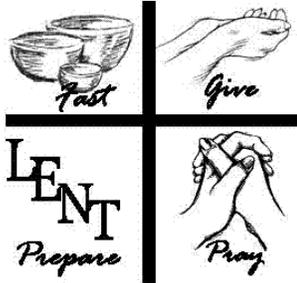


# MARCH 11 & 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our Readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines:

*Prayer, Fasting, almsgiving*, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (**Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21**). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid.

The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God.

The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez,  
Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara,  
Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy. -St. Isidore of Seville*

Dear parishioners,

The season of Lent calls us to reflect on our ongoing need of conversion and a full return to God and, therefore, to the **Sacrament of Penance**. This Lent, in place of a penance service, I will be offering additional times for confession on a weekly basis. **In addition to Saturdays (4:00-4:45pm) or by appointment, I will be in the confessional from 6:00-7:00pm for the next four Tuesdays.** I will also be placing various examinations of conscience on the counter nearest the confession as an aid in preparation. Please consider taking one and making an examination before your confession. I hope that these additional times and resources will be an opportunity and encouragement for you to make use of this sacrament in preparation for Easter!

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco



## ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

*Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) is at heart of work, the work to which you are oriented by your Baptism: the service of God through service of your brothers and sisters in Christ. By making a gift to the Annual Ministry Appeal, **One Family in Mission**, you are able to touch souls and change lives throughout our diocese. Thank you to all who have already pledged, moving us closer to our goal as a parish community. Every gift is sincerely appreciated! **Our goal for this year is \$13,543.00.***

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



EASTER IS COMING UP AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR DONATIONS OF PLASTIC EGGS AND CANDY FOR OLG C'S YEARLY EASTER EGG HUNT. YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE PARISH OFFICE. MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10AM – 2PM.

**A Group of Parishioners of OLG invites you to a Curbside Dinner TACO DAY FUNDRAISER**



The meal will include 6 Deep Fried Potato Tacos, Beans, and Mexican Rice. \$25.00 per meal

Money raised will be donated to our Catholic School SJSDR. The event will be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 pm at the Parish Hall, 605 Maple Street, Fort Bragg, CA. Please place your orders! You may contact Maria Hurtado 707-357-6742 or the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 or by email [olgcnfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcnfb@gmail.com).



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at [olgcnfb.org](http://olgcnfb.org).

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account! If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



**KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. **APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK THEM UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST OFFICE BOX 1641 BEFORE APRIL 23, 2023.** FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN: 707-480-4614.



DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THE HOUR. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>.

**MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 11 -17, 2023**

Saturday (11)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Harold & Pearl Johnson † Kathleen Louise Anderson Dodd † James Allen † Nicole Allen (healing) Vivian Johnson
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Carmen & Tarsicio García † Arturo & Elena Chávez † James Allen † Nicole Allen (healing) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (12)	8:00am	James Allen † Nicole Allen (healing)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (13)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (14)	12:05pm	For the Youth (Faith)
Wednesday (15)	12:05pm	For the Youth (Prayer)
Thursday (16)	12:05pm	Ana-Karen López (b-day)
Friday (17)	12:05pm	For the Youth (Sacraments)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9: 1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

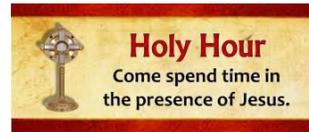
**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

MARCH 4 & 5, 2023...\$1,999.00  
LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$870.00  
**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND**  
**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES & CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**



DURING LENT, THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:45PM IN ENGLISH AND 6PM IN SPANISH. (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY).



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND  
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY  
MASS AT 12:05PM.

**Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play,  
3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May!!**

**Saturday and Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> ,  
2023**

**4:00 to 6pm in Beautiful Lake County!!!**

**Visit us at: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org)**

**Call: 707-263-0349 or like our Facebook  
Page**

**[www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/](http://www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/)**

**Admission is Free!**

**New cast members are always welcome!**

**If you want to feel the Power of our Lord!**

**Come and Experience the Passion Play!**



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN  
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.  
ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO  
THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH  
SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE  
DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND  
ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A  
LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE  
AT 707-964-0229.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HAS **AMAZON SMILE**. WHEN  
PURCHASING ONLINE, MAKE SURE YOU **"TYPE"** **AMAZON SMILE.COM**  
AND **"SELECT"** **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH A  
CORPORATION SOLE**. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION TO  
OUR CHURCH IN EVERY PURCHASE. **FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 964-0229.**



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father  
Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or  
Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229  
and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.