

## Mase Intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 22, 2019</b>
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	+ Victor Aguilá + John Carey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 23, 2019</b>
<b>8:00A.M.</b>	+ George and Marguerite Lehner – Anniversary María and Aurora Gonzalez – Healing
<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	+ Wesley Ruise + Eva Rodriguez – Birthday Blessings Merna Sass – Birthday Blessings
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	+ Rene Magallanes
<b>11:30A.M.</b>	+ Carol Rodriguez
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 24, 2019</b>
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	+ Shirley Weinberger
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 25, 2019</b>
<b>8:00A.M.</b>	+ John Carey + Leroy Riggs
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 26, 2020</b>
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	+ Barbara Bryant
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 27, 2020</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	+ Colleen Turner – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 28, 2020</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	+ John Admire – Birthday Blessings

### Thoughts on Suffering

My Mom's favorite saying, from my earliest memories until just before she died, was "It doesn't matter. The only thing that matters is that we all get to Heaven." Her other favorite saying was simply "Offer it up." Easy to say, hard to live, she lived her life by both of these and did her best to teach us to do the same. The latter especially has always been hard for me, both to understand and to put into practice. How does one accept pain, suffering, loss, disappointment with joy? Like Job, we cry out, "I don't understand," and the reply from above is simply to agree: "You don't understand."

I remember listening to a conference where Fr. Ripperger said that his Guardian Angel had momentarily possessed him to prevent him from getting into a car accident, and I am sure the same thing has happened to me. The car swerved and jerked back into its lane, and my wife and I thanked God for saving us from a deadly crash.

Providence is a strange thing. How can the same God allow us to undergo such horrible trials only to draw us clear when all seems lost? At first glance, it seems illogical, almost cruel, but I never have felt more in the palm of His hand in all my life than in the moments after avoiding what almost certainly would have been a fatal collision after running a gauntlet of trials.

The truth is that He uses even these awful circumstances to show us how much He loves us. We know this because it reminds us of His life here on Earth. Jesus knew from experience what it was to lose a parent. He was no stranger to physical or emotional pain, and no one had a greater empathy for the suffering of others, as can be seen by even a glance of the Gospels.

Were that not enough, there's also Our Lady. Mary knew well what it was to see her child suffer unspeakably. She steadfastly

stood by the foot of the Cross when nearly everyone else had left, and she watched the person most dear to her in the world suffer the horrors of Calvary.

we know we're not alone. Jesus suffered, and it brought about our redemption, and Mary united her sufferings to His. Together, they gave us the greatest example of how to suffer well. All we have to do is imitate them and trust God, uniting our sufferings to the Cross, knowing that the Resurrection is sure to follow, even and especially if we don't understand. Maybe *that* is exactly what Mom would have wanted us to take out of this.

### *Pensamientos sobre el sufrimiento*

El dicho favorito de mi madre, desde mis primeros recuerdos hasta justo antes de morir, era "No importa". Lo único que importa es que todos lleguemos al cielo ". Su otro dicho favorito era simplemente "Ofrézcalo". Fácil de decir, difícil de vivir, ella vivió su vida con ambos e hizo todo lo posible para enseñarnos a hacer lo mismo.

Esto último, especialmente, siempre ha sido difícil para mí, tanto para entender como para poner en práctica. ¿Cómo se acepta el dolor, el sufrimiento, la pérdida, la decepción con alegría? Al igual que Job, gritamos: "No entiendo", y la respuesta de arriba es simplemente aceptar: "No entiendes".

Recuerdo haber escuchado una conferencia donde el p. Ripperger dijo que su Ángel Guardián lo había poseído momentáneamente para evitar que se metiera en un accidente automovilístico, y estoy seguro de que me ha sucedido lo mismo. El auto se desvió y regresó a su carril, y mi esposa y yo le agradecemos a Dios por salvarnos de un accidente mortal.

La providencia es una cosa extraña. ¿Cómo puede el mismo Dios permitirnos pasar por pruebas tan horribles solo para aclararnos cuando todo parece perdido? A primera vista, parece ilógico, casi cruel, pero nunca me he sentido más en la palma de su mano en toda mi vida que en los momentos posteriores a evitar lo que casi seguramente habría sido una colisión fatal después de ejecutar un guante de pruebas.

La verdad es que Él usa incluso estas terribles circunstancias para mostrarnos cuánto nos ama. Sabemos esto porque nos recuerda su vida aquí en la Tierra. Jesús sabía por experiencia lo que era perder a un padre. No era ajeno al dolor físico o emocional, y nadie tenía una mayor empatía por el sufrimiento de los demás, como se puede ver incluso con una mirada a los Evangelios.

Si eso no fuera suficiente, también está Nuestra Señora. Mary sabía muy bien lo que era ver a su hijo sufrir indescriptiblemente. Permaneció firme al pie de la Cruz cuando casi todos los demás se habían ido, y vio a la persona más querida en el mundo sufrir los horrores del Calvario.

sabemos que no estamos solos Jesús sufrió, y provocó nuestra redención, y María unió sus sufrimientos a los Suyos. Juntos, nos dieron el mejor ejemplo de cómo sufrir bien. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es imitarlos y confiar en Dios, uniendo nuestros sufrimientos a la Cruz, sabiendo que la resurrección seguramente seguirá, incluso y especialmente si no entendemos. Tal vez eso es exactamente lo que mamá hubiera querido que quitáramos de esto.

