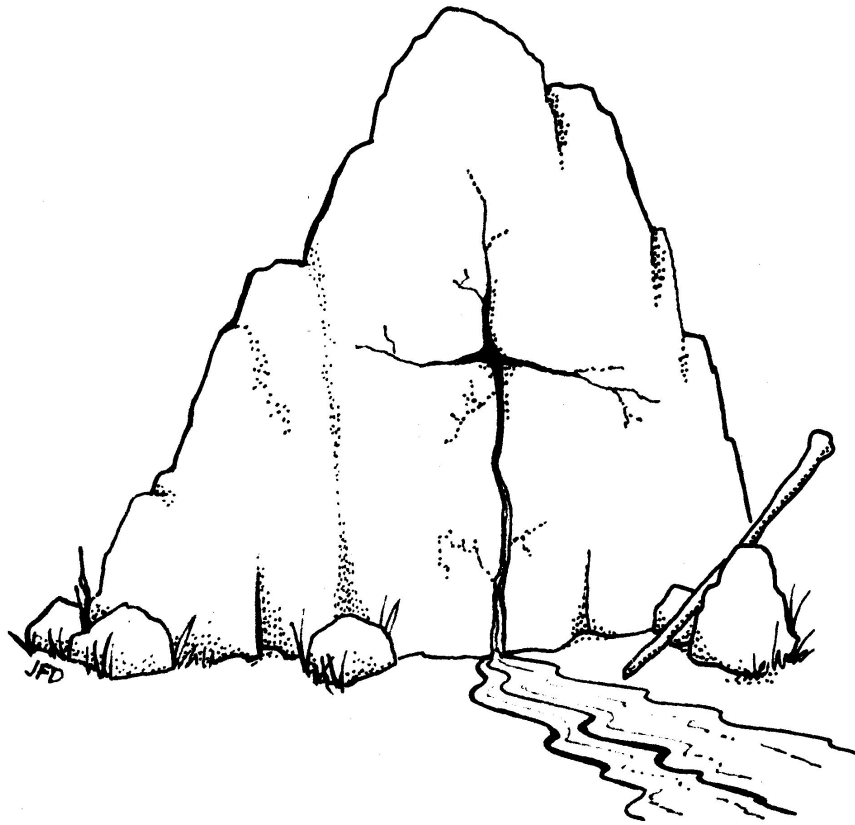


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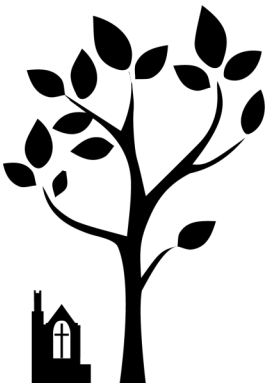
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*Wednesdays / Miércoles: 7:00 - 8:00 pm*

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***Bishop's Ministry Appeal 2020 Update***

*Annunciation's Goal this year is \$102,989.*

*We collected a total of \$30,039.00 in BMA pledges and one-time gifts.*

***Solicitud Ministerio del Obispo 2020***

*El objetivo de la Anunciación este año es de*

***\$102,989.***

*Recaudamos un total de \$30,039.00 en ofrendas y compromisos del BMA.*

| <b>Total Offertory</b>                        | <b>Current Week</b> | <b>Year to Date</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Offertory Collection for March 8, 2020</b> | \$14,203            | \$526,818           |
| <b>This Year's Budget Goal</b>                | \$16,370            | \$588,389           |
| <b>Variance from Budget</b>                   | (\$2,167)           | (\$61,572)          |

