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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

29 DE ENERO DEL 2012

CITRUS FIESTA & PARADE 2012!



MONDAY / LUNES, 30 DE ENERO

BISHOP FLORES' ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

6:55 A.M. LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA Y COMUNION /
LITURGY OF THE WORD W/ COMMUNION

TUESDAY, MARTES, 31 DE ENERO

ST. JOHN BOSCO

6:55 A.M. LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA Y COMUNION /
LITURGY OF THE WORD W/ COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY / MIERCOLES, 1 DE FEBRERO

6:55 A.M. MASS

+Ma. Rosa Moreno & Maria Rodriguez- Jose G. Moreno

THURSDAY / JUEVES, 2 DE FEBRERO

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2ND ANNIVERSARY OF MOST REV. BISHOP FLORES

INSTALLED AS THE 6TH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BROWNSVILLE

6:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

7:00 P.M. MASS

+Guillermo Compean, Jr.- 1952 Class of OLG

+Graciela Juarez

FRIDAY / VIERNES, 3 DE FEBRERO

ST. BLASE

ST. ANSGAR

6:55 A.M. MASS

+Josefina Garcia-OLG

+Estela Vela- OLG

+Roy Clarence Henry- OLG

5:00 P.M. WEDDING OF JOSE BAZAN & ARACELY HERNANDEZ

SATURDAY / SÁBADO, 4 DE FEBRERO

7:30 A.M. SABATINA

4:00 P.M. MASS (ENGL)

+Don Cheval (7th Anniv)- Wife

+Pablo Elizondo- Esposa e Hijos

+Rip Halverson- Renie

+Ernesto Torres- Fam. Flores

+Leo Luera- Fam. Flores

+Pedro Marroquin- Esposa & Fam.

+Ralph Obenauf- Francis & Mary Vanhecke

+Robert Joseph Meylor- Alice Zimmer

+Candida Rodriguez (15th Anniv)- Cathy Palacios

A/G 15th Birthday blessing of Cynthia Gonzalez

A/G to the Infant- Yolanda Sanchez

5:30 P.M. MASS (ENGL)

+Ramona Vela Segundo (3rd Anniv)- Fam. Vela

+Ralph Obenauf- Mary Obenauf

7:00 P.M. MASS (SPAN)

+Angelina Cortes (1st Anniv)- Sister Lupita

+Elva Yzaguirre Martinez- Fam.

+Guadalupe Almaraz Lopez- Fam. Fraire

+Aniceto Lara Villarreal- Fam. Palacios

+Jose C. Angel Lara- Fam. Palacios

+Jose Juan de Dios Lara Lopez- Fam. Palacios

+Jose Guadalupe Aniceto Lara Lopez- Fam. Palacios

+Ignacio Salazar (B-day)- Hijos

+Ignacio Montelongo (Anniv)- Fam. Montelongo



ISN'T THIS THE SON OF JOSEPH, THE CARPENTER? YEAH! AND GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN SMALL TOWNS! 'IT'S ALIGHT TO BE LITTLE BITTY! A LITTLE HOME TOWN OR A BIG OLD CITY, MIGHT AS WELL SHARE, MIGHT AS WELL SMILE, LIFE GOES ON FOR A LITTLE BITTY WHILE.' (ALAN JACKSON) LET'S CELEBRATE A CITRUS FIESTA IN OUR HOME TOWN!

God's Hidden Face

When Saint Alphonsus went to give a mission, he was told that the archbishop of the diocese would like to meet him. When he arrived, the archbishop and his host were still at their midday meal, so Alphonsus went into the castle chapel to finish his Office. The priest-son of the castle owner, meanwhile, went into the chapel to close it up and saw a shaggy looking priest, dressed in rags and with a straggly beard, sitting in the chapel. He asked the man to leave. "May I finish my Office?" asked Alphonsus, but young priest snapped at him. A table cloth had been stolen just the day before, and he suspected this vagabond priest to come to steal another. Alphonsus went out to the square in front of the castle, where he finished his prayers.

