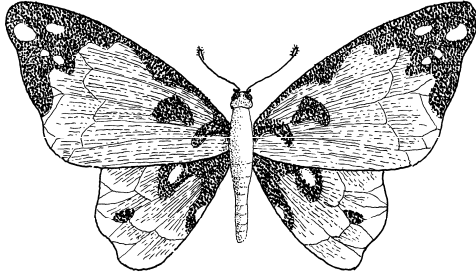


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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2007

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."
2 Corinthians 5: 17

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

UN DOMINGO PARA ALEGRARSE

Pocas parábolas del Evangelio son tan queridas por el pueblo cristiano como la del Hijo Pródigo. Nos podemos identificar con todos sus personajes, y con las emociones que se entrecruzan entre ellos. El dolor del padre por la avaricia y desconsideración de su hijo se convierte en alegría al verlo regresar. El dolor del hijo por haber perdido todo lo que tenía —dinero, familia, amigos— se convierte en alegría delirante al ver como su padre lo recibe.

Pero también comprendemos el desconcierto del hijo mayor ante la generosidad de su padre. Para el hijo mayor, la virtud no es su propia recompensa. Ha trabajado duro, y ha sido un hijo leal, pero eso no se celebra con fiestas ni banquetes. Pero su padre es un Padre Pródigo, y prodiga su perdón y su misericordia. Y espera que su hijo mayor tenga esa misma generosidad. Quiere que todos se regocijen porque el que estaba perdido ha sido hallado.

Este es un domingo para alegrarse. Es día de hacer una pausa, y de considerarnos y alentarnos unos a otros. Porque todos somos hijos pródigos, en el camino de regreso al hogar de nuestro padre. Y debemos también ser hermanos mayores, pero hermanos mayores que esperan junto con el padre ansioso, mientras otea el horizonte. En Cristo Jesús nos vemos reconciliados, con Dios Padre, y con nuestros hermanos. En su Muerte y Resurrección hemos pasado de la Muerte a la Vida. Somos una Nueva Creación. Y esto nos llena de alegría. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Notes from the Pastor

LENTEN GREETINGS IN THE LORD!
SALUDOS DE CUARESMA EN EL SENOR!

Make this Lent a special and life altering one by becoming more aware of God's mercy and forgiveness! God invites us to grow and walk toward him. Let us express our thanksgiving to him for his never ending mercy and forgiveness.

Let us take time to express this thanksgiving to Almighty God. How can we do this? Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive our Lord in Holy Eucharist, or take time to worship in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day or night for one hour each week. As we continue to give of our talent, treasure and time, let also consider serving the needs of others by serving on the Pastoral Council. Please contact Mr. Jose Cervantes at (830) 329-2115 for details. All are invited to come home to Notre Dame to worship and give thanks to our Lord!

May God continue to bless each of you on your journey of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike



This Week in the Parish

Monday, March 19

Joseph, husband of Mary
 2 Sm 7: 4-5a-45-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1
 16:18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a
 7:00 am In honor of Fr. Greg Nevlud and
 Msgr. Michael Boulette
 Notre Dame Staff

Tuesday, March 20

Lenten Weekday
 Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16
 12:00 pm †Jose Faustino Ramirez
 Familia Ramirez

Wednesday, March 21

Lenten Weekday
 Is 48: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30
 12:00 pm †Mary Primrose
 Pat. A. Boyett

Thursday, March 22

Lenten Weekday
 Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47
 8:05 am †Oscar and †Justo Guajardo
 Frances Ingle

Friday, March 23

Lenten Weekday
 Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
 7:00 am †Joyrce Horat & Family
 Lois Pritchard

Saturday, March 24

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
 Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11 or Ez 37: 12-14
 Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27,
 33b-45
 10:00 am Funeral Mass for Nancy Parker
 5:00 pm In Thanksgiving
 Familia Ramirez

Sunday, March 25

5th Sunday of Lent
 Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11 or Ez 37: 12-14
 Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27,
 33b-45
 8:00 am People of the Parish
 †Emily Vece
 Vece Family
 9:30 am †Juanita Rodriguez
 Nelda Vernery & Family
 11:00 am †Alfredo and †Francisca Bill
 Dora and Jimmy Bill

