

STEWARDSHIP

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LENT: HEARING THE CRY OF THE POOR

Each year, the Season of Lent is offered to us as a time of renewal. We take up this Lenten journey as the gift of personal renewal in terms of our relationship with the Lord. Our renewal becomes concrete when it comes down to self-denial which allows us to live our faith more authentically. The alms giving we do helps us express our gratitude and allows us to exercise generosity.

However, Lent can also be a time to focus beyond ourselves. It can be a time of renewal that is offered us to hear the cry of the poor. Ultimately, this is spiritual renewal as well and helps us grow closer to our Lord.

We tend to not think of the poor very much because to do so can render us sad or feeling "unable to help." If we reflect upon the situation of the poor, we will begin to pray differently. We will not only see their radical dependence upon God, but we will find ourselves turning to God

on their behalf. This kind of prayer purifies our prayer. It helps us pray with a renewed spirit. It frees us from so many of the demands we can place on God, especially for things like comfort or success or just getting things my way. With the poor as our prayer companions, we can surrender more easily and ask God for what really matters - first on their behalf and then for ourselves. Our prayer for ourselves will more freely become a prayer that we might be transformed to be better servants for others. Lent spent hearing the cry of the poor starts with awareness, is spent in growing solidarity and leads to deeper compassion and transformative prayer.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Please send content to bulletin@txstatecatholic.org Wednesdays by 5pm.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mon. 3/5 No Reconciliation Thurs. & Fri. 3/8 & 3/9 Communion Services No Reconciliation

WOW (Women of Wisdom) MEETING



Sunday 11:30am in the Library March 4th

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." - Pope Francis

SECOND COLLECTIONS

3/11- Catholic Relief Services

3/18- St. Vincent De Paul

3/30- (Good Friday) Holy Land

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK,

St. John's back parking lot, Saturday, March 10th from 10am - 1pm.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Each Friday during Lent we abstain from meat together. This is intended to be a religious experience and so we need to explore it and prepare for it. How meaningful and powerful the experience is, depends upon how reflective we are about it, and the kind of choices we make, to ensure that there is some sacrifice and some experience of solidarity in our Lenten Fridays.

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AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY

10am, 217; 5pm, 140; 7:30pm, 108

ASH WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

12:30pm, 226; 4pm, 185; 5:30pm, 223; 7pm, 276



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent after our 12:30pm Mass in the Chapel led by Fr. Craig or Deacon Cris and ending with Benediction. (Spring Break week March 16th there will be no Stations or Benediction)

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Be spiritually prepared for Easter! St. John's in San Marcos on Wed., March 14th St. Anthony's in Kyle on Tue. March 20th All Penance Services begin at 7pm.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Fr. Craig will host an evening of reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ on Friday March 23rd from 5-7pm in the Chapel. All parishioners and students are invited to attend!

SPRING BREAK

SCHEDULE

March 10th - 18th

OFFICE and BUILDING

will be closed March 12th - 16th

NO DAILY MASSES OR SERVICES

Sunday Masses

March 11th & 18th 10am, 5pm, & 7:30pm



HOLY WEEK 2018

March 25th-April 1st

Palm Sunday

MASS 10am, 5pm and 7:30pm

Holy Thursday

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30pm

Good Friday

LIVING STATIONS THROUGH CAMPUS Noon PASSION OF THE LORD 3:00pm

Holy Saturday

EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:30pm

Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 10:00am, 5pm and 7:30pm