



SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

Reflection Corner

Tragedies are part of events that occur in human life. Tragedies can be man-made, it can also occur as a natural disaster. In today's gospel, Luke tells us about the two tragic events that happened during the time of Christ. One was man-made, the blood bath in the Temple where Pilate slaughtered some Galileans and mingled their blood with their sacrifices. The other was an accidental incident in Siloam where eighteen people were killed as a result of the collapse of the tower. The interesting part of these stories is the common reactions of the religious people in Jerusalem and the teachings of Christ on God's mercy and compassion for sinners.

The Jewish people of that time believed that tragedies happened to those who commit sins. And based on this belief, it implies that those victims of tragedies were worst sinners.

The sufferings that happen to us especially due to our selfishness and sinful choices and actions are not punishment coming from God because we disobeyed Him. Rather the Lord transforms our sufferings to opportunities of grace and conversion by calling us to repentance in the face of the sufferings that He bears with us. When we respond to His call to repentance and conversion, then we come face to face with the unconditional mercy and compassion of God. Our responsorial Psalm today points out that, "The Lord is kind and Merciful...He pardons all your iniquities and heals all your ills." God wants to save us from our sins that leads us to destroying ourselves and each other. Thus, He is always ready to forgive us if we sincerely repent of our sins.

Jesus continues with the theme of repentance in his parable of the fig tree. He uses the parable of the fruitless fig tree to show us that God in his infinite mercy, does not desire the death of a sinner. Despite the fact that the fig tree did not produce fruits and was earmarked for the axe, the gardener pleaded for second chance for the fig tree to improve. Christ is our gardener, our true mediator with God. His death on the



cross is the highest sacrifice he offered to the Father on our behalf which offers us new opportunities for growth, nourishment and bearing fruit. It is also the second chance he obtained for us to improve on our shortcomings.

Today, let us thank God for the "gardeners" who mediate and intercede for us before God. We know that Jesus is the Great Gardener who intercedes and mediates for us. In practice, Jesus fulfills this role through men and women who function as members of Christ's body. The gardeners in our lives, those who have helped us to move from barrenness to fruitfulness, include our parents, teachers, priests, friends, and even our enemies who have motivated us by their bitter criticism, which more often than not turns out to be true. We thank God for them, we thank God for giving us another opportunity this Lent, and we promise to make the best use of this season of grace to repent more and to bear more fruit in our lives.

Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	8:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday	12:10 pm
Saturday	8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday (Spanish)	12 Noon

Latin Mass

Sunday	1:30pm
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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 6:30 pm
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Parish Center Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	By appointment only

Confessions

Saturday	8:30 am & 3:30 pm
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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019**



The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

- Psalm 103:6

Prayers for our RCIA Elects, Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates

Please continue to keep our Elect of God, **Aimi, Jasmine, Julie** and **Jay** in your daily prayers as they continue their journey of preparation to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Also, please keep in your prayers our First Communicants who will be preparing for their First Reconciliation on Friday, April 5th and our candidates of Confirmation who will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, April 28th. Let us keep them and their parents in our prayers as they begin their final preparations to receive the Holy Sacraments.

Together In Mission

As Catholics our Story is Hope

Our parish goal this year is \$39,100. If you have not pledged for this annual appeal, please take one of the envelopes found at the entrance of the Church, pray about it, make your pledge, and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Center office.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you on behalf of the families, students, schools and parishes who will benefit from your contributions. To donate online please visit ourmissionla.org.

May God bless you for your generosity.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24th
Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Religious Education Classes
11:00am Confirmation Hospitality
11:30am Confirmation classes
1:30pm Low Latin Mass

Monday, March 25th

Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Open
7:00pm Bible Study - Parish Center

Tuesday, March 26th

Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Open
12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm Fatima Group - Chapel

Wednesday, March 27th

Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Open
8:00am Mass
6:00pm Lectio Divina-Parish Center

Thursday, March 28th

Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Open
12:10pm Mid-day Mass
6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration for Priests - Church
7:00pm RCIA - Parish Center
7:30pm Grupo Hispano - Church

Friday, March 29th

Parish Center & Adoration Chapel Closed
8:00am Mass
9:00am Stations of the Cross - SAS
5:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday, March 30th

8:00am Mass
9:00am & 3:30pm Confessions - Church

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St. Anthony Church Mission Statement:

We the St. Anthony community, blessed with diversity in culture and traditions, unite ourselves to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We commit ourselves to live out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, service, and actions.