Monday, March 19

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -7:30 am -Cry Room
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena- 5:00 pm- Church
 Lenten Series-6:00 pm- Kemper Hall Rm 205 & 206
 Boys Scouts- 6:30 pm - Gymnasium
 Cub Scouts-6:30 pm- Gymnasium
 Cursillos- 7:00 pm- Fireplace Room

Tuesday, March 20

Good Shepherd Level 1- 8:30 am- Kemper Hall- Atrium
 Bible Study-11:00 am -Family Life Center
 Lector Practice - 6:00 pm - Church
 RCIA-6:30 pm- Fireplace Room & Kemper Hall Rooms
 Quinceanera Prep. Classes-7:00pm- Family Life Center
 Choir - 7:00 pm- Church
 Spanish Choir Practice - 7:15 pm-Kemper Hall-Rm 209

Wednesday, March 21

Women of Notre Dame - 12:30 pm- Fireplace Room
 Good Shepherd- 5:00 pm- Kemper Hall -Atriums
 Children's Faith Formation- 5:15 pm-Social Center
 Scholl Finance Board-5:30 pm- School Library
 Jr. High School Ministry- 5:30 pm- Social Center
 Confirmation Class-6:00 pm- Fireplace Room

Thursday, March 22

Baptism Class- 6:00 pm -Kemper Hall Rm 205 & 206
 Apologetics-7:00 pm- Family Life Center

Friday, March 23

Faith Sharing-12:00 pm -Family Life Center
 KC Fish Fry-5:00 pm- Social Center

Saturday, March 24

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - 11:30 am - Church
 Child Care -4:45 pm - Nursery-Kemper Hall

Sunday, March 25

Child Care -8:00 am - Nursery- Kemper Hall
 Good Shepherd- 9:00 am- Kemper Hall -Atriums
 Teen ACTS-12:00 pm -Kemper Hall Rm 205
 Natural Family Planning-2:00 pm-Kemper Hall Rm 204
 Pastoral Council Workshop-2:00pm-4:00pm- Fireplace Rm
 Teen Ministry-5:00 pm-Social Center-Fireplace Room



*The Sanctuary Lamp will
 burn this week in
 memory of
 Inez Kruty and Helen Antinozzi
 By*



Altar Servers



Lectors



Extraordinary Mins.



Greeters



Bread Bakers

Saturday, March 24	MC-Shelby Mossman	Bill Treybig	C	B	Sandra Garcia
5:00 pm.	C-Angie Garza	Marion Worthington			
	CB-Ginny Laborde				
	CB-Danielle Snow				
Sunday, March 25	MC-Stephen Schwarz	Jena Hatchett	D	B	Consuelo Dominguez
8:00 am	C-David Schroeder	Lois Pritchard			
	CB-Marcus Real				
	CB-Bryce Real				
Sunday, March 25	MC-Andrea Wahrmund	Emma Rodriguez	A	D	Estella Trevino
9:30 am	C-Christopher Wahrmund	Sabrina Solis			
	CB-Diana Wahrmund				
	CB-Allen Southern-Garcia				
Sunday, March 25	MC-Harrison Holley	Caroline Barker	D	E	Jackie Trevino
11:00 am	C-Emily Hensley	Tobin Tilley			
	CB-Jordan Kleypas				
	CB-Kaitlin Sutherlin				