When the archbishop and host family finished their meal, it was announced that he famous missionary Father Alphonsus Liguori had arrived for a visit. All went down to meet him. To the utter terror of the young priest, he discovered that Alphonsus was the beggar he had thrown out moments before. Alphonsus, however, acted as if he had never met the young priest before, greeted him warmly, and said nothing to anyone about the incident in the chapel. Only because the young priest spoke about it did it become known. (Rey-Mermet, *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*, pag. 405)

Saint Alphonsus Liguori's story makes the point clear — we should never dismiss anyone as being unimportant and always be alert to God's presence to us through others.



La cara de Dios que no vemos

Una vez que San Alfonso fue San Alfonso fue a predicar una misión, le dijeron que el arzobispo de la diócesis quería verlo. Cuando llego, el arzobispo y sus anfitriones todavía estaban almorzando, así que Alfonso fue a la capilla del castillo para terminar el Oficio. Cuando un sacerdote que también era hijo del dueño del castillo llego para cerrar la capilla, vio a un sacerdote harapiento y con una barba descuidada sentado en la capilla. Le pidió al hombre que se fuera. "¿Puedo terminar mi Oficio?" Alfonso le pregunto, pero el joven sacerdote le contesto de mala manera. Se habían robado un mantel el día anterior y sospechaba que este sacerdote vagabundo había venido a robar otro. San Alfonso camino a la plaza frente al castillo, donde termino sus oraciones.

Cuando el arzobispo y sus anfitriones terminaron de comer, se anuncio que Alfonso Maria de Liguori, misionero famoso, había llegado de visita. Todos fueron a verlo. Y el joven sacerdote se aterrorizo cuando vio que alfonso era el vagabundo que el habia botado pocos minutos antes. Sin embargo, Alfonso atuo como si nunca hubiera conocido al joven sacerdote: lo saludo muy carinosamente y no dijo nada acerca del incidente en la capilla. Solo se supo lo que paso porque el joven sacerdote lo conto. (Rey-Mermet, *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*, pag. 405)

Este relato acerca de San Alfonso Maria de Liguori hace hincapié en el hecho de que debemos siempre estar alertas a la presencia de Dios en los demas.

This is the 3RD Sunday after the arrival and moving on of the Three Kings, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Next Saturday and Sunday we'll celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas (Candelaria). The actual feast is February 2nd (Ground Hog Day) but we'll save that beautiful little story for Sunday when we can enjoy it together. We'll have it dramatized by a couple of our senior citizens (Simeon & Ana) with a couple of our "jovenes" (Mary & Joseph). As usual, it'll be a beautiful day in the neighborhood. We'll conclude the Masses with the beautiful and sweet old custom of **BLESSING OUR THROATS**, counting on the love and prayers of San Blas (St. Blase) and of each other to help us stay hearty and healthy through the coming year. We will also bless throats at the Mass on Thursday night (7 P.M.) and Friday morning (6:55 A.M. & 8:30 A.M.). If you're looking to beat the crowd, that might be your best bet.

After next weekend, we'll finally tackle the sad job of taking down all the beautiful lights, trees, and nativity scenes as we say farewell to the last "afterglow" of Christmas and move into 2012. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22nd! ¡Que cosas! Time flies!

DO WE **HAVE** TO TAKE IT ALL DOWN?

345 ...TIL

DAYS... CHRISTMAS!

WELL, NOT YET. WE'LL WAIT TIL **AFTER** THE CANDELARIA (FEB. 2ND)

Speaking of beautiful days in the neighborhood...By the time you read this we'll be celebrating or be back from the great Citrus Fiesta Parade and be back home with our beautiful float and 1st Prize Trophy! Reckon? I Reckon! Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! So many good folks worked so hard to celebrate with us. What a fine parish! What a fine Fiesta! What a fine float! Every year as the thrill of Christmas fades and the promise of Spring hasn't quite dawned and our spirits start to sag a little, we get fired up by the great Citrus Fiesta! Ain't that something!?!? What a fine team of volunteers and what a fine parish and town!

WELL, FR. ROY JUST HAD TO RIDE FAT!

MAYBE...



