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MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Summer: **changes** 9:30 a.m.
June through August)

DAILY MASSES:
Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
Spanish: Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. and by appointment
In Spanish: Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
CLASSES: English - Sundays from 9:30 a.m.
until 10:45 a.m.
Español: Domingos de
6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Director: Jim McKinney

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March 6, 2011

SAINT RITA
Pray for us



WELCOME TO ST. RITA

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. May God bless all of us!

Today we are warned against any kind of vanity to think that we are already in God's Kingdom because we pronounce His name or work in His Church.

That is not enough, actually it is nothing. That one professes to be a believer and a Christian; that they cast out demons or perform miracles in the name of Jesus does not mean anything if their heart does not correspond to God's will.

This is the great challenge. Is it possible that such a situation can exist?

Jesus seems to say: the only essential thing in our life of faith is the faithful completion of God's will. Without this conviction, everything else that we do in the Church lacks value.

Seeing things from this perspective, this gospel becomes a serious warning for everyone who calls themselves Christian. It could be that we do too many things in the name of religion. But does all of that respond to God's will?

We can also ask ourselves: What does this Will of God consist of? Judging by the examples that Jesus gives us God's will manifests itself inside the person...it is hidden...it is small. But there is something else, it presupposes a permanent attitude in the person who is searching for the truth.

Thus this gospel could shake up the entire structure of our Catholicism. The circumstances are right, it seems as though the moment has arrived to ask ourselves if everything we do in the name of Christian faith is anchored in a sincere preoccupation to serve the people in God's name, or to serve ourselves in our own name.

The second part of the discourse of Jesus is a clear consequence of the anterior. When difficulties arise and we are put to the test, then we can see whether or not there was a trap.

It is the storm that Jesus refers to in the gospel, they are the purifying waters; it is the deluge that arrives from time to time to confuse human pride disguised as religious mysticism. At this time that we are put to the test, if we sincerely look for God's Will, these facts should bring us to a valiant and deep, examination of conscience. For on the contrary, we will become defensive and prepare our counter attack.

If we try to fulfill God's will we should not be worried about material benefits that we can receive in the name of religion. Jesus gave us another set of norms for evangelization : being at the service of others, poor, humble, prayerful, generous and being confident in God.

If we think that the new political philosophy that might invade will do away with the Christian religion

Hoy nos previene contra cierta fatua vanidad de creernos ya dentro del Reino de Dios por el simple hecho de pronunciar su nombre o trabajar en su Iglesia.

No basta todo eso; mas aun, no es nada. Que una persona se confiese creyente y cristiana, que llegue a profetizar o echar demonios o hacer milagros en nombre de Cristo, no significa nada si su corazón no responde a la voluntad de Dios.

Esto es un desafío: Es posible que se de semejante situación?

Jesús parece decir: lo único esencial en la vida de fe es el fiel cumplimiento de la voluntad de Dios. Sin esta condición, todo lo demás que se haga en la Iglesia carece de valor.

Miradas las cosas desde esta perspectiva, este Evangelio se transforma en una seria advertencia para todos los que nos decimos cristianos: puede ser que hagamos demasiadas cosas en nombre y a cuenta de la religión, pero responde todo eso a la voluntad divina?

Mas también podemos preguntarnos: Que es o en que consiste esta voluntad de Dios? A juzgar por los ejemplos que trae Jesús, esta voluntad de Dios se manifiesta en el interior de la persona, en lo oculto y en lo pequeño. Pero hay algo mas: supone una actitud permanente en la persona de búsqueda pura y desinteresada de la verdad.

Así, este Evangelio puede llegar a sacudir seriamente toda la armazón de nuestro catolicismo. Las circunstancias son propicias: parece llegado el momento de preguntarnos si todo lo que hacemos en nombre de la fe cristiana esta fundamentado en una sincera preocupación de servir a la gente en nombre de Dios, o de servirnos de la gente para nuestro propio interés.

La segunda parte del discurso de Jesús es una clara consecuencia de lo anterior. Cuando llegan las horas de prueba y se suman las dificultades, entonces queda en claro si hubo o no hubo trampa.

