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March 20th, 2022 • 3rd Sunday in Lent

“I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND
AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;
IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.
IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.”

LUKE 13:8-9

Weekly Schedule

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m. at GA
10:00 a.m. at St. Nick
Sunday: 12:30 p.m.
(Mass in Spanish)

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 6:00 p.m. at St. Nick

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m.
Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

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Church Calendar

Monday, March 21st (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, March 22nd (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. RCIA, St. Francis Hall

Wednesday, March 23rd (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, GA School & Gym

6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, St. Nicholas Parish Center

Friday, March 24th (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

4:00 p.m. KoC Fish Fry, GA School Gym

7:00 p.m. Latino Servers Formation, St. Francis Hall

Saturday, March 25th

9:30 a.m. Town Hall Meeting

As of 03/15/22, please go to www.gachaska.org/parishlife/calendar for the most accurate calendar

Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday, Mar. 21:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2,3, 43: 3,4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, Mar. 22:

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8,9; Mt 18:21-35

5:30 p.m. † Delbert Pauly

Wednesday, Mar. 23:

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12,13,15,16,19,20; Mt 5:17-19

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Mar. 24:

Jer 7:23-28; Ps: 1,2,6,7,8,9; Lk 11:14-23

8:00 a.m. † Maureen O'Brian

Friday, Mar. 25 • The Annunciation of the Lord:

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:8ab, 9-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-28

6:00 p.m. (SN)

Saturday Mar. 26:

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3,4,18,19,20,21ab; Lk 18:9-14

4:30 p.m. Margaret Young

Sunday, Mar. 27 • 4rd Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2,3,4,5,6,7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 a.m., Living and † deceased members of the family of Llampert and Katherine Meuleners

10:00 a.m. Jim & Joann Luce

10:00 a.m. (SN) † Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier

12:30 p.m. Spanish

4:00 p.m. All-Parish Lenten Reconciliation

For more readings go to bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar



REPENT! THERE IS STILL TIME!

Something really bad has happened in Jerusalem. In our gospel it sounds like something on the news today. Passover pilgrims from Galilee were just at the point of making their offering in the temple. It was probably the offering of the Passover lamb. Then Roman soldiers stormed in. During the time of Passover thousands of pilgrims filled the holy city and the Roman authorities were always afraid of the people rising up against the Roman government. Taking no account of the solemnity of the moment, Pilate had a group of Galilean pilgrims who seemed suspicious to him cut down in the temple, so that their blood “mingled with their sacrifices’.

People reacted with shock and horror and with many questions. “How can God allow something like that to happen?” And these Galileans surely must have done something for God to allow such a punishment to fall on them. What could their sin have been? But Jesus looks at it differently. Of course, the Galileans were sinners, but can we really believe that we are not sinners just because no accident has happened to us? We should not think that we are safe.

In order to make this clear, he refers to another headline event. In the course of digging to construct an aqueduct, a defensive tower at the Pool of Siloam was undermined and collapsed. Eighteen people were buried alive beneath it. Nowadays, we would have an investigation to determine who was responsible for the poor planning that led to such a catastrophe. Such a guilty person would be punished. But in those days, a different question arose in people’s minds. “What was there about the victims for God to allow this catastrophe?”

Jesus radically changed people’s perception of God and the way people looked at these two tragic events. At the news of such a crime against humanity and against such a disaster, do not ask who is responsible or why God allows such terrible things to happen. Rather ask, “Would I have been ready to come before God face-to-face if I were one of the victims?” “How would my life’s account look before God if sudden death were to demand that I give that account?”

In our time now, with the news of the Russian attack on the country of Ukraine, this is difficult to do – to prioritize, knowing our own mortality and vulnerability, the question of our own accounting before God over who is responsible for the war. But perhaps such realization of God’s mercy upon us will help us to recognize the mercy we must show upon others. A few days ago, I was watching the news about how a hospital was sending syringes to the Ukraine and many other acts of mercy and solidarity to victims of the attacks. May God move us to such mercy.

Whenever we hear bad news and news of loss of life it would be good to reflect on how patient God is with us. He is treating us like the vinedresser who gives the barren fig tree one last chance, even though it has borne no fruit until now. Repent; there is still time!

Father Tony

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

Matrimony: Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

WE REMEMBER

We extended our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of Kenneth Poppitz and Laura Rief.