Mary Jane Viebag, Harry Winslow, Jim Wren, Grace Kieberger, Benita Garcia, Frances Vlasek, Irene Peters, Desmond Jones, Gregoria Jureczki, Sharon Schieffen, Maria Murphy, Maria Nowak, MaryAnne Collins, Terry Trauth, Lupe Gonzales, San Juanita San Miguel, Marty Magenheimer, Mary Tinch, Irene Trevino, Erasto Ayala, John Aleman, Donnie Couch, Jeanette Bell, Jean Michel Duval, Henrietta and James Bennet, Dorothy Fitzsimmons, Veronica Jansen, Irwin Schilhab, Guadalupe Pena, Lillian Dworaczyk, Robert L. Brantley, Catalina Piedra, Lilia Castillo, Mary Ann Vlasek, Dr. Edward Prejean, Isabel Lopez, Patricia Keller, Jo Keller, Beatrice Robles, Delfina Sarabia, John Miedema, Lena Treiber, Michael Popeck, Dorothy Lehane, Elizabeth Stoudt, Joe Lozano, Joann Heck, Joyce Knapik, Jacinto Anzualda, Charles Townsend, Eladio Renteria, Sigrid Lathrop, Patricia Nonn, Norma Herrera, Genoveva VanWinkle, Andrea Aleman, Cruz Flores, Clemente Alvarado, Joann James, Mary Pruneda, Rita Jackson, Dorene Russell, Herna Devoulder, Lawrence Mazurek, Rachel Arriola, Mary Grubb, Betsy Peden, Billy Shafford, Muriel Johnson, Clara Mae King, Margaret Duncan, Julia Peralta, Lila Silva, Emelio Zamora, Bernadine Decaluwe, Chris Horton, Maria Galvan, Veronica Damon, Dora Flanagan, Luis Flores, Juvenal Avelos, Patricia Boyett, Rebecca Cuellar, Regina Terpening, Edward Guzman, Charles Pflum, Bill Pritchard and all the sick of our parish family and friends.

Weekly Collections

March 10 & 11, 2007

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$18,660.16
Loose Cash	<u>1,522.46</u>
Total	\$20,182.62
Average this month	\$20,813.42
Avg. Needed Each Week	\$18,400.00
Notre Dame School	\$490.00
Bishops Overseas Appeal	\$1,173.07
Retirement for Religious	\$25.00
VIDES (Jaime Young)	\$2,350.00
Note balance as of February 28, 2007	\$386,183.93

Prayer Line

Anyone desiring prayers through the prayer line, please call
Mary Hauser at 792-4371, or Lula
Santa Maria at 257-4323

*Help some of the "poorest of the poor"
in our world today*

*Alms Dinner
for Jamie Young's
Mission to Rwanda*

*"Killer Reunion"
A 1950's murder mystery
Saturday, March 31 @ 6:30 pm
K of C Hall
(Goat Creek Rd and Doris Dr.)
Tickets are \$50.00
And available at Faith Book Store
Catered by Rails*

One By One

One By One is a ministry for those folks interesting in mentoring young mothers/fathers with infants. Mentors can help these parents raise happy, healthy children. This program which is sponsored by Partners in Ministry is holding an informational meeting on March 22. Call Carol Aceti, 257 1432, for information.



****Second Collection for next weekend,
March 24 & 25, 2007 will be for
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES****

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics, but brothers and sisters who need our help. The CRS collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.

SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP "Eucharistic Adoration"

"Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37c) Four teams of parishioners keep twenty-four hour vigil with our Lord beginning after Mass on Monday mornings and ending at 11:30 on Saturday mornings. Most commit at least one hour each week, some many more. The wee hours of the morning are sometimes difficult, but these dedicated faithful are willing to sacrifice their time and sleep to be with our Lord. Time is spent in many ways – praying the rosary or other prayers, or just sitting in quiet reflection. The chapel contains copies of different prayer aids; some bring their own. More adorers are always welcome to join the teams in adoration. We praise and thank you, Lord, for those who have listened to their baptismal call, and live their lives in stewardship in this way.



**9:30 - 10:45 am
School Library Kemper Hall**

**The Creed.
Happy 1682nd Birthday to you,
Creed!!** The Nicene Creed that we profess every Sunday comes from the council of Nicea, 325 AD and the council of Constantinople, 381 AD. It has been our principle creed since 451. Its fundamental truths lead us into communion with God and the whole Church.

The outline for the discussion on The Creed is available in the Narthex.

For more information call Carol Aceti at 257-1432

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

On Saturday, March 31, Mass will be at 5:00 pm

On Sunday, April 1, Masses will be at 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Spanish) and 11:00 am.

MISA DEL DOMINGO DE RAMOS

El Sábado, 31 de Marzo con la vigilia a las 5:00 de la tarde.

El Domingo, 1 de Abril a las 7:30 de la mañana, 9:00 de la mañana en español,
y 11:00 de la mañana.

