**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 15, 2020**

**MON, MARCH 16:**
8:30 AM  | ROBERT SALAZAR  
9:00 AM  | BARKER & CRADDO FAMILIES BY FAMILY  
5:30 PM  | MJ SKARSGARD BY MARIANITES

**TUES, MARCH 17:**
8:30 AM  | JANINE LACCELLES BY FAMILY  
9:00 AM  | LISUÁ MARTINEZ BY LOUISE LOPEZ  
5:30 PM  | TOM MCCOLLM BY TOM & GAY MCCOLLM

**WED, MARCH 18:**
8:30 AM  | BILL MORRIS BY CREE ANN MORRIS & FAMILY  
9:00 AM  | VALVERDE FAMILY  
5:30 PM  | MONIE Perea BY MARIANITES

**THURS, MARCH 19:**
8:30 AM  | LISUÁ MARTINEZ BY LOUISE LOPEZ  
9:00 AM  | WENZLER, RUDIN & MAGGIO FAMILIES  
5:30 PM  | TIM GERKEN

**FRI, MARCH 20:**
8:30 AM  | ROZER SANCHEZ & ROBERT SANCHEZ BY FAMILY  
9:00 AM  | PRIESTHOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
5:30 PM  | JUDY LUEPKE BY MARY LOU CALDERONE

**SAT, MARCH 21:**
5:00 PM  | AMPARO J. GARCIA BY THE FAMILY  
8:30 PM  | RAY ROMERO BY ANTHONY  
8:00 PM  | ROSE FIDEL BY MARIAN & CONNIE

**SUN, MARCH 22:**
7:00 AM  | FOR THE PEOPLE  
9:00 AM  | CATHERINE M. WILSON  
10:30 AM | JAMES MARTINEZ  
12:00 PM | BERNIE HINKS BY CODY FAMILY  
5:30 PM  | WENZLER, RUDIN & MAGGIO FAMILIES

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

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*1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13b Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41*

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**From the Pastor**

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**3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

This Sunday we encounter the Samaritan woman at the well as she meets Jesus in John 4:5-42. This encounter is so powerful that the Samaritan woman brings the entire village to meet Jesus and they all come to faith. If we all knew the gift that God wants to give us–living waters of grace and love–we would all go to the well of prayer in order to encounter the Lord Jesus personally. Christ does care for each one of us and awaits us, no matter what burden or sin we have in our background. Come to the well this Lent and seek the Lord of grace and mercy to be transformed into the person Jesus is calling you to be.

**CENSUS SUNDAY**

Today is Census Sunday around the United States, a day to remind everyone to be counted in the 2020 Census. Every person living in the United States–no matter where they are from or if they are documented–is to be included. The population count is used for federal and state funding of schools, hospitals, roads and many other programs that support families in our parishes throughout the United States. Data collected from the Census also helps the Archdiocese understand demographics in our parish communities. If there are gaps in data, important services and funding are at risk of being cut to those most in need. Please make sure that everyone in your home is counted. We have material available to you in the vestibule so that you can respond to the Census by mail, internet, phone or in person.

**MARCH 19, SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER**

To you, St. Joseph, we have recourse in our tribulation and confidently invoke your patronage. By the charity with which you were united to the Inmaculate Virgin Mary and by the fatherly affection with which you do adore the Child Jesus, we beseech you to look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus purchased by his blood. Most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, protect the Church, assist us in our needs and defend us in our conflict with evil so that we come to the joys of heaven. Amen.

**A LENTEN FAST**

- Fast from judging others. Feast on Christ living in them.
- Fast from words that pollute. Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent. Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger. Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism. Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry. Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from complaining. Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from worry.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures. Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from bitterness. Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-criticism. Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety. Feast on eternal hope through Jesus.
- Fast from thoughts of weakness. Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from everything that separates us from the Lord. Feast on everything that draws us to the Lord.

