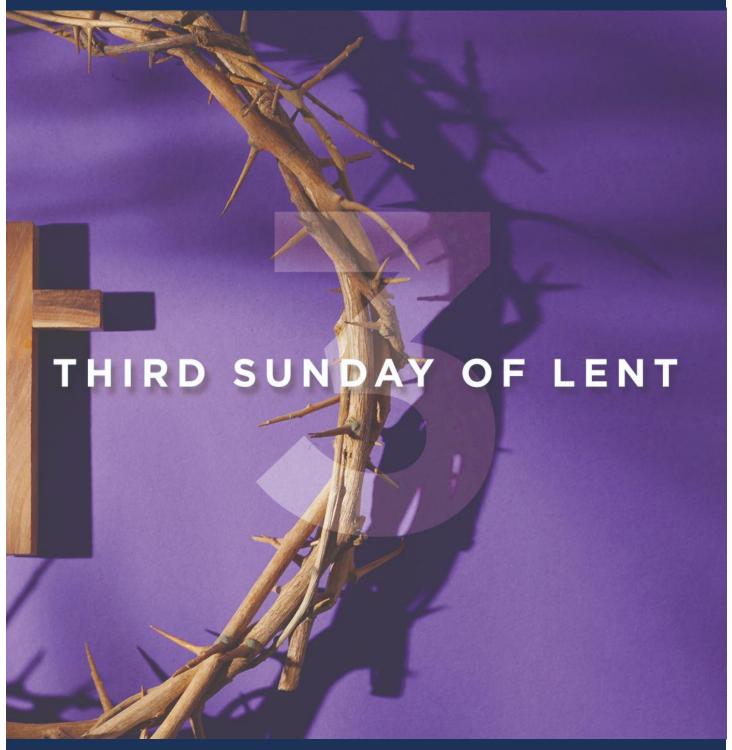
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#### Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Lent!! This weekend several themes emerge from the Scriptures encouraging us to move forward in our faith. Moses encounters God in the burning bush, and the subsequent call of God to Moses includes the great mission of rescuing God's people from slavery in Egypt. What we discover from this passage, as in all applications of our faith journeys, Moses did not seek out God, but God sought him. God seeks us every day, and God initiates any encounter out of his love for you, and for all people. Remember, God is always the first mover, and God is excited about your response!

Many thanks to those of you who came to our Lenten Evening of Recollection last Monday. It was a joy to see a full church, and I hope you were able to reset your Lenten journey as we dug deeper into Lent! Many thanks to all the hospitality team members for providing such a wonderful Saint Patrick's party. The corn beef sliders were delicious! See the pictures below.

This message is only for sinners!! This Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the church we will have our annual Lenten Penance Service. Eight priests will be available to hear your confessions. This is the opportunity to make sure that reconciliation and forgiveness are the hallmarks of your Lenten journey with Jesus Christ.

Please join us next Friday, March 28 at 7:00 PM for a special Stations of the Cross portrayed by our Saint Joseph's youth group. The reflections will be offered by Esther ministries, contemplating all who suffer today as victims of human trafficking. Due to the preparations in the church, there will be no Adoration at 6:30 PM. Please scroll down for further information.

Movement for a Better World is planning the Easter Drive for families in need. We're grateful that this year Saint Anthony's high school is offering their football field's multipurpose room for distribution on the morning of Saturday, April 12. As of this date, we need 20 additional drivers to help make deliveries to a family. Please scroll down for further information and thank you for volunteering!

This weekend after the three Sunday Masses, our high school second year Confirmation Students have created a beautiful Saints gallery for you to view after all the Masses in front of the Church!

On behalf of the Finance Council, we are all grateful for your positive response to reflecting on your weekly offertory gift. Many of you have made an increase and for the last three weekends, our Offertory gifts have increased by over 30%. Thanks for your generosity and for your preparation, thoughtfulness and care in placing a gift in the basket.

Our Parish Fair is almost here – April 4,5,6. Tables will be set up outside after all Masses this weekend where you can sign up to volunteer, purchase ride tickets, buy tickets for the Friday Fish Fry dinner, etc. See you at the Fair!

Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates as they journey to the Easter sacraments! The elect will celebrate their first scrutiny this Sunday at the 8:30 AM Mass on the Grass!

Blessings in your journey during this Third Week of Lent,

Msgr. Kevin

# Photos From Our Pastor

























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Pray for our elect and candidates!

# **OCIA Prayer**

Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen!

# Weekly Prayer

## **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

#### Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

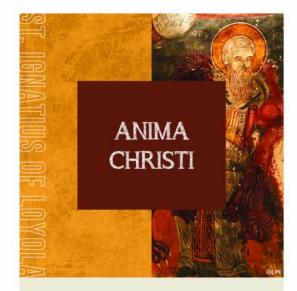
# Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent





## Devotions, Explained!

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

## **Prayer of Lent**

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.