**News from St. Anthony School
Fish Fridays Tacos**



St. Anthony School parents invite all parishioners to bring your family and friends and enjoy a delicious Taco meal every Friday during Lent after 12:30pm to 6:00pm. Come to the school and help them to raise funds for projects. Only \$5.00 for two delicious tacos with all the trimmings. **All proceeds will go to St. Anthony School. All are welcome!**

You are also invited to Tuesday's Chicken Tacos, you will enjoy three delicious chicken Tacos with all the trimmings for \$5.00 a plate. Come to the school patio from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

**Pilgrimage to Ireland
in the footsteps of St. Patrick**

June 14-23, 2019

Spiritual Director: Fr. Robert Victoria

We will have a panoramic city tour on both sides of the River Liffey, visiting Trinity College, oldest university in Ireland founded by Elizabeth I; St. Patrick's Anglican Cathedral built in 1213. From Dublin we will travel through the beautiful mountains of Wicklow, called the Garden of Ireland until we reach Glenadaluogh.

This ancient city was established in 6th century by St. Kevin. We will take a guided tour of the Round Tower, the ruins of the Cathedral and will continue to Baltinglass where the ruins of a Cistercian Abbey are found. Our journey continues to the Rock of Cashel towards Kerry and visit the Dingle Peninsula. Our next stop will be the Kildemar Church built in the 12th century. We will take a ferry at Killimer to cross the Shannon estuary and visit Cliffs of Moher, Galway, a city that has kept its medieval charm with its colorful streets and authentic pubs. We will enjoy a cruise on Corrib Lakje and visit Clonmacnoise, which is Ireland's most important monastic site. We will visit the Basilica of Knock, and enjoy a scenery travelling back to Dublin. For more information contact Cara at (800)206-8687 Ext 1229 or email: Cara@206tours.com.



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Mass Intentions		
SATURDAY	March 23	
8:00 am	Sylvia, Tomas & Hernandez Family (PI)	
5:00 pm	Dorothy Vettese (D)	
SUNDAY	March 24	
8:00 am	John Doe (PI) & Jack Smith (PI)	
10:00 am	Isabella Jimenez (PI)	
12:00 pm	Maria Guadalupe & Jose de Jesus Franco (D)	
1:30 pm	For all Parishioners	
5:00 pm	Graciela de Vasquez (D) & Noemi Zumaeta (D)	
MONDAY	March 25	
8:00 am	Reparation for Abortion & Respect for all Life	
TUESDAY	March 26	
12:10pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
WEDNESDAY	March 27	
8:00 am	Marco Gascon (PI)	
THURSDAY	March 28	
12:10 pm	Mary Stanford (D)	
FRIDAY	March 29	
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for the Blancheton Family	
SATURDAY	March 30	
8:00 am	Heriberto Arguelles (D)	
5:00 pm	George Poirier (D)	



Please Pray

Jesus Arroyo, Bassam and Zaina Alwan, Soledad Barba, Eileen Barrett, Phillip Berretta, Joyce Bohline, Norma Bolin, Alma Bunnar, Teresa Calderon, Eva & Roberto Canales, Valerie Carpio, Samuel Castellanos, Teresita Clemente, Gertrudes Dacquel, Dylan and Dorothy Doukakis, Betty Domschot, Juan Antonio Duran, Cora & Howard Fausto, Graciela Fernandez, Ellie Hefernan, Lisa & Landon Garasec, Liset Garro, Rose Garcia, Rose Gibilterra, Pauline Grasso, Marie Gutierrez, Joe Guzman, Sandy Holt, Michael Hawkins, Roger Heroux, Meryl Kari, Dylan Kelly, Zolzislaw, Stanislaw, Czeslaw & Michalina Kubek, Celine Luper, Willie Maldonado, Susan McGarry, Michelle McManus, Grace Mercado Ouano, Margaret Moran, Clara & Rebecca Moshenko, Michael Mouzakis, Gloria Perez, Don Riley, Josefina Rigalva, Joe Rosenbury, Maria Martha Salazar, Maria Serrano, John Snyder, Allan Schwartz, Anne Schuman, Maralyn Swenson, Keith Storm, Jeanne Thomas, Jerry Tomic, Elena Victoria, Elizabeth Webster, Christopher Wheeler, Penny Wilder, Norm Wood.