**DATING, ENGAGED AND MARRIED**

If you are dating, engaged or a married couple, come and explore the “Nurture Your Love” relationship skills, interactive program. The themes addressed are communication, conflict management, healthy intimacy, spirituality and finances. The program will take place on six consecutive Mondays, March 23 through April 27, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Catholic Center. To register for free childcare go to HealthyRelationships101LLC@gmail.com or call 505-417-7586.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

We will take up the Annual CRS Collection next weekend, March 21-22. The Catholic Relief Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. The programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, natural disasters and much more. Remember that the Operation Rice Bowl is a separate collection that we take in March and April. Operation Rice Bowl, 75% of the proceeds go to CRS to specifically feed the hungry around the world and 25% remains in our Archdiocese to be distributed to the needy through the Social Concerns Office. Let us be generous as we help Jesus in the disguise of the poor here in our midst and throughout the world.

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Parish Life & Pastoral Outreach
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Sr. Nocy Guan, FOGC, Director
nguan@annunciationparishabq.org
Mary Agnes Sain, Administrative Assistant
299-9111

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

This Season of Lent is a good occasion to draw near to (Jesus), to counter him in prayer in a heart-to-heart dialogue; to speak with him, to listen to him. It is a good occasion to see his face in the face of a suffering brother or sister. In this way we can renew in ourselves the grace of baptism, quicken our thirst at the withering of the Word of God and of His Holy Spirit; and... discover the joy of becoming artisans of reconciliation and instruments of peace in daily life.
—Pope Francis, Angelus, March 19, 2017

This Week’s Meetings/Activities

Mar 15 Sunday
RCIA Dismissal 10:30 AM Mass Church
Marriage Matters Ministry 6:30 - 8:00 PM Gym
Mar 16 Monday
Maranitas 9:30 - 10:30 AM SFH
Communion/Visits to the Sick & Homebound
Divine Mercy Cenacle 6:30 - 8:00 PM SFH
St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:30 - 8:00 PM SMH
Mar 17 Tuesday
GEMS St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon noon - 2:30 PM SMH
RCIA 7:00 - 9:00 PM SMH
Mar 19 Thursday
Sunday Readings Reflection 9:30 - 10:30 AM SFH
Women of Grace (Afternoon) 1:00 - 3:00 PM SFH
Women of Grace (Evening) 6:30 - 8:30 PM SMH
Consolation (Grief) Ministry 6:30 - 8:00 PM SMH

Prayers for RCIA Elect & Candidates
Please continue to keep our Elect and candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. There is a poster in the vestibule with their names and photos so you can familiarize yourself with our soon-to-be newborn Catholics at Annunciation.

CRS Rice Bowls
CRS Rice Bowl boxes are available at the two church entrances. Please get a box—if you haven’t already—for your family’s Lenten Sacrifice. At the end of Lent, calculate the sum total of your Rice Bowl donations, and write a check to Annunciation Parish, with CRS Rice Bowl on the Memo Line. Donation will be collected on Palm Sunday. Thank you very much for participating. For more information, please call the parish office at 299-9111. More info a Lenten resources at www.crsricebowl.org

Marriage Matters Ministry
United in Love—United in Christ is a 6 session marriage enrichment series that provides practical steps to assist couples to live out their vocation faithfully, joyfully, and sacramentally, to build up pastoral life, to learn the importance of God in marriage and family life, and more. This program is inspired by Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Please join us this Sunday, March 21st at 7:00 PM in the gym for Session 4: “A Marriage Rich in Mercy.” There will be free dinner, free childcare and free educational materials. Call Deacon Pat Sena 505-228-4596 or Deacon Tony Rivera 505-410-9770 to let us know that you are coming and if you need childcare.

Consonation (Grief) Ministry
Every 1st Thursday of the month after the 5:30 PM Mass, this ministry gathers to pray the Rosary for the deceased parishioners and loved ones of our Parish. The Consonation (Grief) Support Group continues on Thursdays at 5:30 PM in St. Baklita Hall. The program is called “Seasons of Hope.” For details, please call the parish office at 299-9111 or Jim Tovihg at 220-7257.

