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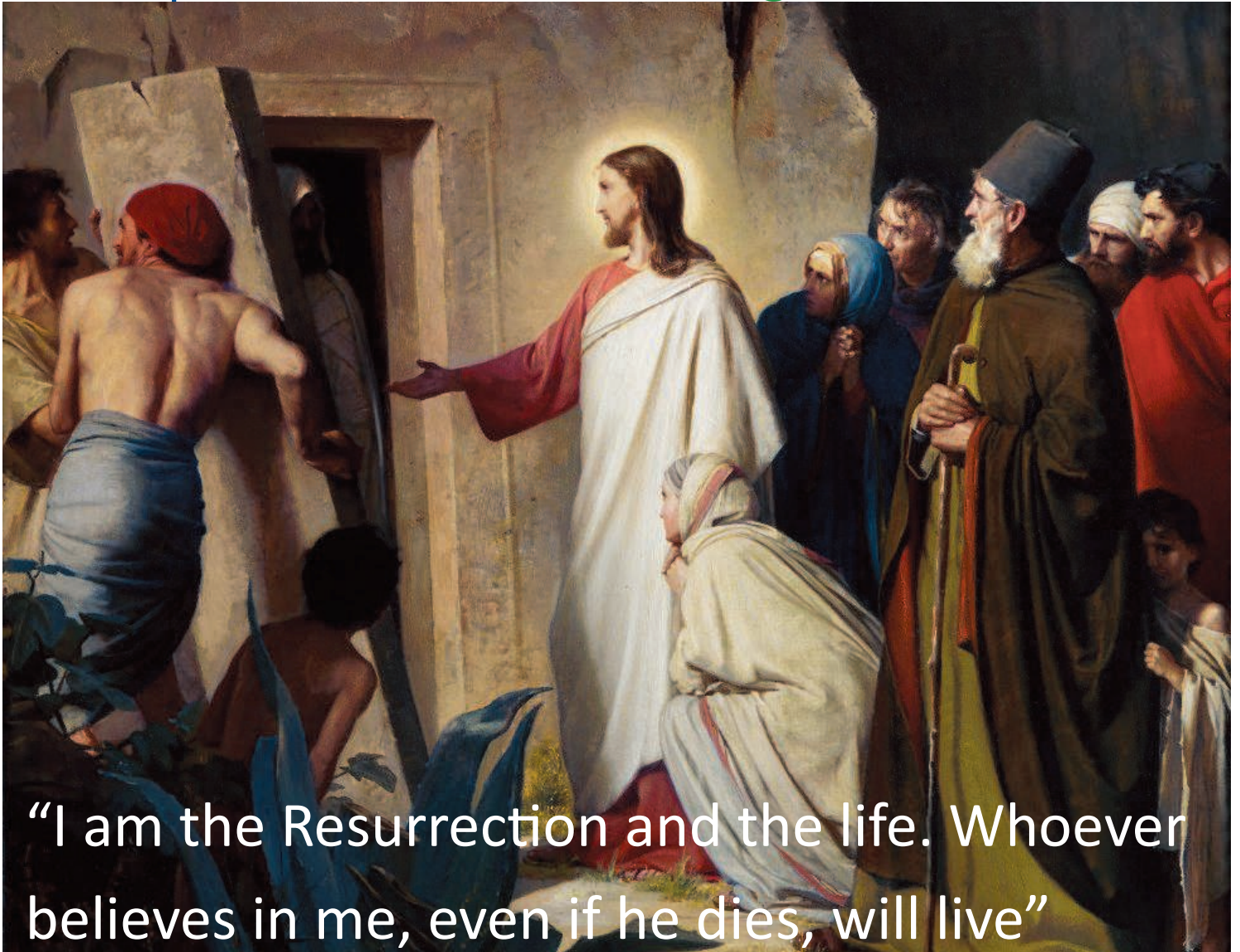


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**April 2,**  
**2017**

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**“I am the Resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live”**