# Third Sunday of Lent ~ Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

| Sunday, March 15                                                                                                                                                          | Thursday, March 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 am: Family Faith Formation Sessions: Gym                                                                                                                             | 7:00 pm: Young Adult Ministry: Parish House                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Monday, March 16                                                                                                                                                          | Friday, March 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6:30 pm: RCIA for Children: Parish School<br>7:00 pm: Grupo de Oración: Salón del Coro<br>7:00 pm: Scriptures Study: Parish House                                         | 8:15 am: Station of the Cross: Church<br>12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross: Church<br>6:00 pm: Soup Suppers: Choir Room<br>7:00 pm: Via Crucis: Iglesia<br>7:00 pm: Grupo de Parejas: Escuela Parroquial<br>7:30 pm: Coro para (todos): Salón del Coro |
| Tuesday, March 17                                                                                                                                                         | Saturday, March 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7:00 pm: RCIA-English: Parish House<br>7:00 pm: Legión de María: Escuela Parroquial<br>7:00 pm: Men's Ministry: Parish School                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday, March 18                                                                                                                                                       | Sunday, March 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5:30 pm: JR. High Youth Group: Gym<br>6:30 pm: Annunciation Choir Practice: Choir Room<br>7:00 pm: RICA-Español: Casa Parroquial<br>7:30 pm: High School Youth Group: Gym |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

In light of the serious health risks to the most vulnerable among us due to the spread of COVID-19, events happening in our community have been cancelled or postponed.

Until further notice, parishioners should use their prudential judgment as to whether or not to attend Mass. If attending Mass, Communion will be received only by hand.

A la luz de los graves riesgos para la salud de los más vulnerables entre nosotros debido a al virus COVID-19, los eventos en nuestra comunidad han sido cancelados o pospuestos.

Hasta nuevo aviso, los feligreses deben utilizar su juicio sobre si asisten o no a Misa. Si asiste a Misa, la Comunión se recibirá sólo en la mano.



*Family Faith Formation Confirmation Retreats for March, have been **CANCELLED!***

*Classes will still be in session until further notice.*

*Los Retiros de Confirmación del Programa de Formación para la Familia del mes de Marzo, han sido **CANCELADOS!***

*Las clases seguirán en sesión hasta nuevo aviso.*

The following events have been **POSTPONED** until further notice:

Los siguientes eventos han sido **POSPUESTOS** hasta nuevo aviso:

**March 20:** Lenten Fish Fry / La Cena de Pescado Frito

**March 25:** The Feast of the Annunciation / Fiesta de la Anunciación

**March 28:** Preschool Pasta Dinner / Cena de Pasta

**April 1:** Lenten Penance Service / Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma



Please read the "A Faith Response to the Coronavirus" article in this bulletin.

Por favor, lea el artículo "Una respuesta de fe al Coronavirus" en este boletín.

# ALABAR



# PRAISE

## Our Family/ Nuestra Familia

- Please pray for those in our community who are ill, hurt, or going through a difficult time, especially:
- Por favor oren por aquellos en nuestra comunidad que están enfermos, heridos o pasando por un momento difícil, especialmente:  
*Nicolás John, Rose Rios, Alberto Escarpita, Coy Lyn Odom III, Richard Gamino, Derom Barkley*
- Please pray for those who have passed through death into a new life with Christ. May God grant them eternal rest.
- Por favor oren por aquellos que han muerto y han entrado a una nueva vida con Cristo. Que Dios les conceda el descanso eterno.

## Mass Readings for March 22



### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Reading 1:** 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

**Reading 2:** EPH 5:8-14

**Gospel:** JN 9:1-41

## Baptisms / Bautizos

English: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:30 pm

Español: 2º y 4º Domingo a las 2:30 pm

Please call Yvonne Harrold at the Parish House.

## Mass Intentions/Misas de Intención:

**March 15:** 7:00 am:

9:00 am: Patty Stewart †

1:00 pm:

**March 16:** 6:30 am: Phyllis Padula †

5:30 pm:

**March 17:** 6:30 am: Dee Campora †

5:30 pm:

**March 18:** 6:30 am: Maria Esther Ramirez †

8:30 am: School Mass

5:30 pm:

**March 19:** 6:30 am: Tony Mora †

Dee Campora †

5:30 pm: Julio Arambula †

**March 20:** 6:30 am: Barbara Gonzalez †

5:30 pm:

**March 21:** 5:30 pm: Jose & Maria Andrade †

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## Life Matters



*"One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life." -Eleanor Roosevelt*



## **Annunciation Care day ~ Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Join the community and help us beautify our parish grounds. We will gather as a community to give our church and grounds a much needed clean-up.