GEMS (Generous, Enthusiastic, Motivated Seniors) Ministry
All Seniors are invited to the GEMS Annual St. Patrick’s Day luncheon on Tuesday, March 17th at Noon to 2:30 PM in St. Magdalene Hall. Contact Mary Agnes at the parish office for details/to register 299-9111.

Lenten 40 Days for Life
40 Days for Life is ongoing for Lent. Annunciation is assigned to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on April 3rd. If you would like to sign-up to join in peaceful witness to life, call the parish office.

Religious Education Programs
Elementary Religious Education (Pre-K - 5th grade)
Regular classes this Wednesday, March 18th at 4:15 to 5:45 PM in classrooms.
Middle School Religious Education (6th & 7th grade)
Confirmation Program (8th, 9th or 10th grade)
Regular classes today, Sunday, March 15th at 3:30-5 PM in classrooms.

Religious Education Programs
We accept children in their faith journey year-round.

The Forty Days of Lent
A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion
Comes every Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM

Groceries March 18th at noon - 2:00 PM in Sr. Magdalene Hall
Grocery shopping will experience a deeper understanding of Christ’s passion and appreciation of God’s love and unconditional love.

No Greater Love
A Musical Journey from Creation to the Cross
Comes every Friday evening at 6:00 PM

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Register to Vote This Weekend
This weekend there is also an opportunity to register to vote. There will be an entirely NON-PARTISAN table after Masses to help you register so you can exercise your right in the upcoming election.

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MONDAY: Lenten Weekday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY: St. Patrick, Bishop; Lenten Weekday On 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Lenten Weekday Dr 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY: ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 2 Sm 7:5-4a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
FRIDAY: Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY: Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, March 19, 6:45 pm, in the church
Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, March 19, 7:30 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm, in the church

Our Choirs and Cantor Ensembles always welcome new members who wish to add their voices to the leadership of our sung prayer and praise. As we enter into the holy season of Lent and prepare for the solemn days of Holy Week, you are encouraged to step out of the pew and come join us! Every Thursday evening is our main rehearsal night, but several Masses have separate rehearsal times. Come sing with us this spring!

We are blessed in having two outstanding musical instruments to lead our worship. The grand piano has served us for over 15 years, and will continue to be an important musical partner for both choir and assembly. The organ is a great addition to our music program and the worship life of our parish. Let your voice be heard as we sing out God’s praise.

MINISTRY

Sacristans are needed at a number of our weekend and weekday Masses. Some Masses currently have Sacristans, but it is always good to have trained back-up! There is a particular need for additional Sacristans at the Sunday 5:00 AM, 12:00 noon and 5:30 PM Masses. If you are interested in serving at another Mass time, your service is still needed. Sacristan duties include setting up for Mass, perhaps even opening up (unlocking) or locking up the church. Weekday Masses could also benefit from having a greater number of Sacristans to call on. Please contact Dr. Jane Smith @ 298-9636 if you want to know more about this ministry.

LENT is here! There are a number of opportunities for liturgical service during this solemn season. Please give prayerful consideration to your Lenten observances this year. You should have received a form detailing these opportunities. There are several different sections with different deadlines; please look over the form and help out where you can.

Due to the current flu season, Communion is being distributed only from the plate. You are also asked to only receive in the hand, even if this is not your preferred manner of reception. At the Sign of Peace, please do not shake hands, but extend another gesture or word of Christian greeting. These restrictions have been instituted for the common good and health of all the members of our assembly.

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers. Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass (Please note date change).

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Announcement Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

CASA ANGELICA AUXILIARY—43rd ANNUAL LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW
April 25, 2020 at Sandia Resort & Casino
11am—Silent Auction, Raffle, Instant Win & No Host Bar; 12pm—Luncheon; 1PM—Dillard’s Fashion Show; Tickets per person: $50—Limited premier seating (adults & children); $75 General seating; $41—children 14 years & under (general seating).
RSVP no later than April 11, 2020. For more information call 417-4970 or 379-5623. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response. All proceeds benefit Casa Angelica.