Es la tormenta a la que alude el Evangelio; son las aguas purificadoras; es el diluvio que llega de tanto en tanto para confundir el orgullo humano disfrazado de mística religiosa. Es esta la hora de nuestra prueba: si buscamos sinceramente la voluntad de Dios, estos hechos deben llevarnos a un examen de conciencia valiente y profundo. De lo contrario, nos colocaremos a la defensiva y prepararemos el contra-ataque.

Si buscamos cumplir la voluntad de Dios no han de preocuparemos los beneficios materiales que podemos usufructuar en nombre de la religión. Otras son las normas que dio Jesús a quienes debían evangelizar: disponibilidad, pobreza, humildad, oración, generosidad, confianza en Dios.

Si pensamos que las nuevas filosofías políticas que nos invaden acabaran por terminar con la religión cristiana, es clara señal de que dicha religión es solo una

it is a clear sign that religion is only a façade.

In synthesis: never have the words of Jesus been as important as they are today in his well known word that gives life. It is only when Faith takes time to listen to the sincere Word and it's faithful fulfillment, can we have the guarantee that the structure is solidly built.

All of this brings us to an ultimate reflection:

It is possible that our Christianity has grown along side of the Gospel. Too much theology, reason, too many canon law books, too many norms that have prevented our getting close to the Word like no other, to reflect more clearly on God's point of view. We can surmise that the Gospel is the fundamental solid, rock on which everything rests.

It is also possible that we have confused the word of Jesus with certain anecdotes of his life. Slowly we go about discovering that the Gospel of the Kingdom implies a profound change in the interior of the person and their social life. With time we can become aware that the same concept of religion must be modified if we hope to preach the gospel. The important thing for now is to take on this moment of crisis and begin where we should always begin with the sincere listening to The Word of Jesus the Christ, our Lord, and our Savior.

Fr. Bill Persia, csc

fachada. En síntesis: nunca como hoy son validas para nosotros las palabras de Jesús en su conocida parábola. Solo cuando la fe se asienta en la escucha sincera de la Palabra y en su fiel cumplimiento, podemos tener la garantía de que el edificio esta solidamente edificado.

Todo esto nos lleva a una ultima reflexión:

Es posible que nuestro cristianismo haya crecido al margen del Evangelio. Demasiada teología racionalista, demasiados libros de derecho canónico y de moral, demasiados estatutos y normas nos han impedido acercarnos a esa palabra que, como ninguna otra, refleja con mas perfección el punto de vista de Dios. Si consideramos a la Iglesia como el edificio al que alude el Evangelio, bien podemos suponer que es el Evangelio el fundamento o la piedra sólida en la que debe apoyarse.

Es posible que confundamos el Evangelio con ciertas anécdotas de la vida de Jesús. Lentamente vamos descubriendo que el Evangelio del Reino implica un cambio profundo en el interior de la persona y en toda su vida social. Con el tiempo podremos darnos cuenta de que el mismo concepto de religión debe ser modificado si nos atenemos a los enunciados evangélicos. Lo importante por ahora es asumir este momento de crisis y comenzar por donde siempre debimos comenzar: por la escucha atenta y sincera de la Palabra de Jesucristo

Padre Bill Persia, csc

SUNDAY'S READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

March/Marzo 6

1st Reading (1ª Lectura): Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32

Responsorial Psalm (Salmo): Psalm 31

2nd Reading (2ª Lectura): Romans 3:21-25, 28

Gospel (Evangelio): Matthew 7:21-27

DAILY READINGS-LECTURAS DIARIAS

March/Marzo 7-12

Mon/Lun	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
Tues/Mar	Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
Wed/Mie	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs/Jue	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri/Vie	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sat/Sab	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Mass Intentions For The Week



MONDAY/LUNES, MARCH 7
 8:30 am +Martino Mattessich
 By Tarabocchia Family

TUESDAY/MARTES, MARCH 8
 8:30 am Mary John - Special Intention
 By the John Family

ASH WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DE CENIZA, MARCH 9

8:30 am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

(Eng.) 6:00 pm +Bernard Wagner
 By Ray & Terry Pawlicki

(Sp.) 7:30 pm +Clara Carrasco
 By Martin Carrasco

THURSDAY/JUEVES, MARCH 10
 8:30 am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
 By Gabino Nuñez

FRIDAY/VIERNES, MARCH 11
 8:30 am + Mark Yonke
 By Helen Helseth

SATURDAY/SABADO, MARCH 12
 8:30 am Dave Richardson-Thank you from SMFP
 4:30 pm +Antonio Tarabocchia
 By Wife

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, MARCH 13
 8:00 am Parishioners
 11:00 am +Robert Largent
 By Bud & Caroline Largent

(Sp.) 5:00 pm Available



LENTEN REGULATIONS 2011

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP:



To assist in promoting a common observance of penance during the season



of Lent, the following Lenten penitential regulations are issued for the Diocese of St. Petersburg for 2011.

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of FAST.

On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT, including GOOD FRIDAY, are also days of ABSTINENCE.

On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older.

If members of the faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition.



MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday/Sunday Bake Sale for Vestments Sunday/Domingo, March 6
Special Collection for Catholic Education
 9:30 am Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.
 6:15 pm Formación de la Fe y R.C.I.A.

Monday/Lunes, March 7
 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration till 5 pm followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Grupo de Juan XXIII

Ash Wednesday/Miércoles de Ceniza, March 9-Day of obligatory fast and abstinence

Thursday/Jueves, March 10
 10:30 am **Scripture study in Religious Ed. Bldg.**
 6:00 pm Misión en los campos

Friday/Viernes, March 11-Day of abstinence
 6:00 pm Bingo-Doors open at 5 pm
 6:00 pm Encuentro de Jovenes Adolescentes
 8:00 pm **Stations of the Cross (Eng.)**

Saturday/Sabado, March 12
 8:30 am **Free Tax Preparation-Call 211 for appointment**
 7:00 pm Grupo de Jovenes Adultos

Sunday/Domingo, March 13 Daylight saving time begins

Toucan Sunday
 Please bring two cans of food for our needy

Misa de Ofrendas
 Comparte con los mas necesitados

8:30 am **Florida Blood Services until 1 pm**
 9:30 am Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.
 2:00 pm Rite of Election at the Cathedral
 6:15 pm Formación de la Fe y R.C.I.A.



AARP TAX-AIDE-Free Tax Return Preparation

Available through April 15 at St. Rita on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. To make an appointment, call the United Way at 211 or 727-845-4357 Walk-ins also accepted after taxpayers with reservations have been accommodated.

CUARESMA.

Comienza la Cuaresma, y nos ponemos en camino hacia la Pascua, pero para vivirla tenemos que convertirnos y creer la Buena Noticia de Jesús, escuchando su Palabra, creciendo en la oración, convirtiéndonos al Señor y amando a nuestros hermanos.



Ayuno de Cuaresma:

Una sola comida al día, las otras se hacen siendo algo ligero **La Iglesia requiere ayuno y abstinencia (no comer carne) los días:** Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo.

-Requiere abstinencia todos los viernes de cuaresma.
¿Para quién? -Para todos los mayores de edad (18 años), hasta cumplir los 59 años. Los enfermos están excluidos. (Canon 1251).

Faith Formation

MESSAGE OF PEACE 2011
POPE BENEDICT XVI

Dialogue between civil and religious institutions

9. The patrimony of principles and values expressed by an authentic religiosity is a source of enrichment for peoples and their *ethos*. It speaks directly to the conscience and mind of men and women, it recalls the need for moral conversion, and it encourages the practice of the virtues and a loving approach to others as brothers and sisters, as members of the larger human family.

With due respect for the positive secularity of state institutions, the public dimension of religion must always be acknowledged. *A healthy dialogue between civil and religious institutions* is fundamental for the integral development of the human person and social harmony.

Living in love and in truth

10. In a globalized world marked by increasingly multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies, the great religions can serve as an important factor of unity and peace for the human family. On the basis of their religious convictions and their reasoned pursuit of the common good, their followers are called to give responsible expression to their commitment within a context of religious freedom. Amid the variety of religious cultures, there is a need to value those elements which foster civil coexistence, while rejecting whatever is contrary to the dignity of men and women.