...NEXT
YEAR!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School will have an Open House THIS Sunday, January 29, after the 12:30 Mass. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School offers a quality education for grades Pre-K through 6th. We really hope we will we have the interest, response, and income to go to 7th Grade. We really need and appreciate your support!

Maybe you remember, but you could put it on the icebox or calendar if you're interested: Saturday, January 7, 2012, we started with a 5:30 P.M. mass. If it is well attended, as it always is, we'll keep it through March 31st, the eve of Palm Sunday.

You can pick up your Sunday envelopes at the back of the church. Please write your correct address and phone number on your envelopes so we can check and update our computer list. If you haven't used envelopes and would like to, that would tickle us plumb to death! You can get a box and register at the parish office, open seven days a week: Monday-Friday, 9:30 A.M.-6 P.M., Saturday, 9:00 A.M.-7 P.M. & Sun 8:30 A.M.-2 P.M. The coffee is always on!

O.L.G Boy Scout Troop 80 FIRST ANNUAL PANCAKE & DONUTS SALE, Sunday, February 5 7 A.M.- Noon! Y'all come!

We're on the pull tab drive again. Bring `em in anytime! Thanks!

LIFE IS...
Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is a life, fight for it.
--Mother Teresa



Our great Citrus Fiesta Parade is a great celebration of life here in our little (?) town. We rediscover, savor, share, and celebrate life here on the Rio Grande. It's alright... it's GREAT to be little bitty!



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$16,709.98

We will tenderly and lovingly remember all our sick friends and parishioners at all our masses this weekend. Also please remember in your prayers, +Josefina Garcia, +Estela Vela, & +Roy Clarence Henry who died last week, and their families in their great sorrow. Que brille para ellos la luz perpetua.

Alan Jackson sings a sweet, happy song that expresses beautifully and playfully the great theme about our little bitty lives in Christ. He didn't write it for the parade, but it's sure a good reflection for that! Maybe I should just play the song and sit down and listen! That **WOULD** be a "little bitty" sermon! "It's alright to be little bitty!"

Have a little love on a little honeymoon
You got a little dish and you got a little spoon
A little bitty house and a little bitty yard
Little bitty dog and a little bitty car

Well, it's alright to be little bitty
Little hometown or a big old city
Might as well share, might as well smile
Life goes on for a little bitty while

A little bitty baby in a little bitty gown
It'll grow up in a little bitty town
Big yellow bus and little bitty books
It all started with a little bitty look

Well, it's alright to be little bitty
Little hometown or a big old city
Might as well share, might as well smile
Life goes on for a little bitty while

You know you got a job and a little bitty check
Six pack of beer and television set
Little bitty world goes around and around
Little bit of silence and a little bit of sound

A good ole boy and a pretty little girl
Start all over in a little bitty world

A little bitty plan and a little bitty dream
It's all part of a little bitty scheme

Well, it's alright to be little bitty
Little hometown or a big old city
Might as well share, might as well smile
Life goes on for a little bitty while

LOOK AT THAT
OLD, GRAY
HAired, FAT GUY
ON THE BIG
HORSE! IS THAT
JOHN WAYNE,
ROY ROGERS,
GENE AUTRY, OR
MAYBE BARNEY
FIFE! GREAT DAY
IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!
WAY TO GO
BARNEY! TAKE
CARE OF THEM
KNEES!



Every year in the dark, doldrums of the dull, down time in the dead of Winter after the Three Kings have gone and we're maybe a little bit run down, de-energized, and dejected, even though (or maybe especially because!) we might wonder if the "little bit" of strength, energy, or enthusiasm we have is really enough... We say "Let's all go out and have a big parade!" And maybe dragging our feet little bit and wondering if it's such a good idea, we go out and CELEBRATE LIFE here in our old hometown down on the Rio Grande. We see the Life Force, Love Force, of God in the juicy citrus & in the juicy and dry times of our lives! When it's over, we're all fired up and reenergized, full of zeal and looking forward to the future. Even old grouches like Fr. Roy say, "Man that was fun!" We might also say, "I'm glad we don't have to do it again till next year!" But we sure say, "What a great parade! What a great parish! What a great town! What a great life! Que Cosas!