HOLY WEEK

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during Holy Week. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 11:30 on Saturday, March 31 and exposed once again after the Monday morning Mass on April 9.

Women of Notre Dame

The Women of Notre Dame have envelopes for Easter Memorials in the Narthex. Easter is a most loving season to honor our living or deceased loved ones.



The Women of Notre Dame invite you to join them on a trip to the
**Divine Mercy Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa in San Antonio on
Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

The Cost is \$26.00 per person including lunch. Please call
Lula Santa Maria at 257-4323 or 370-2777;
Suzie Fenner at 895-4449 or 895-1751 or Caroline Herrick at 377-4986.
Hope you can join us!!!



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially **Henrietta Bennett and Jose Cepeda**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

HELP WANTED

New Position:

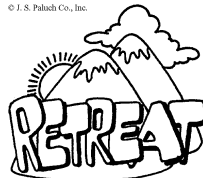
Parish Operations Manager

Seeking an energetic, creative person to manage Parish operations.
Managing: Accounting/Finance, Human Resources, Facilities, Purchasing and Office Administration

Application and job description available online.

www.ndparishkerrville.org/jobs.htm

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Teen ACTS Retreat

The Teen ACTS Retreat registration is well under way. Teens who are interested in going to this retreat please pick up an application at the Pastoral Center, Youth and Family Ministry Office or even on our website at www.ndparishkerrville.org.

The retreat will be held at:

Tecaboca on April 26 thru 29, 2007

If you would like more information contact, Emma Osorio at 257-3029, Casey Ryan at 896-4233ext 233 or Jimmy Bill at 896-4267.

Lenten Program

continues with

Matthew Kelley

Lenten Program continues.....on **Monday, March 19, 2007 at 6:15 pm**

“Living Everyday with Passion and Purpose”

By Matthew Kelley

A Fabulous, Uplifting program by a Man truly chosen by GOD.

Sessions are held in Kemper Hall Rm 205 & Rm 206

WE NEED:



The office of Youth Ministry is searching for volunteers to help with 2 ministries (senior and junior high).

*Senior high ministers serve from 5-8:15 p.m. Sunday night.

*Junior high ministers serve from 5:15-7:15 p.m. Wednesday night.

Prerequisite of service: **Enthusiastic, live with integrity, capable of spreading and learning the Catholic Faith, capable of leading the teens to Christ.**

This ministry cannot function fully without you.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Those seeking adult confirmation please call Ms. Yolanda Pickard at 895-3721.



CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Si usted quisiera Confirmarse por favor llame a la Sra. Yolanda Pickard al numero 895-3721.

**Notre Dame Classic
16th Annual Guardian Angel
Golf Tournament
Saturday, April 14, 2007**



This event has helped so many students and is such a successful and beneficial program. If you are interested in playing or being a sponsor in this tournament, please contact

**Joe Hernandez at 739-7817
or Nick Villanueva at 377-0289.**

Hope to see you at the Course!!!

RELAY FOR LIFE!!
Luminaria order forms are available in the Church and School Offices.
Please fill out the forms by or before April 12, 2007 and we will turn them in for you..

**Any questions contact
Bonnie Polewski
257-6707 or email
B.polewski@notredameschool.cc**

SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor
All its birds and all its blossoms
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Hiawatha

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Last week, we were instructed on the Introductory Rites of the Mass. Today, we will cover the Liturgy of the Word. This is the same action of the Jewish tradition when the early Christian Jews would gather in the temple to read the scriptures. The Liturgy of the Word is the first of the two MAIN parts of the liturgy – Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, that form one act of worship.

In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear God's living Word proclaimed in the Old and New Testament readings and psalm. After each, we take a few moments of silent reflection to give us a chance to reflect upon what we have heard.

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation from one of the four Gospels, which are Jesus' words, and focus on His life. The Gospel is truly the Good News which Jesus came to bring and by which we are challenged to live as He did.

We begin by singing the acclamation, the Alleluia, an acclamation of praise. In Lent, we substitute the Alleluia with another form of praise. At this time, we stand as a sign of respect for the Word, and to give attention to His message. We make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and heart, asking Jesus to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts as we listen to His Word. At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the deacon or priest reverently kisses the Book of the Gospels out of love and respect.