The public space which the international community makes available for the religions and their proposal of what constitutes a “good life” helps to create a measure of agreement about truth and goodness, and a moral consensus; both of these are fundamental to a just and peaceful coexistence. The leaders of the great religions, thanks to their position, their influence and their authority in their respective communities, are the first ones called to mutual respect and dialogue.

Christians, for their part, are spurred by their faith in God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, to live as brothers and sisters who encounter one another in the Church and work together in building a world where individuals and peoples “shall not hurt or destroy ... for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Is 11:9).

...to be continued...

Formación de la fe

MENSAJE DE LA PAZ 2011
PAPA BENEDICTO XVI

Diálogo entre instituciones civiles y religiosas

9. El patrimonio de principios y valores expresados en una religiosidad auténtica es una riqueza para los pueblos y su *ethos*. Se dirige directamente a la conciencia y a la razón de los hombres y mujeres, recuerda el imperativo de la conversión moral, motiva el cultivo y la práctica de las virtudes y la cercanía hacia los demás con amor, bajo el signo de la fraternidad, como miembros de la gran familia humana.

La dimensión pública de la religión ha de ser siempre reconocida, respetando la laicidad positiva de las instituciones estatales. Para dicho fin, es fundamental *un sano diálogo entre las instituciones civiles y las religiosas* para el desarrollo integral de la persona humana y la armonía de la sociedad.

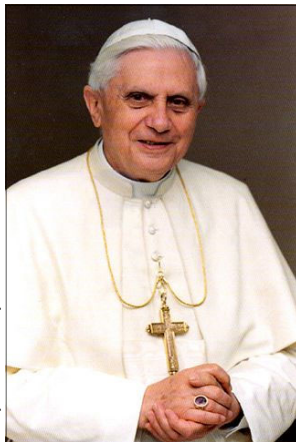
Vivir en el amor y en la verdad

10. En un mundo globalizado, caracterizado por sociedades cada vez más multiétnicas y multiconfesionales, las grandes religiones pueden constituir un importante factor de unidad y de paz para la familia humana. Sobre la base de las respectivas convicciones religiosas y de la búsqueda racional del bien común, sus seguidores están llamados a vivir con responsabilidad su propio compromiso en un contexto de libertad religiosa. En las diversas culturas religiosas, a la vez que se debe rechazar todo aquello que va contra la dignidad del hombre y la mujer, se ha de tener en cuenta lo que resulta positivo para la convivencia civil.

El espacio público, que la comunidad internacional pone a disposición de las religiones y su propuesta de “vida buena”, favorece el surgir de un criterio compartido de verdad y de bien, y de un consenso moral, fundamentales para una convivencia justa y pacífica. Los líderes de las grandes religiones, por su papel, su influencia y su autoridad en las propias comunidades, son los primeros en ser llamados a vivir en el respeto recíproco y en el diálogo.

Los cristianos, por su parte, están llamados por la misma fe en Dios, Padre del Señor Jesucristo, a vivir como hermanos que se encuentran en la Iglesia y colaboran en la edificación de un mundo en el que las personas y los pueblos «no harán daño ni estrago [...], porque está lleno el país de la ciencia del Señor, como las aguas colman el mar» (Is 11, 9).

...continuará...



Rose for Our Lady

Pray for Peace during this time of Lent
Requested by: no name submitted
Pray for soul of brother who was killed in Iwo Jima
Requested by brother



Please call Phyllis Grossi @352-567-6105 for information. Openings are available.

LORD, GRANT ETERNAL REST TO THE SOULS OF ALL OUR DEAR DEPARTED, especially Joyce White and Deborah Murphy. We offer our sympathy and prayers to their families and friends. "May the angels lead them to paradise and may the martyrs welcome them on their way and lead them into the holy city, Jerusalem!"

Congratulations to Alma Arredando on the celebration of her Quinceañera on February 26.



PRAYER LIST - Please pray for **Robert Murray**. Please notify the office if you wish to have a family member's name on the Prayer List. Names will remain on the list for two weeks.

HOSPITALIZATION Please notify the office if a family member is hospitalized, and make sure that the patient is listed in hospital records as a Catholic. The hospital will not release your name. We can only visit if you notify the parish.



