

March 22, 2020
Fourth - Sunday
of Lent



Parish Calendar

As we are all aware, we are in a unique time in which a pandemic that has had deadly effects needs to be halted.

Therefore, the public celebration of Mass will be canceled in all locations, effective on March 17 at noon through Tuesday, March 31.

Our church is open Monday to Sunday, from 7:30am – 4pm for private prayer.

No group prayer meetings, no gatherings etc. in the church and the hall, due to “social distancing” being enforced.

Communal Penance Services are canceled.

Individual Confessions is available by appointment via email, Parish website, Parish Facebook page through messenger, or call the office to schedule.

Father Diego will offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people and specially to offer the Mass “pro populo” (for the people of the parish) every Sunday.

If you want to offer Mass Intentions, you can do so by calling the office, email, parish website and our Facebook page.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today’s readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God’s vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees and help us to reflect the light of Christ’s love in the way we live our daily lives.

The first reading, from the First Book of Samuel, recounts God’s choice of a king for his people from among the sons of Jesse. Surprisingly, it was not the oldest or the strongest of the seven brothers that God chose to lead his people. It was the youngest, the least likely candidate by the world’s standards, that God chose — “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” Our Heavenly Father is not impressed by our job title or athletic achievements or the number of Twitter followers we have. He is pleased by the condition of our hearts when they are conformed to Christ and by the way we use the time and gifts He has given us to serve others.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, gives a further reminder of the aspect of our identity that truly matters to God and encourages us to live in a way that reflects this. “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” Because of our Baptism, we have the “light” of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it’s easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ’s light. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as “children of the light.”

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ says of Himself, “I am the light of the world.” This passage recounts a miracle our Lord performs, restoring sight to a man born blind. The man responds to the Pharisees who question him about his healing by declaring to them that Jesus “opened my eyes.” These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways.

Are we truly reflecting His light in our use of time by giving first priority to our prayer lives, regularly attending Mass and Confession, giving our full and consistent attention to our loved ones? Are we reflecting His light in the sharing of our talents by supporting the ministries in this parish, by community involvement, by being good neighbors to those near us who may be in need? Are we reflecting His light by sharing our material blessings in a committed and intentional way as an act of gratitude to the God Who has given us all that we have? As we continue on our Lenten journey, let’s intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection	\$3, 515.79
Other Offerings/Income (Candle, Mass Offerings, Funerals Marriages, Baptisms, Unscheduled Masses & Donations)	\$1, 091.84
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$4, 607.63
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	\$6,743.00*
Amount Over or Short	-\$2, 135.37
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase)	\$21,898.00
Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	

During this time of crisis. If you want to support our church through your offerings/envelopes. You can mail out your envelopes to our church office. Thank you!

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary & Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P
Sisters Convent & Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

Mass Intentions

Repose of the souls:

- (+)Pedro & Maring Ramelb
- (+)Lynda Mague
- (+)Lilibeth Quintino
- (+)Sandra Constantino
- (+)Harold Salvado
- (+)Helen Gotangco
- (+)Paulino & Annabelle Castillo
- (+)Encarnacion, Alfred,
Emeterio, Marion, Marian &
Guillermo Felipe

Thanksgiving & Blessings;

- Fr. loane. Anitele'a
- Leota family

Birthday Blessing;

- Parislyna. Leota
- Iliili. Leota
- Isapela. Anitele'a
- Madelyn Barangan
- Quirina Sevilleja

Thanksgiving & Healing;

- Carlina Clemente, Andrea
Leano, Caroline Coloma,
Leila Coloma,
- Sekoti Bernard & Susitina Van

As of now, the Food Pantry will be closed until further notice. In the future, for those who are interested in receiving food bank, you can pick up a form at the office.

No Church Cleaning until further notice. Thank you!

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance
Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Marriage Preparation
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Altar Server
Altar Cleaners
Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach
Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy
Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus
Youth Ministry
Gimong ti Novena
Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates
First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass
First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass