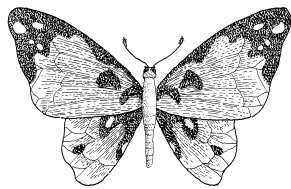


The Heart of Conversion

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. Saint Paul sums it up beautifully:

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things

have passed away". The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of Israelites—see today's first reading—so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of Lent, of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God.



"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."

—2 Corinthians 5:17

Hay ayuda gratis para llenar su declaracion de impuestos 2009, hasta el día 14 de abril. Los lunes en Our Lady of the Valley de 11 a 3, los miércoles en el Rec Center de La Posada y los viernes en la Iglesia Risen Savior Lutheran. En el Clubhouse de Sonora del Webb en Rancho Sahuarita los miércoles de 2:30 a 6:30.

**Visit our Parish Website: Smdpsahuarita.org
For information on church scheduled activities.**

We invite you to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm. *Le invitamos a todos a rezar El Vía Crucis (Estaciones de la Cruz) todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 7:00 pm.*

AARP Volunteers offer free tax help with 2009 Income Tax returns through April 14. Mondays from 11 to 3 at Our Lady of the Valley, Wednesdays at the Rec Center at La Posada, Fridays at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. On Wednesdays from 2:30 to 6:30, at the Sonora By Del Webb Clubhouse in Rancho Sahuarita.

The Readings For The Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

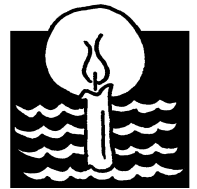
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Psalm 130 Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Ministers Schedule/Horario de Ministros

March 20 Saturday 5:00 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

(C) Ernest Lopez (L) Jane Davis (1st) Russ Smeds (2nd)
(Ems) Sharon Sykes, Dianne Bresina

March 21 Sunday 9:00 am (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

(C) Magua Kershner (L) Marisa Acosta (Eng) Violet Heeb (Esp) (Ems) Irma y Pedro Celez, Pat Bradley, Nancy Quinn, Jose y Christina Nuñez

Mar 21 Sunday 11:00 (Quinto Domingo/Cuaresma)

(C) Frances Ortega (L) Rosa Arellano (Esp) Jose Martinez (Ems) Emilio Medrano, Andy McKenna (H.C.), Sharon Reupert, Gloria Arrebollo, Juan Quihuis, Barbara Amaro

Saint Joseph (March 19)

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly love he watched over Jesus". Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "St. Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.



Las lecturas bíblicas de hoy nos traen al corazón del significado del camino cristiano de la conversión. Pablo lo resume con gran hermosura: “El que vive en Cristo es una criatura nueva; para él todo lo viejo ha pasado”

Tu hermano estaba perdido

pero lo hemos encontrado



El pasaje del Evangelio, la parábola del hijo pródigo, nos muestra cómo es esta nueva creación. Se trata de “reconciliación”. Así como Dios quita el yugo de la esclavitud de las espaldas de los israelitas—vea la primera lectura de hoy—de igual manera el padre en el Evangelio quita el yugo de la culpa y la vergüenza de las espaldas de su hijo descarriado. Primero, aquel hijo debió volver la espalda a su pecado e ir en busca su padre y pedirle perdón. Es precisamente lo que hemos estado haciendo durante este tiempo de arrepentimiento. Apenas podemos imaginar el tipo de fiesta de reconciliación que nos espera cuando somos abrazados por nuestro Dios de perdón.

Our Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Rosary for the Unborn (8:00 am)
9:00 Mass am (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
Ladies Club meeting after Mass
11:00 Mass (Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma)

Monday, March 15, 2010

No RE Classes this week/No hay doctrina esta semana
Ríos de Agua Viva a las 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Scripture Reflection Smeds 1:30

Friday, March 19, 2010

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Vía Crucis/Estaciones de la Cruz

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Bible Study w/Deacon Mike 3-4:30
5:00 Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Sunday, March 21, 2010

9:00 Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
11:00 Mass (Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma)
Religious Education HS Confirmation class (12:15-2:00)

Monday, March 22, 2010

Religious Education 8th Grade Classes 6:30-8:00 pm
Grupo de Oración Ríos de Agua Viva a las 7:00 pm



Las Lecturas de La Semana

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Viernes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
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Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Is 43:16-21; Salmo 126 (125)
Fil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ez 37:12-14; Salmo 130
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

There will be a Parish Wide Penance Service on Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 in the evening. Habrá un Servicio de Penitencia para todos los parroquianos de SMDP el jueves, 25 de marzo a las 7:00 de la noche.

Intenciones de la Misa



Sun March 14

(9:00 Mass) **Barney Halverson (+)** spe intention twelfth anniversary of his death
(11:00 Mass) **Frances Perry (+)** special intention recently deceased/repose of her soul
Ester Campas y Gilberto Campas (+)
Jesús Ortiz y Jessie Ortiz (+)
on the anniversary of their death

Sun March 21

(9:00 Mass) **María Jesús Siquieros (+)** int especial segundo aniversario de su muerte
(11:00 Mass) **Antonia Padilla (+)** intención especial primer aniversario de su muerte

Sun March 28

(9:00 Mass) **Joe Martinez (+)** special intention third anniversary of his death
Anita Espinosa (+) repose of her soul
Guillermo y Matilde Sanchez (+)
for the repose of their souls

Weekly Offering/Ofertorio

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