### **MASS SCHEDULES**

**Sunday Mass in English**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

**Daily Mass**

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

**Misas Dominicales en Español**

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

**Misas en Español**

Miércoles 7 PM

**Reconciliación**

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM

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## From the Pastor's Desk: Did you

know that the first president of the United States to refuse to kiss the Bible after his oath at his inauguration was Franklin Pierce, the 14th President? The reason is rather interesting. When Pierce had been

elected, he and Mrs. Pierce and their son, two weeks before the inauguration, were taking a trip to Concord, New Hampshire, and, of course, they were doing it by train. The train had not gone far out of the station, when there was a lurch, a jolt, and the car the Pierces were in, tumbled off the tracks and down an embankment. Neither the president nor his wife was injured in the accident, but their son was killed. Franklin Pierce brooded over this, as would most of us. He asked the question of God that so many of us would have asked. Why would God at this moment of triumph permit this tragedy in their lives? Although a former Brigadier General and a famous lawyer, he was so upset by the personal tragedy and angry with God that he refused to kiss the Bible used at the inaugural oath taking ceremony. [People (February 6, 1989), pp. 47-51.] (John Quincy Adams was the only previous President who placed his hand on a Constitutional Law volume instead of a Bible. But it was not because he was angry with God). In the earlier part of today's Gospel reading we hear the sorrow of Mary and Martha who had lost their beloved brother Lazarus.

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Frances Jerz, sixty-five, lost her husband. She told columnist Roger Simon of the Chicago Sun-Times that even after three years, she still cries. Mr. Jerz had been a machine operator and was approaching retirement when he succumbed to cancer. Every Sunday Mrs. Jerz gets dressed up like he's there in the house with her. Her daughter drives her to the cemetery. She touches the stone and she feels like he's close to her. "That crypt's got the most lipstick on it," she says. "I kiss it every time I'm there." [James C. Hefley, Life Changes (Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1984), p. 97.] Some of you can relate to her pain. Some people have a terrible time dealing with the loss of a spouse. Life comes to a grinding halt.

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Three highly decorated police officers die in a wild shoot out with narcotics dealers and go to Heaven. God greets them and asks, "When you are laid out in your casket, and your fellow officers and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first cop says, "I would like to hear them say, that I was the bravest cop on the force." The second police officer says, "I would like to hear that I was a terrific cop who died in the line of duty." The last cop replies, "I would like to hear them say ... 'Look, he's moving!'"

## Nota de nuestro pastor: ¿Sabías que el primer Presidente de los Estados Unidos quien

se negó besar la Biblia después de su juramento en su toma de posesión fue Franklin Pierce, el 14vo Presidente? La razón es bastante interesante. Cuando Pierce fue elegido, él, la señora Pierce y su hijo, dos semanas antes de la inauguración, hicieron un viaje a Concord, New Hampshire y, por supuesto, lo hicieron en tren. El tren no había corrido lejos de la estación, cuando hubo una sacudida, un tirón y el coche donde iban se salió de los rieles y cayó en una zanja. Ni el Presidente ni su esposa resultaron heridos en el accidente, pero su hijo murió. Franklin Pierce irritado sobre esto, como la mayoría de nosotros, le hizo la pregunta a Dios como muchos de nosotros lo hubiéramos hecho, ¿Por qué permitiría Dios en este momento de triunfo esta tragedia en sus vidas? Aunque un Ex Brigadier General y un Abogado famoso, estaba tan molesto por la tragedia personal y enojado con Dios que se negó a besar la Biblia en la ceremonia tomando el juramento inaugural. [People (06 de Febrero de 1989), págs. 47-51.] (John Quincy Adams fue el único Presidente anterior que puso su mano en un volumen de Ley Constitucional en vez de una Biblia. Pero no porque él estaba enojado con Dios). En la parte anterior de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy escuchamos el dolor de María y Marta quienes habían perdido a su amado hermano Lázaro.

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Frances Jerz, de sesenta y cinco años, perdió a su esposo. Ella le dijo al columnista Roger Simon de Chicago Sun-Times que incluso después de tres años, todavía llora. El Sr. Jerz había sido un operador de máquina y estaba cerca de la jubilación cuando sucumbió al cáncer. Cada Domingo la Sra. Jerz se viste como si él estuviera allí en la casa con ella. Su hija la lleva al cementerio. Ella toca la piedra y siente como si él estuviera cerca de ella. "Esa cripta tiene más pintura de labios sobre ella", dice. "Yo la beso cada vez que estoy allí." [James C. Hefley, Life Changes (Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1984), p. 97.] Algunos de ustedes pueden compartir su dolor. Algunas personas tienen un tiempo terrible con la pérdida de un cónyuge. La vida llega a un alto desbastador.