## **Día de Mantenimiento y Cuidado en Anunciación**

**Sábado, 28 de Marzo, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Únase a la comunidad y ayúdenos a embellecer los alrededores de nuestra parroquia. Nos reuniremos como comunidad para dar a nuestra parroquia y sus alrededores una merecida limpieza y mantenimiento, engalanando su ambiente.

## **ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL: WE ARE ONE**

### **Science Olympiad**

A team of Annunciation students, third through sixth grade, competed in Science Olympiad this weekend at McNair High School. This academic competition challenges students to perform in various events that require knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills, and science applications. Thank you to our student participants, parent volunteers and staff leaders for their time and dedication in preparing for this event.

The third grade class enjoyed living as **pioneers** at the **San Joaquin County Historical Museum**. Students dressed in their pioneer attire, attended class in a one-room schoolhouse and then experienced some of the daily living chores of the pioneers: blacksmithing, rope making, butter making, and crafting. Who knew hard work could be so fun!



## ***A Faith Response to the Coronavirus***

The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time?

A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is “Do not be afraid!” or “Have no fear!” God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

### ***Enough for Everyone***

Of course, we see these same dynamics play out in Scripture, where fear leads to hoarding. The most famous story is when the Israelites are in the desert without food (Exodus 16). God rains down manna from heaven but also cautions them to take only what they need for now. They disobey but find that the food they attempt to store away goes bad immediately.

The consistent message we hear in the Bible is that we need to trust in God, who will provide enough for everyone. The problems come when people begin to take more than they need.

Fear of the coronavirus has caused some to stockpile and hoard unreasonable amounts of hand sanitizer, face masks, and other supplies against the recommendations of leaders. The problem is that this wipes out supplies for those who truly need them the most—health care workers and those most vulnerable to the disease—without really making the buyers safer.

### ***Living the Virtues***

Ultimately, as with life in general, we are called to live out the four cardinal virtues:

**Prudence** - Carefully discern the best course of action, not just for ourselves, but for the good of all. Ask: What action does God want me to take?

**Justice** - Seek fairness for everyone, especially those who need it most. Ask: Who is not getting the help that they need?

**Temperance** - Find a healthy balance between self care and care for others. Ask: Do I err toward selfishness or an unhealthy co-dependence?

**Fortitude** - Persevere in times of trial and difficulty. Ask: Do I have the courage to do the right thing even when the going gets tough?

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### ***What You Can Do***

Stop the spread. Even if you are not particularly concerned about the risk to yourself or your own family, these tactics will protect others who may be more vulnerable. Many of us will carry the virus before having any symptoms (and may never develop any).

- ⇒ *Wash your hands well for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.*
- ⇒ *Avoid touching your face.*
- ⇒ *Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.*
- ⇒ *Follow the guidance of local officials.*
- ⇒ *Stay home if you become ill.*
- ⇒ *Don't take what you don't need. Hoarding worsens the situation, and can lead to more infections and more impacts for the most vulnerable.*
- ⇒ *Do not overbuy supplies. Be prepared, but be thoughtful and reasonable.*
- ⇒ *Advocate for the vulnerable and targeted.*
- ⇒ *Have compassion for those most at risk.*
- ⇒ *Fight racism. Discrimination against those with Asian background only hurts the situation.*
- ⇒ *Proactively love your neighbor!*
- ⇒ *Check in on isolated or vulnerable neighbors and offer to help with specific tasks such as shopping, child or pet care, cleaning, etc.*
- ⇒ *Thank those on the front lines who are protecting us, such as health care workers, police, firefighters.*
- ⇒ *Pray for all those affected by the crisis.*



## **Una Respuesta de Fe al Coronavirus**

El brote de coronavirus está provocando ansiedad, confusión y grandes inconvenientes. Es una situación en la que podemos reaccionar de una forma exagerada o simplemente no reaccionar. ¿Cómo puede nuestra fe guiarnos y consolarnos en estos momentos difíciles? Un buen punto de partida es recordar que la frase más repetida en la Biblia es “¡No tengas miedo!” o “¡No temas!” Dios probablemente nos envía este mensaje con tanta frecuencia porque el miedo es una parte muy importante de la naturaleza humana. El miedo puede avisarnos sobre los peligros en nuestras vidas para mantenernos a salvo, pero el miedo también puede llevarnos por un mal camino, hacia respuestas egoístas.

### **Suficiente para todos**

Por supuesto, vemos esta misma dinámica en las Escrituras, donde el miedo conduce al acaparamiento. La historia más famosa es cuando los israelitas están en el desierto sin comida (Éxodo 16). Dios hace llover maná del cielo, pero también les advierte que tomen solo lo que necesitan por ahora. Ellos desobedecen, y descubren que la comida que intentan guardar se deteriora de inmediato.

El mensaje que escuchamos en la Biblia constantemente es que necesitamos confiar en Dios, quien proveerá lo necesario para todos. Los problemas empiezan cuando las personas comienzan a tomar más de lo que necesitan.

El miedo al coronavirus ha provocado que algunas personas compren y guarden cantidades irrazonables de desinfectante para las manos, mascarillas y otros suministros en contra de las recomendaciones de líderes. El problema es que esto hace que se terminen los productos para aquellos que realmente los necesitan más, los trabajadores de la salud y los más vulnerables a la enfermedad, sin un beneficio real a quienes los están comprando.

### **Viviendo las virtudes**

Finalmente, como con la vida en general, estamos llamados a vivir las cuatro virtudes cardinales:

**Prudencia** – discernir cuidadosamente el mejor curso de acción, no solo para nosotros, sino para el bien de todos. Pregunte: ¿Qué acción quiere Dios que tome?

**Justicia** – busque justicia para todos, especialmente para aquellos que más lo necesitan. Pregunte: ¿Quién no está recibiendo la ayuda que necesita?

**Moderación** – encuentre un equilibrio saludable entre el cuidado personal y el cuidado de los demás.

Pregunte: ¿Me equivoco hacia el egoísmo o una codependencia poco saludable?

**Fortaleza** – persevera en tiempos de prueba y dificultad. Pregunte: ¿Tengo el coraje de hacer lo correcto incluso cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles?

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### **Lo que puede Ud. hacer**

*Detener la propagación. Incluso si no está Ud. particularmente preocupado por el riesgo para Ud. o su propia familia, estas tácticas protegerán a otros que pueden ser más vulnerables. Muchos de nosotros transmitiremos el virus antes de tener síntomas (y es posible que nunca se desarrolle ninguno).*

- ⇒ *Lavarse bien las manos durante al menos 20 segundos con agua y jabón. Cante el estribillo de la canción de Michael Joncas “En sus alas” (“Y Él te llevará...”)* mientras se las lava.
- ⇒ *Evitar tocarse la cara.*
- ⇒ *Toser o estornudar en el interior del codo o en un pañuelo desechable.*
- ⇒ *Seguir las indicaciones de los funcionarios locales.*
- ⇒ *Quedarse en casa si se enferma.*
- ⇒ *No comprar en exceso las provisiones.*
- ⇒ *Abogar por los vulnerables.*
- ⇒ *Luchar contra el racismo. La discriminación contra aquellos con antecedentes asiáticos solo perjudica la situación.*
- ⇒ *¡Amar a su prójimo proactivamente!*
- ⇒ *Agradecer a la gente que nos protege, como los trabajadores de la salud, la policía y los bomberos.*
- ⇒ *Orar por todos los afectados por la crisis.*



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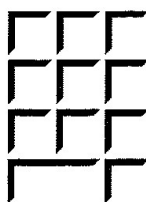
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