**SJDC – Por favor, apagar las luces al terminar cualquier activad que se tenga**

**We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. — St. Francis de Sales**

**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Carol Hutton, LeeAnn Hayes, Cynithia Smith, Josue Dorantes, Ben Magante, Jr., Gina Parada, Judy Barnes, Randy De La Garza, Robin and Phillip Kolb, Micaela Missy

Romero, Patrick Turner, Brandie DeLaGarza, Charlotte Neefe, Anna Rodriguez, Patty Duro, Chris Murillo, Audrey Chaipos Bow, Elena Enriquez, Jack Jester, Florencio Magallanes, Laura Martinez, Violet Inglett, Rafael Angel, Victor Manuel, Campoy Ochoa, Elena Enriquez, Patty Harding, Dorothy Blacktooth, Andrew Colquaoun, Aurora Gonzalez, Marilyn Yarger, Mitzi Magante, Elana Reed, , Barbara Neral, Deacon Gene Neral, Jason Colquaoun, Sul'a Rico, Jesus Ayala, John David Admire, Emily Mazzetti, and. **Also, please remember those who have died:** Lee Finger, Rene Magallanes Deanna Kolb, Peggy Harding, Robert Harding, Doris Magante, Debbie Maza,

**Envelope Intentions:** *Josie Nordstrom, Tillie King Children of the World, Dawne Family, 9 Necesidades de la Parroquia (Parish needs)*

## AROUND THE MISSION - FEBRUARY

**Baptism – James Scott and Sativa Salgado**

**Funeral Mass – Larry Ayala –Mass, Saturday, February 22, 10:00AM, Pala**

**First Anniversary – Clarence Nejo, Saturday, February 8, 2020, 11:00AM, Blessing of the Headstone, Pala**

**Richard Linton – 10:00AM, Saturday, February 15, 2020, Mass and Blessing of the Headstone**

**Howard Diaz – Saturday, February 29, 10:00AM, Pala; Burial and Blessing of the Food**

**Quinceañera – Chelsi Urioslegui**

## Weekly Collection

**February 16, 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Parish Collection	\$5,980.00
Social Outreach	\$800.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$2,083.00

*Thank you and God Bless! Father John*

## CCD CORNER

Attention all CCD parents: We will be sharing the “Children’s Way of the Cross” Video on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the school cafeteria during regular CCD class time. All CCD parents are invited to attend and join their children in this special prayer experience.

**LEVEL 2 PARENTS : PLEASE NOTE: Mark your calendars: March 1 & 8 – 9:15AM - Mandatory meetings for Reconciliation (Level 2) parents during regular CCD time.**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Mark your calendars for Bilingual Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent **at 7:00pm** in the San Juan Diego Center. **Stations of the Cross are scheduled in Rincon in English on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.** Everyone is invited to participate as we pray and remember Jesus’ suffering, and associate His suffering with our lives today.

**I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him. — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

## Mission Penance Service

**Mark your calendars. Our Lenten Penance Service will be held Friday, March 20, 7:00PM in the San Juan Diego Center. Please come and support this event and fulfill your yearly obligation. On this Friday only, the Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00PM! Come for Stations and stay for the Penance Service!**

**St. Steven will have their Penance Service at 7:00PM on Monday, March 16.**

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

**Ash Wednesday is February 26. Ashes will be distributed after the 8:00AM Mass and 5:30PM in the Mission Chapel. Ashes will be distributed in the San Juan Diego Center at 7:00PM. Ashes will be distributed at St. Bartholomew Chapel in Rincon at 7:00 PM with Mass.**

## Articles on Silence

By Hannah Brockhaus

Pope Francis reflected on the nature of the different moments of silence found within the celebration, especially in the recitation of the collect. The collect, which is prayed after the Gloria, or if the Gloria is omitted, following the Penitential Act, is a short prayer which goes from praise to supplication, and is generally inspired from the day's Scripture passages, the Pope said. This prayer, which varies according to the day and time in which the Mass is being said, begins with the priest saying to the people, "Let us pray," followed by a brief silence. "I strongly recommend priests observe this moment of silence, which without wanting to, we risk neglecting," Francis noted. In this moment the congregation is exhorted to come together in silence, to become aware of the presence of God, and to bring out, "each one in his own heart, the personal intentions with which he participates in Mass."

[www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-the-mass-needs-silence-not--chit-chat-76871](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-the-mass-needs-silence-not--chit-chat-76871)

**PEOPLE ARE PRAYING AFTER THE MASS. PLEASE GO OUTSIDE THE CHURCH TO TALK.**

**LA GENTE ESTA ORANDO DESPUES DE LA MISA. POR FAVOR VAYA AFUERA DE LA IGLESIA PARA HABLAR.**

## Welcome

This Sunday we welcome the Candidates for this year’s Rite of Election as they finish their journey to the Church and for our Catechumens, who are called to Continuing Conversion. Please pray for them!

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT

The Augustinians Friars are sponsoring a vocation discernment weekend at St. Augustine Monastery, San Diego, March 20-22 for men between 6th the ages of 18 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious community life. For more info, call Fr. Tom Whelan at [vocations@calaugustine.org](mailto:vocations@calaugustine.org).