HOSPITALIZADOS: Por favor informe en la Oficina si tiene algún familiar o amigo enfermo y desea que sea visitado.

COFFEE AND DONUTS Every Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass. Please join us in the hall.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, beginning March 11th at 8:00 pm in English.

Every Wednesday of Lent, beginning March 16 at 6:30 pm in Spanish.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. **Rice Bowls will be available on Ash Wednesday.**



Como parte de la conmemoración de la Cuaresma, nuestra comunidad de fe, participará en el programa de Catholic Relief Services, Operación Plato de Arroz. Los animamos a que participen en Operación Plato de Arroz en el hogar junto con su familia y seres queridos.



St. Rita Catholic Church Blood Drive, Sunday, March 13, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. All lifesaving donors will receive a vintage style baseball cap, a wellness checkup including a cholesterol screening, plus the chance to save 3 lives! Photo ID required to donate. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board at the south entrance of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry to help the needy.



WALK FOR LIFE 2011 - Saturday, April 2, 11:30 a.m. at St. Leo University.

Walk and support the annual fundraiser for Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center, a ministry of Catholic Charities. The Walk for Life benefits women in an unplanned

or crisis pregnancy. For information or to register call 352-521-1218 or email to

bgimenez@ccdosp.org topic Walk For Life or go to www.pregnancyplus.org for registration and sponsor forms.



ST. RITA SPRING FLING! - DINNER AND DANCE

March 26th at Knights of Columbus Hall, San Antonio

Music by A-Sharp DJ George Dombrowski

Dinner served 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm, Dance 8 to 11pm

Baked Ziti, Salad, Roll, Drink,

Tickets: Couples \$15.00, Singles \$8.00 (Limited Seating) Refreshments Served, BYOB

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 Contact Liz Kutsch at 352-206-4133

PASTORAL FORMATION TRAINING March 25-27 - St. Clement Catholic Church

Are you interested in: Preparing for Pastoral Leadership?, Currently working with migrant farmworkers and immigrants?, Looking to work with migrants and immigrants in a culturally diverse Church and society? Please contact Janice Putvin 813-752-8251 x305 or visit www.stclementpc.org for registration fee and information.

ENTRENAMIENTO DE FORMACION PASTORAL Marzo 25-27 - Iglesia San Clemente

Esta interesado en?: ¿Prepararse para un liderazgo pastoral?, ¿Trabaja actualmente con trabajadores de la agricultura emigrantes?, ¿Busca trabajar con inmigrantes en una sociedad e Iglesia de diversidad cultural? Favor contactar a Janice Putvin 813-752-8251 x305 o visitar a www.stclementpc.org para cuota de inscripcion y mayores informes.

Weekly Offering
 For/ Para 2/27:
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READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST	SERVER
Mary Eversmann Joseph Marciniak	Saturday, 4:30 p.m., March 12 Thomas Crowley Raymond Gravel Jane Dunwoodie	
Charlie Basile Sara Ross	Sunday, 8:00 a.m., March 13 J. Brownsberger María Gonzalez Alice Hornuth	
Adrianna Siller Maureen Terranova	Sunday, 11:00 a.m., March 13 Margherita Hoffmann Eric Phaller Mary Barrett	



2011 Annual Pastoral Appeal

Our parish goal is 100% participation. If we can help you understand the benefits of this Appeal, please contact the parish office, or visit our diocesan website at www.dosp.org and explore the many ministry, programs and services available throughout our Diocese that are sponsored by all of our parishes together, united as one Catholic Church. God moves the hearts of everyone, if you have not yet responded, please consider the many blessings from our Lord in your life, and may you receive that wonderful feeling of God's love in the giving of your personal gift on behalf of our parish to the Annual Pastoral Appeal. We need your support! Please, Make a Difference!

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Click on **Annual Pastoral Appeal**

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PRAYER LINE

For prayer requests please call Ethel at (352) 521-9851

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Spanish: 5:00 p.m. (Summer **changes** to 9:30 am June through August)

Daily Masses:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Spanish: Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. and by appointment

Sunday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT FOR VOCATIONS:

Every Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. followed by Benediction

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Monday after the morning Mass

ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents please contact the Parish Office.

Spanish: A month of preparation classes.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Two years preparation required.