Holy Communion?

Holy Communion increases our union with Christ and with his Church. It preserves and renews the life of grace received at Baptism and Confirmation and makes us grow in love for our neighbor. It strengthens us in charity, wipes away venial sins and preserves us from mortal sin in the future.

KNIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Our Knights are back and they are inviting you to enjoy a short stack for a tall cause on Sunday, February 11! This almost-famous breakfast is delicious and it helps to support the **Knight's projects around** the Mission! So come raise a fork after the 8:00AM Mass only! As always, it is a delicious breakfast with something for everyone! Their menu includes pancakes, eggs and sausage or eggs and chorizo, homemade tortillas made on site and beans. See you there!



Valentine's Dance!

Mark your calendars! The Youth Group will once again sponsor the Mission's annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on Sunday, February 10, 2018 from 5:00PM to 10:00PM in the San Juan Diego Center. Tickets are \$15.00/person pre-order and \$20.00/person at the door. Tickets are on sale after all the masses beginning January 14 and in the Gift Store. Find your dancing shoes and enjoy the evening! Thank you for once again supporting our Youth Group!



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Ashes will be distributed after the 8:00 am Mass and at 7:00 pm in the Mission. Ashes will be distributed in Rincon at 5:30 pm. Thank you!

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made of animal fat.

FASTING means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

MINISTRY CLASSES

Would you like to be a Minister of the Eucharist, a Minister of the Word or a Sacristan?? Diocesan Workshops for these ministries are held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr, SD 92117. Qualifications to be a Minister are: Received sacraments of Baptism/Confirmation/Communion and if married in a Catholic Marriage.

- Word: Feb 24/March 1, Saturday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm and Thursday, 6:30 pm -9:00 pm: Two sessions required \$35.00. More info Jerry Meyer 760 480 4661.
- Sacristan: April 28 9am-2:30pm all held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.
- More info Merlo Rhinehart (760) 746-2584.

Were you a Lector or Eucharistic Minister in a previous parish? We would love to have you join in serving in our parish. For more details, please call the office and speak with Elsa. It is such a joy to serve the Lord, Just think how wonderful it will be when we meet Him face to face and He says, "I know you."

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS FEBRUARY 17-18!

Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on them all. – Saint Pau Miki and Companions (February 6)