

Dear Friends,

The fourth Sunday of Lent has interesting lesson for us; it is the danger of spiritual and physical blindness. The blind man in our gospel reading was so fortunate to have encountered Jesus and be healed by him. What a privilege for him to have Jesus touch his eyes and restore his sight. Obviously, no one would think that a paste of clay applied to one's eyes and then washing in the Pool of Siloam would restore the blind man's sight. But Jesus worked through clay and water. Jesus used ordinary elements around us in nature to convey his healing power in our brokenness. The question we might ask ourselves reflecting on today's gospel could be; how does Jesus come to us? Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament in the Church.

In our first reading, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon David when he was anointed with oil by Samuel, and in the gospel Jesus used clay and water for the healing of the blind man. Who would think that anointing with oil would be the sign for the Spirit of the Lord to fall mightily on David? Who would think that anointing with a paste of clay and washing would restore sight? The blind man could not see Jesus but Jesus came to him through touch and hearing. Jesus comes to us in awesome ways we cannot imagine. We feel him in the sacraments when water, oil or bread which we call "matter" is used together with prayer and we call the prayer the "form". So the matter and form of every sacrament is the visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly but powerfully in the sacraments.

The miraculous healing and transformation of the blind man in our gospel reading from darkness to light, evidently describe the story of our own faith journey and conversion. The darkness of the man born blind signifies the darkness that can surround us in our lives when we allow sin to cloud our vision. The light of the new vision given to the man is a symbol of the light of faith. This light comes to us as a gift from Jesus Christ who is the Light of the world. This light of faith transforms us and makes us new. You can be sure of this; whenever we embrace the way of faith, the light of Christ, we can also expect opposition from those who choose to remain in darkness.

Have a blessed weekend.

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Este domingo, invitamos a Dios a curar nuestra ceguera y nuestra tendencia a ver solo la apariencia de las cosas y las personas. El pecado nos ciega y necesitamos ser liberados del pecado para poder ver tal como Dios nos ve a nosotros y vivir como Dios desea que vivamos. ¿Hay alguna persona o situación en nuestra vida que necesitamos ver de manera distinta? ¿Qué nueva visión o que nueva perspectiva Dios desea que veamos? ¿Cómo trabaja Dios para curar la ceguera en nosotros?

Fourth Sunday of Lent

On this Sunday, we invite God to cure our blindness and our tendency to see only the appearance of things and people. Sin blinds us and we need to be freed from sin in order to see as God sees and live as God wills. Is there a person or situation in our life that we need to see differently? What new sight or what new insight is God wishing us to see? How is God working to heal blindness in us?

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 26

10 am First Communion Class

MONDAY MARCH 27

6:30 Gpo de Oracion Meeting-*Marian Rm*

TUESDAY MARCH 28

8 am Men's Group- *OLOG Room*

6 pm TNMC-*OLG Rm*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

9 am Bible Study- *OLOG Rm*

5:30 Faith Formation

THURSDAY MARCH 30

7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

6 pm RCIA -*St. Stephen Room*

FRIDAY MARCH 31

5:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry-Youth

6 pm Station of the Cross (English)

7 pm Station of the Cross (Spanish)

7:30 pm Grupo de Oracion

SATURDAY APRIL 1

SUNDAY APRIL 2

10 am First Communion Class

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Mar 25	5:30 pm	Don Kohring +
Sun.	Mar 26	9:00 am 11:00 am	Maria Mroz + For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
Mon.	Mar 27	6:00 am	
Tues.	Mar 28	6:00 pm	Nicholas Pritchett
Wed.	Mar 29	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
Thurs	Mar 30	8:30 am	Nicholas Johnson (Health)
Fri	Mar 31	12:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
Sat	Apr 1	5:30 pm	Antoni Basista
Sun	Apr 2	9:00 am 11:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett For the Parishioners of St. Stephen

Pro-Life/Gabriel Project

There will be a Biligual training on April 8 from 9am to 5 pm at the Parish Hall, for more information call the office.

Eucharistic Adoration



Please join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5 for Eucharistic Adoration with our Youth. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of music, prayer and scripture.

Ministry Schedule for April 1-2, 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	O Moreno W Faulkner	J Young J McGregor	Deacon Ernie B Wald	B Yanez-S R Schatte J Morin
9:00 AM	L Rohaly Gwen Petter	S Green M Cross	Deacon Ernie Robert M	A Mazoch E Mazoch C Brown
11:00 AM	V Perez Y Moreno	D Arias S Arias A Arias	A Perez B Martinez C Urquiza	M Lariz C Tovar O Estevez M de la Hoya J Villarreal



The Amazing Grace Gift Shop is now officially open after all the masses.

If you would like to help, Please contact Mary Riley for more information. 254-231-8784.

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:

Regular: \$ 4,622.00

Online: \$ 962.90

Total \$ 5,584.90

remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

Join Us Every Friday During Lent



FISH FRY

5:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

ALL Proceeds benefit the St. Stephen Youth Group

BAPTISM CLASSES

Baptism classes are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please call the office to register for the class (254) 947-8037

CLASES DE BAUTISMO

Las clases de Bautismo son el primer jueves de cada mes a las 7 pm, para registrarse hablar a la oficina para (254) 947-8037

Easter Eggs Donations



St. Stephen will host annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the parish at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday, April 16.

We are asking for donations of plastic eggs, candy and small items to put in the eggs. Please bring donations to the church office or place in the baskets in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Stations of the Cross

*Every Friday during Lent
6:00 pm in English
7:00 pm in Spanish*

Lent Penance Service

- March 28- St Luke, Temple, Tx at 7 pm
- March 29- St. Joseph, Killeen, Tx. at 7 pm
- March 30- Holy Family, Copperas Cove at 7 pm
- April 4- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Temple, Tx. at 7 pm
- April 5- St. Luke, Temple, Tx. At 10 am & 7 pm
- April 10- St. Paul Chong Hassan, Harker Heights at 10 am & 7 pm

Grupo de Oracion Fe y Esperanza

Grupo Fe y Esperanza Presenta: Angel Garcia.

Ven a conocer a Angel Garcia canta autor, que viene desde la ciudad de Chicago para compartir un tema de Cuaresma. Ven a escuchar las Buenas Noticias que Dios tiene para ti.

Te esperamos este 31 de Marzo a las 7 pm Para mas informacion con Guadalupe Loma (512) 825-4171 o con Maria Laris (805) 904-7082