Amen.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

#### Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/ Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

#### 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, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14

#### **Next Sunday:**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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## **Gospel Meditation**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

**Lenten challenge:** Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

- Father John Muir

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## **Thank You All for Your Prayers**

Last weekend we concluded our Fourth Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at St. Joseph's, and the Women's just a few weeks ago. The Men's and Women's retreats took place over two days and were lead from men and women of St. Joseph with Monsignor Kevin as our Spiritual Guide. Participants felt the power of the Holy Spirit and were renewed with the presence of Our Lord. It was an amazing experience for all participants as well as the Lay Formation Team and the Support Team. Both Retreats were a huge success!



During the Men's Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat, Msgr. Kevin introduced the participants and team members to the 10:30 congregation and gave them all a blessing.

We have already begun planning for the next retreats which will take place in the Fall. It is our hope that the Parish will benefit from the love, joy, and excitement that this Renewal Retreat brings to our community. Together continuing to grow in God's love and building a faith filled community of love and service to others.

The fall schedule for our next Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat is available on the parish website. Registration opens June 1st. The Women's is Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st, 2025 and the Men's is Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th, 2025.

The Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat team.

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# Thank You to the Women & Men of Team #4 for Amazing Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Weekends.



#### Team Members:

Kathy Orr, Penny Silviera, Cathleen Kuljis, Monica Munoz, Ai-Chau Hoang, Sylvia McMillen Anna Ozorio, Tina Pham, Jean Menton, Suzy Zuluaga, Linda Grabowski, Lydia Simpson



#### Team Members:

Ken Frith, Bobby Anderson, Leo Zavala, Peter Kilmarx, Michael Ohde Omar Fria, Chris Videa, Ed Boyes, Huy Ho, Michael Corcoran, George Zuluaga Absent from the photo, Sam Pham











ST. JOSEPH PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

AFTER MASS

# SAINT GALLERY











#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28 - 7:00 PM

#### Offered by Esther Ministries.

Reflecting on the suffering of Jesus and St. Josephine Bakhita and all who suffer slavery today as victims of human trafficking.

#### Special Speaker:

Teresa M. Gomez

Human Dignity Program Manager,

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"The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for." St. Thomas More

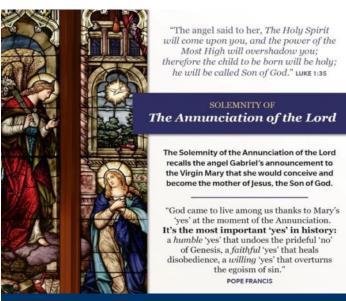
#### April 12: Easter Food and Book Distribution:

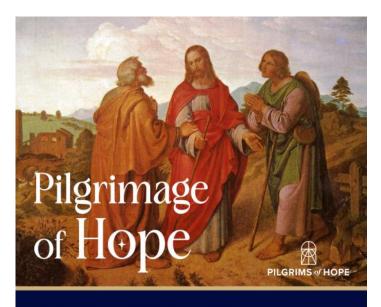
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Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support for Easter? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss. rhbauss@gmail.com.

Committee Meeting: Thanks to the many that joined us last Wednesday night to celebrate and learn from the most recent NINE major activities we facilitated so far this program year and to coordinate our Easter distribution April 12. For information about MANY fulfilling ways to serve, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385.

Skip-a-Meal- Please be especially mindful of Skipa-Meal donations during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.





#### SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join a 7.5 mile Pilgrimage of Hope from All Souls Church in Alhambra to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gomez.

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Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm on Zoom

Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times by Gregory Boyle

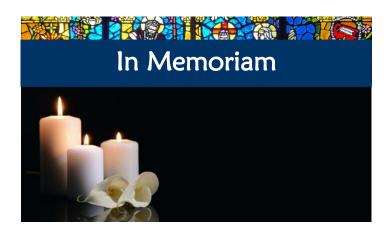
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> All are welcome. For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



# Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, April 14th at 9:30 am.

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!



#### **Edward Derrico**

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church Saturday, March 29th at 12:00 pm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

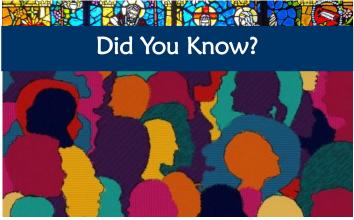
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~



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## **April 4 2025 Fish Fry Order Form**

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Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass on the Grass **Outdoors** 8:30 a.m.

> Indoor Mass 10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W) 8:00 a.m.

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