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Tres altamente decorados policías mueren en un tiroteo salvaje con traficantes de narcóticos y van al cielo. Dios les da la bienvenida y les pregunta, "Cuando están en su ataúd, y sus compañeros y familia están de luto, ¿qué quieres oírlos decir sobre usted?" El primer oficial dice: "Me gustaría oírles decir que era el policía más valiente en la fuerza". El segundo oficial dice: "Me gustaría escuchar que era un excelente policía quien murió en cumplimiento de su deber". El ultimo policía responde: "me gustaría escucharles decir... "Mira, él se está moviendo!"

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of April 2, 2017

### Sun/Dom:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### Mon/Lunes:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tues/Martes:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

### Wed/Mier:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/  
Jn 8:31-42

### Thurs/Juev:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Fri/Vier:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

### Sat/Sab:

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sun/Dom:

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20,  
23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or  
27:11-54

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday~April 3rd

**Liturgy Meeting** — The Liturgy Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

### Friday~ April 7th

**Stations of the Cross**  
7:00 PM in the Church

### Friday~April 7th

**Soup Supper — in the Hall**  
After the Stations of the Cross — Music Ministry is the group in charge, groups also bringing soup are: Simbang Gabi, Santo Nino Group, Guadalupanos, Ministry to the Sick, Apostleship of Prayer, 6:00 PM Saturday Mass

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Saturday 10 AM-4 PM  
*Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM*  
Sunday 9 AM-4 PM  
*Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM*

### Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday  
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## Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Plan to attend our last Bilingual Stations of the Cross before Holy Week.

The Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 PM this Friday April 7th followed by a simple soup supper in the hall. The following groups will be in charge of the Soup Supper, They will bring soup, set up and clean up the hall. The first group listed is the lead group and the group responsible to make sure everything is completed:

**April 7th~~Music Ministry,**  
Simbang Gabi, Santo Nino Group,  
Guadalupanos, Ministry to the Sick,  
Apostleship of Prayer, 6:00 PM Saturday  
Spanish Mass.

Thanks to all who participate



### PRAY FOR

Anita Urbino  
Geraldine Fabio-Abdon  
Diego Trujillo  
Paul Seishas  
Laura Soffiotto  
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Michelle Ann Cavagnuolo  
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Jennifer Guinto  
Hector Chavez  
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### DONATIONS

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Food offering for next week:

**Canned Vegetables  
or Pork & Beans**

Vegetales, carne de  
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### CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES COLLECTION FOR WEEK


**March 26th**  
**The Plate Collection**  
**\$ 10,473.00**  
**EFT Collection**  
**\$ 125.00**  
**On Line Giving**  
**\$ 231.00**

**TOTAL for the WEEK**  
**\$ 10,829.00**

## VATICAN CORNER

The week of March 26th, 2017 saw some startling news stories come out of the Vatican. According to a Vatican spokesman, the idea of constructing a 600 foot diameter Ferris wheel in St. Peter's Square is being seriously considered. Its purpose will be to allow more of the faithful to see and hear the activities when the Square becomes filled to capacity. The slow turning wheel will have 40 cabins, each capable of holding 40 people. Audio speakers in the cabins will allow the riders to hear the words and music from the Square and each cabin will have kneelers, a donation slot and could also be used as a confessional. In keeping with his philosophy of living "green" the Pope's transport domestically and on foreign trips will no longer depend on vehicles using internal combustion engines. Instead he will use a small, light carriage that will be pulled by 18 miniature ponies. The ponies, selected for their average height of 36", will be able to accompany the Pope on a plane when he flies. The carriage will be made of recycled materials but will also be bullet proof and contain the latest security features. Its unique design will enable it to collapse and fit in the cargo hole of a jet. The Pope is always very concerned about the health of the children in the world and in particular the developed world where a sedentary life style has become an epidemic. To encourage children to exercise more he has developed a Vatican exercise video. The Pope himself only appears briefly, but he does perform a couple of sit-ups. The rest of the video consists of bishops leading groups of children in various fun exercises all around the world. But for some odd reason the bishops are dressed in their robes which makes some of the exercise movements hard to follow and occasionally cause them to get tangled and fall. The video is unintentional hilarious. As a source of additional income, the Vatican has decided to issue a set of miniature drinking glasses with the faces of the popes. For 266 consecutive weeks and following chronologically beginning with St. Peter, collectors will be able to purchase a glass with a different pope's face each week at their local church. It is thought that by selling in this manner church attendance will be improved. The Vatican is also making a wooden storage cabinet available to hold the entire set of glasses and it will be constructed of recycled wood from the huge Christmas tree that is displayed in St. Peter's Square. The cost of the glasses and cabinet has not yet been set. With no explanation, the Vatican has made a new rule for all Catholics in the world that: "Sugary foods and drinks can no longer be consumed on Wednesdays, and nuts and water should be substituted in their place. Also the Pope would like nuts to be much more prevalent in everyone's diet every day. Shame on you if you are reading this column while Mass is going on, and I hope that it made you smile, since it is only an April- Fool joke. Source: cerebellum