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Thursday, April 28, 2022

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The gala is Thursday, April 28, from 5:30-9 p.m. at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska. Tickets are \$75 and are available online at MiracleMachineMN.com, or by calling 651-894-2882.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Saturday, March 26th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Francis Hall

At each meeting, we will summarize a proposal to renovate our former friary and to sell property south of 2nd street to apply proceeds toward a renovation. We will be seated at tables with fellow parishioners to discuss:

- The outlook of our parish if we continue on our current course
- Whether or not we can afford to renovate our friary without a sale
- How the renovation and sale would impact our future course
- Our ability to afford a medium-sized capital campaign to go with the sale proceeds

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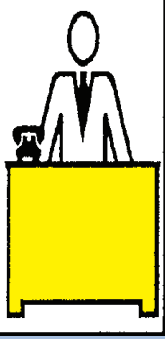
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¡Arrepentíos! Todavía hay tiempo

Algo realmente malo ha sucedido en Jerusalén. En nuestro evangelio suena como algo en las noticias de hoy. Los peregrinos de Pascua de Galilea estaban justo a punto de hacer su ofrenda en el templo. Probablemente fue la ofrenda del cordero pascual. Entonces los soldados romanos irrumpieron. Durante la época de la Pascua, miles de peregrinos llenaron la ciudad santa y las autoridades romanas siempre temían que la gente se levantara contra el gobierno romano. Sin tener en cuenta la solemnidad del momento, Pilato hizo decapitar en el templo a un grupo de peregrinos galileos que le parecieron sospechosos, para que su sangre “se mezclara con sus sacrificios”. La gente reaccionó con sorpresa y horror y con muchas preguntas. “¿Cómo puede Dios permitir que algo así suceda?” Y estos galileos seguramente debieron haber hecho algo para que Dios permitiera que tal castigo cayera sobre ellos. ¿Cuál pudo haber sido su pecado? Pero Jesús lo ve de otra manera. Por supuesto, los galileos eran pecadores, pero ¿realmente podemos creer que no somos pecadores solo porque no nos ha pasado ningún accidente? No debemos pensar que estamos a salvo.

Para dejar esto claro, se refiere a otro evento principal. En el curso de la excavación para construir un acueducto, una torre defensiva en el Estanque de Siloé fue socavada y colapsada. Dieciocho personas fueron enterradas vivas debajo de él. Hoy en día, tendríamos una investigación para determinar quién fue el responsable de la mala planificación que llevó a tal catástrofe. Tal persona culpable sería castigada. Pero en esos días, surgió una pregunta diferente en la mente de las personas.

“¿Qué había en las víctimas para que Dios permitiera esta catástrofe?” Jesús cambió radicalmente la percepción que la gente tenía de Dios y la forma en que la gente veía estos dos trágicos eventos. Ante la noticia de tal crimen contra la humanidad y contra tal desastre, no preguntes quién es el responsable o por qué Dios permite que sucedan cosas tan terribles. Más bien pregúntese: “¿Habría estado listo para presentarme ante Dios cara a cara si fuera una de las víctimas?” “¿Cómo se vería la cuenta de mi vida ante Dios si la muerte repentina me exigiera dar esa cuenta?”

En nuestro tiempo ahora, con la noticia del ataque ruso al país de Ucrania, esto es difícil de hacer: priorizar, conociendo nuestra propia mortalidad y vulnerabilidad, la cuestión de nuestra propia responsabilidad ante Dios sobre quién es responsable de la guerra. Pero tal vez tal comprensión de la misericordia de Dios para con nosotros nos ayude a reconocer la misericordia que debemos mostrar hacia los demás. Hace unos días estaba viendo las noticias sobre cómo un hospital estaba enviando jeringas a Ucrania y muchos otros actos de misericordia y solidaridad con las víctimas de los ataques. Que Dios nos mueva a tal misericordia.

Siempre que escuchamos malas noticias y noticias de pérdida de vidas, sería bueno reflexionar sobre cuán paciente es Dios con nosotros. Nos está tratando como el viñador que le da una última oportunidad a la higuera estéril, aunque hasta ahora no haya dado fruto. Arrepientete; ¡Todavía hay tiempo!

Padre Tony

Ángeles Guardianes

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Marzo 20, 2022 • Tercer Domingo del Cuaresma

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15ab; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lc 4:24-30
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lc 1:26-38
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

“VOY A AFLOJAR LA TIERRA ALREDEDOR
Y A ECHARLE ABONO,
PARA VER SI DA FRUTO.
SI NO, EL AÑO QUE VIENE LA CORTARÉ”.

LUCAS 13:8-9

Horario de Misa

(Nota: todas las misas son en Ángeles Guardianes hasta nuevo aviso.)

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<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

Fines de Semana:

Sábado : 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m.

Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa en español)Ω

Días laborales:

Martes: 5:30 p.m.

Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.Ω

Jueves : 8:00 a.m.Ω

Viernes: 6:00 p.m. (St. Nick) Ω

Reconciliación:

Sábados : 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Sábados : 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

20 DE MARZO DE 2022