Remember Our Dead

Please pray for **Aurelia Valdez**, mother of Victor Valdez. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Ongoing CASE Collection



St. Anthony Church continues its ongoing CASE (Community Alliance to Support and Empower) Drive for all those families in need in our community. Some families receive a small monetary aid to help with utilities bills. CASE's hope is to keep these families in their home and not become homeless. **Items needed in their food pantry include:** canned meat foods, canned soups, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruits, cookies, crackers, fruit juices, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, tissues/Kleenex, and cleaning supplies, dish soaps, laundry detergent, Comet, Lysol, etc....A bin for your donated items can be found at the entrance of the Church. Thanks for your support.

Stations of the Cross



Immerse yourself in the Passion of Christ this Lent. Join us every Friday as we accompany Jesus on His journey to the cross. Stations of the cross will be held on Fridays in the morning at 9:00 am led by St. Anthony School students ; and in the evenings led by Fr. Robert Victoria at 5:00 pm in English and 6:00 pm in Spanish.

Why Stations of the Cross?

During the time of the Crusades (1095-1270) it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. In the next two centuries, after the Moslems recaptured the Holy Land, the pilgrimages were too dangerous. A substitute pilgrimage, the Stations of the Cross, became popular outdoors throughout Europe. They represented critical events from the Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary. In the mid-18th century Stations were allowed inside churches. Eventually fixed at fourteen, the Stations became a familiar feature in Catholic churches. In the 1960s, it became popular to add a fifteenth station representing the end of the journey: the resurrection.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?

Do you seek a new path? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **April 12-14, 2013 in Los Altos Hills.** If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at srllaguna@doc1633.org. You can also friend us on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at [Twitter.com/DofCharity](https://twitter.com/DofCharity) or read about us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com.

News from the Office of Respect Life



Pregnancy Help Center

"In a time when I was scared and confused, you made me feel cared about. I don't know what I would have done without you. This child is such a blessing."

Pregnancy Help Center
(310) 787-4357 - 24-hour help line

Did you know?

To establish confidence with your children start with questions about their daily activities



Sometimes children will behave in a manner quite unusual for them – stress, misunderstanding, or some form of abuse can be related to such behaviors. If you see your child exhibiting unusual behavior, talk with your child about their day or recent experiences in an open-ended conversation. Do ask factual questions, such as, "What did you do today? Did you do anything unusual today? Who did you see today? Did anyone say or do anything that was unusual or even upsetting? Then, ask feeling questions as a follow-up, and remember that sometimes it's easier for a child to talk about someone else's feelings first. For more tips in the VIRTUS® article "Conversation Guidelines for Parents: Be Aware," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

Hurdling

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

- Anonymous

San Pedro Pastoral Region Southwestern District ACCW

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
St Joseph Catholic Church

11901 Acacia Ave, Hawthorne CA 90250

The Southwestern District meeting of Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women ACCW will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at St. Joseph. The day begins at 9:30 am with registration and includes morning refreshments. Our special guest speaker is Jillian Robinson who will be speaking about "Covenant House-A vision to End Youth Homelessness." The Mass is at 12:00pm with Rev Greg King and will be followed by a delicious lunch. The day ends at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$15 per person prepaid by March 21st. Please make checks payable to Nancy Turner, 13930 Manor Drive, Hawthorne CA 90250. For more information please contact Cecilia Hernandez at (310) 351-3766, St. Anthony Church ACCW representative.

All Catholic women are invited!

Mensaje para Reflexionar

En el evangelio de hoy, ¿A qué se está refiriendo Jesús cuando dice que “perecerán de manera semejante”? Jesús está hablando sobre la conversión, por lo tanto, podríamos decir que “perecer de manera semejante” es morir sin haberse arrepentido y convertido al Señor. Así, Jesús aprovecha la situación que le vienen a plantear para invitar a sus interlocutores a convertirse, ha cambiar de vida, a volverse a Dios, su Padre.

La parábola que se menciona a continuación es un anuncio de esperanza, pero también de urgencia a dar frutos, a convertirse: Dios ha puesto sus ojos en nosotros, estamos en un tiempo de prueba, en un tiempo de conversión. Jesús quiere dejarnos ver con claridad que su presencia es esperanza pero también, llamada a la conversión.