 **ALTAR SERVERS** The Altar Servers will meet next Saturday — April 8th starting with the 8:30 AM mass with a meeting following. It is VERY important that ALL Altar Servers attend as the Agenda is Palm Sunday, Triduum and Easter Mass Responsibilities. Everyone is expected to attend but if you are not able to attend please contact Fides or Selena.

## MASS INTENTIONS

April 1-8, 2017

### Saturday 4:30 PM

Francisco Camaclang †

### Saturday 6:00 PM

Isidora Alvarez (50th cumpleaños)

German Arevalo †

Luis Ramirez Martinez (7th aniversario)

Ramon Garcia Vargas † (aniversario)

Mauricio Martinez †

Arturo Ortiz † (aniversario)

Tranquilino & Guadalupe Garcia †

Ramon & Olga Rodriguez

Jesucita Orantes †

Sara Sanchez †

### Sunday 7:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Sunday 9:00 AM

Arnie & Alona (thanksgiving)

Ligoria "Lily" Fernandez †

Francisco Camaclang †

Eduardo Castro †

Estelita Patio-Garcia †

### Sunday 10:30 AM

Rafael Valderrama (healing)

David Silva (healing)

Jocelyn A. Alcantara †

### Sunday 12:15 PM

Rudy & Cena Jimenez Family

(thanksgiving)

Madeline A. Tauscher †

Jose F. Acorda †

Timoteo Jimenez †

Ireneo Espinosa †

### Sunday 2:00 PM

Jose Refugio Martinez † (3rd aniversario)

Teresa Zabalza † (2nd aniversario)

Mauricio Martinez †

Sara Sanchez †

### Sunday 6:00 PM

Padre Ricardo Guerrero (cumpleanos)

Sara Sanchez †

### Monday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Monday 8:30 AM

Eduardo Castro †

### Tuesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Tuesday 8:30 AM

Alvin Marquez (birthday)

### Wednesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Wednesday 8:30 AM

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### Wednesday 7:00 PM

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### Thursday 7:00 AM

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### Thursday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Friday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Friday 8:30 AM

Mothusi Pahl (birthday)

Sacred Heart of Jesus (thanksgiving)

Larry Hart †

Timoteo Jimenez †

### Saturday 8:30 AM

Lily Fernandez † (40th day)

## Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

When I was first in parish work, I remember the parish priest talking with the schoolchildren about the topic of Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He asked them if

any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, "It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me. I run really fast!" The adults in the assembly burst into laughter.

Laughter is good. However, the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

As our catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christians. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

We start our Palm Sunday Masses  
at the Placita  
Distribution of Palms will also be  
at the Placita

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday



**8:30 AM**—Morning Prayer Service — English  
**7:00 PM**—Mass of the Lords Supper —  
Misa de la ultima cena de El Señor — Bilingual

**8:30 AM**—Morning Prayer Service — English  
**12 Noon**—Stations of the Cross and 7 Last Words—English  
**2:00 PM**— Reflections and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy  
**3:00 PM**—Celebration of the Passion of the Lord—English  
**5:30 PM**—Viacrucis (En Vivo) — Español  
**7:00 PM**—Celebración de la pasión de Cristo — Español

GOOD  
FRIDAY



**8:30 AM**—Morning Prayer Service —English  
**8:00 PM**—Easter Vigil Mass —  
Vigilia Pascual — Bilingual

HOLY SATURDAY

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