

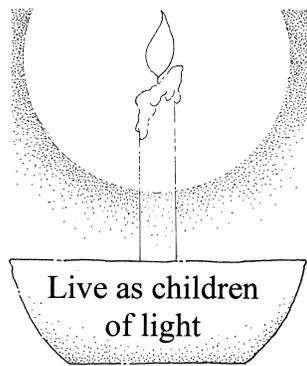


**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020**

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want. — *Psalm 23:1*

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.



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PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joanne M. Aguirre, Sonia V. Alvarado, Maria Esther Arambula, Juanita Arellano, Estela Banda, Andres Cardenas Jr., Gloria Carranza, Bertha A. Cavazos, Aida Cuevas, Maria del Carmen Garcia, Laura Dimas, Alonso and Beatriz Garcia, David Garcia, Mayra Garza, Orlando Gomez, Robert Griessel, Gloria Guevara, Jackie Guzman, Raul Guzman, Mona Hachar, Guadalupe Hernandez, Roberto Hernandez, Bertha Herrera, Dora E. Hickle, Gordon Jefferson Sr., Socorro Leyva, Jorge Lopez, Roberto and Maria Lopez, Ismayeli Lopez, Maria Elia Madrigal, Michelle and Ramiro Madrigal, Robert Madrigal, Pedro Malacara, Angelina Martinez Esperanza Medina, Blanca Nanez, Sammy Paez, Dora Pena, Y. Pena, Maggie Perez, Carlos Ramirez, Pablo Rendon, Manuel Renteria, Denise M. Richardson, Carlos Rodriguez, Eliza H. Rodriguez, Patricia Rodriguez, Zulema Rodriguez, Maria Sacramento, Irma San Miguel, Bella Sanchez, Gilbert Sanchez, Hugo Sanchez, Ignacia Sanchez, Alicela Sandoval, Maria Luisa Sandoval, Juan J. Soto, Socorro I. Valdes, Agnes N. Valenciano, Lucy Valenciano, Rene Valenciano, Emma Velasquez, Rosie Villanueva, Maria Villarreal.



SUNDAY March 22, 2020

10:00am For the People of the Parish

- 11:00am** † Olga Gonzalez (Family)
- † Concepcion Barrera (Barrera Family)
- † Jose Samaniego (Alderete Family)
- † Maria Isabel Mendiola (Sons & Daughters)
- † Jacob Emilio Gonzalez (Band Moms) In Thanksgiving for the Health of Josie Barrera
- † Maria M. Garcia (Family)
- † Cande Guevara (Son & Daughter)
- † Armando Flores Nava (Esposa Carmen)
- † Nathian Mambu Gomez (Mom & Family)
- † Olga Kowalski (Esther Arambula)
- † Rule Garcia (Tenorio Family)

MONDAY March 23, 2020

5:30pm † J.J. Perez (Wife & Family)

TUESDAY March 24, 2020

5:30pm ☺ Birthday-Gabe Vargas (Wife & Family)

WEDNESDAY March 25, 2020

5:30pm † Laura Flores (Family)

THURSDAY March 26, 2020

5:30pm † Miguel T. Martinez (Daughters)

FRIDAY March 27, 2020

5:30pm For Peace in our World

HE IS RISEN CROSSES

The A.C.T.S. Core team for San Martin will be selling “He is Risen” crosses. These crosses can be placed in your yard with the blank side out during Lent and turned around on Easter Sunday with our “He is Risen” message. Crosses will be \$20 and can be purchased at the parish office. All proceeds will go to fund all future A.C.T.S retreats.



*The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning
In Loving Memory
J. J. Perez
(Wife and Family)*

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OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will remain open during regular business hours. Our hours are Monday-Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5:30 pm. The church will also be open during the day for private prayer and meditation.

SOCIAL MEDIA LIVE-STREAMING

During this time of pandemic, we at San Martin will make every effort possible to continue providing for the spiritual needs of our community. We invite you to follow us on our Facebook page @SanMartinCatholicChurch to live-stream our daily 5:30 pm Mass and on the weekends we will have 10 am Mass in Spanish and 11 am Mass in English.

HOLY THURSDAY CANDLES

The office will continue taking orders for Holy Thursday Candles. These are the candles that will be lit before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday. The candles are \$5.00 each and must be purchased in person at the parish office. No orders will be taken over the phone. If you have any question, you may contact Isidro at the parish office 956-723-5215 x21.

TIPS WHILE YOU LIVE-STREAM MASS

1. Pray and look over readings ahead of time: This will help you become familiar with what will be read during the live stream and give you a better engagement into the Mass
2. Choose a live-stream to watch: Several parishes are offering Mass as well and the normally broadcasted Mass on EWTN. San Martin will have live-stream Mass at 10 am in Spanish and 11 am in English.
3. Get dressed: Yes, it is comfortable to be at home and stay in our pajamas during this time of quarantine. However do not forget what you are about to witness in the Mass. The Sacrifice of Christ, His living presence. Dress like you normally would for Sunday.
4. Set the Scene: If you are streaming from your phone, computer, or television; help yourself get into a prayer atmosphere by eliminating regular house distractions. Put pets away, turn off unnecessary electronics, place a crucifix or other holy images near your worship space.
5. Participate fully in Mass: We love to see the engagement on our social media page, but don't let typing or looking who is online distract you. Respond, stand, sit, and kneel as if you were here in the church.
6. Make a spiritual Communion: For many of us this is something new. Not being able to receive Jesus fully present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist is disheartening, but we can not let that get in the way of being spiritually in Communion with God. *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

As per decree in the Diocese of Laredo, all penance services have been suspended until further notice. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the parish office at 956-723-5215 x18 to make an appointment.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us via Facebook Live, during the Fridays of Lent, after the 5:30 pm Mass Live-Stream, to pray the stations of the Cross. It has always been long tradition in our church to meditate on the Passion of our Lord. Join your prayer intentions by finding us on Facebook @SanMartinCatholicChurch

WEEKLY ENVELOPE

We have had a lot of parishioners inquire to how they can turn in their weekly offering. You may do so in any of these three ways.

1. You may visit the parish office during our normal hours and drop it off there.
2. You may mail it to our P.O. Box 2666 Laredo, Texas 78044
3. Make an online donation on our website by visiting www.sanmartincatholicchurch.org

3 O'CLOCK PRAYER

Join us on Facebook live at 3 pm to pray either the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the Rosary. Pray with us to see an end to the coronavirus pandemic and for mercy over all those affected by the virus. Come leave all your prayer intentions with us.

PRAYER FOR COVID-19

Almighty God, our patron St. Augustine once remarked that "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Look upon our restless hearts that yearn for your comfort. Dispel the fear that seeks to dampen our hope.

Through the centuries, we have witnessed your unending fidelity and unceasing love for us. Help us to place all of our trust in You.

Bless all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus throughout the world. You are the Divine Physician that can heal all illness.

May your Holy Spirit keep us united in your love and guide all those who are working to protect us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, comfort us, your children. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~~~~~Income for the Week~~~~~

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| Total Offertory..... | \$9,214.33  |
| Total Expenses.....  | \$14,866.57 |
| Santa Teresita ..... | \$77.00     |

*Thank you so much for your continued support!*