Comenzamos la tercera semana de cuaresma y nos acercamos a la mitad de este tiempo especial para renovarnos. ¿Es que a nosotros también nos encontrará el Señor sin frutos? Hoy Jesús es fuerte con nosotros y nos pide un cambio, una transformación. Pensemos en todos los dones que Dios nos ha concedido, en todas las veces que ha venido a “mover nuestra tierra”, con su misma presencia, con el amor de quienes nos rodean, con la salud, con el trabajo, con las amistades, con su Palabra, con la paz; de mil maneras Dios se hace presente para “aflojar nuestra tierra y echarle abono”. ¿Qué esperamos para dar ese fruto que está pidiendo de nosotros? ¿Qué esperamos para acercarnos a hablar con nuestra pareja de aquel mal entendido u ofensa; para acercarnos a nuestros hijos y mostrarle cuánto los queremos; para acercarnos a nuestros padres y pasar un buen rato con ellos; para devolver lo que hemos tomado, restaurar lo que hemos destruido, transformar nuestros vicios en virtudes? “No vaya a ser que perezamos, sin conversión, como aquellos galileos”.

Tal vez nos hemos estado esforzando en hacer alguna penitencia o sacrificio en estos días; esta semana, transformemos esta penitencia en una obra buena, en una obra que responda a la petición que Jesús nos hace este domingo.

Que Dios los bendiga,

-Padre Hector M. Perez



La Parroquia de San Antonio

Nuestra Misión:

Nosotros, la comunidad de San Antonio, bendecidos con diversidad en cultura y tradiciones, nos unimos a la presencia real de Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Nos comprometemos a vivir y enseñar la palabra de nuestro señor Jesucristo por medio de nuestra oración, servicio y acciones.

Comunión para los Ancianos y Enfermos

Si usted conoce algún feligrés que se encuentra enfermo o esta imposibilitado para salir de su casa y venir a la parroquia los Domingos para escuchar la Santa Misa, por favor comuníquese con nuestro Diacono Benjamin Ramos al (310) 890-1690. Diacono Ben podrá hacer los arreglos necesarios para poder llevar la Santa Eucaristía y la Palabra del Señor a sus hogares.

Santo de la Semana San Braulio, Obispo

26 de Marzo

Nació en Berceo, La Rioja a mediados del siglo V, vivió hasta los 100 años. Ocupa el lugar de Obispo al morir su hermano Juan (Obispo de Zaragoza), realizó una gran labor en la lucha contra la doctrina hereje "el arrianismo" la cual negaba que Jesucristo sea el Dios verdadero. Se hace cargo de las relaciones episcopales con el Papa de Roma por orden de los obispos de España. Fue maestro de San Eugenio, Obispo de Toledo. De su Epistolario se conservan 44 cartas, que muestran la cultura de su tiempo como su estrecha relación con el Papa Honorio I y los reyes visigodos.

Protegiendo a los Niños

Sabía usted?

Para crear confianza con sus hijos, hable sobre sus actividades del día

A veces, los niños se comportan de una manera bastante extraña: el estrés, los malentendidos o algún tipo de abuso pueden estar relacionados con tales comportamientos. Si ve que su hijo/a muestra un comportamiento inusual, hable con él o ella abiertamente sobre el día o las experiencias recientes. Haga preguntas de los hechos del día, tales como: “¿Qué hiciste hoy? ¿Hiciste algo inusual hoy? ¿A quién viste hoy? ¿Alguien dijo o hizo algo que fuera inusual o incluso molesto? Luego, como seguimiento, hágale preguntas sobre sus sentimientos, y recuerde que a veces es más fácil para un/a niño/a hablar de los sentimientos de otra persona primero. Para obtener más sugerencias revise el artículo de VIRTUS® “Conversation Guidelines for Parents: Be Aware” (Pautas de conversación para padres de familia: Esté atento/a), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>



Friday's Schedule during Lent



Mass: 8:00am

The Holy Rosary: 8:30am

Stations of the Cross

Led by St. Anthony School Students: 9:00am

Stations of the Cross in English 5:00pm

Stations of the Cross in Spanish 6:00pm

St. Anthony School Fish Taco Sale

12:00pm-6:30pm

(School Parking Lot)

The Stations help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Come and join us every Friday.