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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2015

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News, Reminders, and Events

Today's **Second Collection** is for **Catholic Relief Services**. The efforts of CRS could not be more important in this time of distress where disease has spread through many African countries and violence has pushed thousands from their homes into refugee camps. Please be generous.

Segunda Colecta de hoy es para Catholic Relief Services. Los esfuerzos de CRS no podría ser más importante en este momento de angustia , donde la enfermedad se ha extendido por muchos países African y la violencia ha empujado a miles de personas de sus hogares en los campamentos de refugiados. Por favor, sean generosos.

Please mark your calendars and plan to celebrate the **125th Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese of Dallas and St. Joseph Catholic Community on SUNDAY, APRIL 19**. The celebration begins with mass at 9:30am, followed by an historical presentation, food, and refreshments.

Por favor marquen sus calendarios y un plan para celebrar el Aniversario 125 de la Diócesis de Dallas y San José Comunidad católica el domingo, 19 de abril La celebración comienza con misa a las 9:30 de la mañana , seguido de una presentación histórica , comida y refrescos.

In coordination with Spring Break, there will be **no CCD classes today or next Sunday, March 22**. Classes will resume Palm Sunday, March 29. We hope you enjoy your time off but hope to see you at mass!

No habrá ninguna clases de CCD hoy o el próximo Domingo, 22 de marzo. Las clases se reiniciarán el 29 de marzo, Domingo de Ramos. Estamos emocionados de que tener un descanso, pero todavía esperamos verlos en masa!

Thank you for your generous response to the **appeal that we made for Stella**. We have surpassed our goal!. Once again, you are an amazing, caring and kind group and we are so grateful!

Gracias por su generosa efusión en la apelación que hicimos para Stella. Una vez más, son un grupo increíble, cariñoso y amable y estamos muy agradecidos!

Don't forget to **buy your tickets to the 2015 Bishop's 22nd Annual Pro-Life Dinner Raffle**. First prize is a \$15,000 MasterCard gift card! The drawing will be held at the dinner on April 18. Winners do not need to be

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TODAY'S MASS MUSIC

Opening: #723 Take Up Your Cross
Preparation: #432 Amazing Grace
Communion: #674 Loving & Forgiving
Closing: #669 Seek The Lord

Saturday March 14 5:30 p.m. Mass Fred Isenbart by the Salisbury Family	Sunday March 15 9:30 a.m. Mass NO CCD Classes	Monday March 16 No Mass	Tuesday March 17 6:30 p.m. Mass †Tyson Roberts by the Salisbury Family	Wednesday March 18 6:30 p.m. Mass †Linda Patterson by Cindy Whitaker CSO meets after Mass	Thursday March 19 8 a.m. Mass Diane Wilson by Sue Mitchell RCIA meets at 7 p.m.	Friday March 20 8 a.m. Mass Jennifer Rodgers and unborn child by Louis & Faith Alvarez Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.	Saturday March 22 5:30 p.m. Mass The Roberts Family by the Salisbury Family
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

Pastor's Corner by Fr. Marcus Chidozie_____

We are now half way through in our Lenten observances and discipline. As humans, we tend to slack off on our promises and good intentions. We are called to renew the commitments we made on Ash Wednesday, and to look toward the Cross as a sign of God's love. Jesus' suffering and death are constant signs of God's love. We need to learn to embrace the Cross because our daily cross is our path to Glory.

In today's gospel story, Jesus tells us that, for those who believe, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. Faith in God and his ways are all we need for goodness to overcome evil. Jesus says "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Jesus is saying that salvation is intricately intertwined with the cross. As the popular saying goes, "There would be no Easter without Good Friday."

So, what is the reason for His suffering and death? Jesus tells us why: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." We may be looking for a sign of God's love, but the answer is always there in the image of Jesus on the Cross.

The God-man Jesus died on the cross for you and me because he loves, cares, forgives and is always giving. Are we also like that? During this week and the remaining weeks of lent, what is the one thing you are willing to nail to the cross to make this world a better place?

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present. Chances are \$20 each, four for \$60, or eight for \$100. See Bob Lucero or a member of the K of C for more information.

No te olvides de comprar sus boletos al 22 de Pro - Vida Cena Rifa Anual del 2015 del obispo. El primer premio es una tarjeta de regalo de \$ 15 000 MasterCard ! Los ganadores no necesitan estar presentes.

Remember, the Light is on for You Reconciliation Opportunity is Wednesday March 25 and April 1 at 7 p.m.

Recuerde , la Luz está encendida para ti Reconciliación de Oportunidades es el miércoles 25 de marzo y 01 de abril a las 7 pm

Our Parish Weekly Need: 2,771.60*

Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60*

Last Sunday, March 8, 2015: \$1,912.52

Recaudado el domingo pasado: \$1,912.52

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$395

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$395

Building Fund March Total: \$1,378

Total de fondos en marcha: \$1,378

Mass Attendance: 236

Cantidad de asistentes: 236

*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.

LIVE OAK PROFESSIONAL CENTER



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