Next, the priest or deacon offers a homily, a reflection on the Scriptures we have just heard. It is different from a sermon which is an inspirational talk. It gives us ways that we can live the message in our daily lives and challenges us to do so as we go out into the world.

Following the homily is another period of silent reflection. At some Masses, those who will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil, are called forth to be dismissed and reflect more deeply on the readings.

Next, we stand to profess our faith as we say the Creed, stating our beliefs as Catholics. At the words of the Incarnation and Birth of Jesus, we make a profound bow with the priest (like this – show them how) as a sign of reverence.

The General Intercessions follow. This is a prayer for the universal Church, the world, the local Church, our local community, and our own parish. Other special needs may also be included.

We are then seated for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Pastoral Council Elections

Do you have a calling to serve on the Notre Dame Council? There will be a period of discernment before applications need to be submitted for consideration for elections on April 21-22.

Learn more at the Pastoral Council workshop to be held on **Sunday, March 25th, 2007 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm** in the Fireplace Room at the Social Center. **Applicants must attend this workshop.** To avoid conflicts of interest, paid staff of Notre Dame Church and School are not eligible for Pastoral Council elections. Pastoral Council members must be practicing Catholics, active members of Notre Dame Parish, and be at least 18 years of age. If you have any questions, contact **Jose Cervantes at 896-2658.**

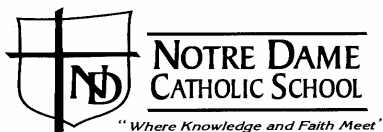
A Gift for our Seminarian, Edwin Vigil!

Yes, you are right, it is still not too late to send in your donation to the Pastoral Center at 909 Main Street, Kerrville, TX. Every DOLLAR counts. Thank you for being generous!!!



Come Journey with Us
ACTS Missions and
ACTS Retreat Foundation
Present an ACTS Evening with
Fr. Ron Rolheiser
“The Adult Mandate to Bless”

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Chapel
on the grounds of the
Oblate School of Theology
285 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, TX
Free Admission • Seating limited to 500●
For more information contact:
Tom Peterson at 210-342-1077
Libby Roussin at 210-342-1077 or
Joe Hemmi at 210-913-5500



Dear Friends of Notre Dame Catholic School,

We are in the process of gathering information for our Notre Dame Catholic School Alumni Data Base. The purpose for this is to enable us to communicate upcoming events such as homecoming, class reunions, parties, family picnics, etc. We are also publishing an annual NDS Alumni Newsletter which will spotlight alumni, highlight events, and inform you of NDS activities. Expect to see the first edition in early 2008.

If you are a graduate of NDS, or know someone who is a graduate of NDS we need your help. Please email your basic contact information to alumnirelations@notredameschool.cc or visit NDS website www.notredameschool.cc to download PDF form. The form may be mailed to 907 Main St or faxed to 792-4370.

Any help in uniting our Notre Dame Catholic School family is appreciated.

Thank You,

Karen Klein, Alumni Committee President
Merrily White, Alumni Relations
Melissa Southern, Alumni Relations

LAST CHANCE!!!!

Knights of Columbus



Fried Fish, Cole Slaw, Beans, Hush Puppies, Water, Tea & Coffee

Dine In or Take Out

Cost: Adults: \$7.00, Children: \$5.00 (3-12), Free (2 & Under)

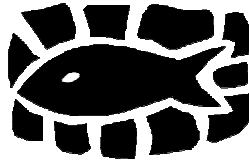
Friday, March 23, 2007

Time: Serving Begins at 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Location: Notre Dame Social Center

944 Water Street, Kerrville

A portion of the proceeds will be given to Knights of Columbus Charities



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Guadalupana's Lenten Dinners

ONE more chance to TASTE

will be on Friday:

March 30th, 2007

at 5:30 pm in the Social Center.

Cost will be \$7.00 for Adults & \$5.00 for children.

Take out will be available...

March 30, 2007– Salmon Patties, Fideo, Beans, Dessert, Tea or Coffee

La Sociedad Guadalupana tendra su cenas durante la cuaresma

30 de marzo serviran Salmon, Fideo, Frijoles, Capirutada, Te o Cafe