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SATURDAY / SÁBADO, 24 DE MARZO

7:30 A.M. SABATINA

12:00 A.M. WEDDING OF GUADALUPE & FAUSTINA RODRIGUEZ

2:00 P.M. WEDDING OF LUIS & JEANETTE MUÑOZ

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. MASS (ENGL)

+Guillermo Compean- Linda Cruz & Vicente Tobias

+Fr. Agapito Santos, OMI (B-day)- Ramona

+Humberto Rodriguez (10th Anniv)- Wife & Fam.

+Juanita Casas- Elia Rodriguez

+Pedro Marroquin- Esposa e Hijos

+Robert Joseph Meylor- M/M Elmo Martin

+Rafaela Salazar- Pete & Paula Guajardo

+Josefina Flores- Ramiro Flores & Fam.

+Thomas Allen- Fam.

+Domingo & Mito Arce- Fina Arce & Fam.

+Dcn. Lucio Flores (4th Anniv)- Wife, Lupita & Fam.

5:30 P.M. MASS (ENGL)

+Ralph Obenauf- Mary Obenauf

+Ruben Garcia- Garcia Fam.

+Gilberto Lopez, Sr.- Esposa, Alicia G. Lopez e Hijos

+Arturo & Basilia Pequeno- Fam.

7:00 P.M. MASS (SPAN)

+Genovevo Salinas (8th Anniv)- Ricardo Gonzalez Salinas & Fam.

+Elva Yzaguirre Martinez- Fam. Martinez

+Natalio Martinez (3rd Anniv)- Salinas Fam.

+Antonio & Consuelo Flores- Carmen Ramirez

+Martin Mata (5th Anniv)- Fam.

+Gilberto Lopez, Sr.- Esposa, Alicia G. Lopez e Hijos

+Jose Martin Ochoa- Fam.

+Agustina Gutierrez- Fam. Gutierrez

+Juan & Teresa Silva- Ruiz Fam.

SUNDAY/ DOMINGO, 25 DE MARZO

7:30 A.M. MASS (SPAN)

+Maria Rosa Moreno & Maria Rodriguez- Jose G. Moreno, Sr.

+Oscar Reyna, Jr. (3rd Anniv)- Father & Fam. Reyna

+Ricardo Becho (17th Anniv)- Fam.

+Vicenta Garza (33rd Anniv)- Frank & Olga Garza

+Olga Moreno- Porfirio Moreno

+Augustin O'caña- M/M Ruben Hernandez

+Aurelio Ramirez- Fam. Ramirez

9:00 A.M. MASS (ENGL)

+Betty Bellert- Husband, Richard Bellert

+Heraclio & Petra R. Olivarez- Fam.

+Jose Longoria- Fam.

+Sofia B. Castillo (B-day)- Frank & Grace Castillo & Fam.

+Florence Powell- Carl Powell

+Santos Ramos (B-day)- Esposa

+John Williams- Powell Fam.

+Germaine Martel- Martel Fam.

+Camilo Vasquez (10th Anniv)- Fam.

A/G 15th Birthday Blessing of Emily Garza

10:30 A.M. MASS (ENGL)

FOR THE PEOPLE/ POR EL PUEBLO

12:30 NOON MASS (TEX-MEX)

+Andy Guajardo- Socorro Guajardo Hernandez

+Javier Rodriguez, Jr. (B-day)- Rodriguez Fam.

+Reynaldo & Rudy Garcia- Garcia Fam.

+Ricardo Contreras (27th Anniv)- Fam.

+Leonel Barrera, Jr. (14th Anniv)- Family

+Manuel Guerra (28th Anniv)- Guerra Fam.

+Dora Elia G. Dufur (B-day)- Guerra Fam.

+Ruben Flores (52nd Anniv)- Guerra Fam.

+SPC. Alex Gonzalez- Parents & Sisters

For the Health of Efrain Garcia- Alma Peña & Fam.

5:30 P.M. MASS (TEX-MEX)

+Ruben Sandoval (1st Anniv)- Fam.

+Ruben Garcia- Garcia Fam.

+Felipe Acevedo (12th Anniv)- Hijos

+Juanita Acevedo (3rd Anniv)- Hijos

+Daniel & Angela Vela- Children & Fam.

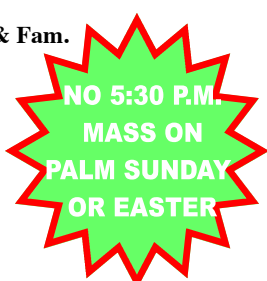
+Florence Powell- Paul & Lucy Garza

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

25 DE MARZO DEL 2012

Next Sunday is

Palm Sunday!



Happy Trails to you,

Winter Texans & Migrants!

THERE IS A "LIFE FORCE," "LOVE FORCE," AT WORK; A LOVE THAT GROWS THROUGH ALL HEARTBREAK—A LIFE THAT GROWS THROUGH ALL DEATH. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST! THE MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH!

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

Our physical life is precious to us. The thought of losing it is terribly difficult to accept. There is another kind of death, equally devastating—the death of the spirit. This is the lesson of the readings today.

In today's first reading, Israel is "dead"—defeated in war, the territory occupied, the people enslaved. This looked hopeless. But God spoke to Israel through His prophet Ezekiel and promised: "I will put my spirit in you that you may live" (Ezekiel 37:5)

Paul spoke of this same spirit in the second reading. The spirit of God brings a newness to our lives. We can and should rise to a full life in Christ. The rising will be completed in the final resurrection of our bodies in eternity. "If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will bring your mortal bodies to life also, through his Spirit dwelling in you." (Romans 8:11)

Today's Gospel narrates the resurrection of Lazarus, who represents all of us who are sick and wounded by sin. Lazarus' rising represents the resurrection of all who believe Jesus' words: "I am the resurrection and the life..." (John 11:25).

We have the opportunity to rise from the death that selfishness, pride, greed, or any other sin inflicts upon us. In Jesus, we can rise to a life of greater grace and peace. In this way, we continually grow closer to the eternal life of peace and joy we have been promised through faith.



"YO SOY LA RESURRECCION Y LA VIDA"

Nuestra vida es lo más importante que tenemos. Quizás nos angustia pensar en la muerte física. También hay otra muerte, terrible también—la muerte del espíritu. Esta es la lección de las lecturas de hoy.

En la primera lectura de hoy, Israel es un pueblo "muerto"—derrotado en la Guerra, su territorio en manos enemigas, los habitantes esclavizados. Había perdido la esperanza. Pero Yavé le hablo a Israel por medio del profeta Ezequiel y le prometió: "Infundiré mi Espíritu en ustedes y volverán a vivir..." (Ezequiel 37:5)

San Pablo habla de este mismo espíritu en la segunda lectura. El espíritu de Dios renueva nuestra vida. Podemos y debemos tener una vida plena en Cristo. Esta plenitud se completara en la resurrección final a la vida eterna. "Y si el Espíritu de Aquel que resucito a Cristo de entre los muertos esta en ustedes, el que resucito a Jesús de entre los muertos dará también vida a sus cuerpos mortales: lo hará por medio del Espíritu que ya habita en ustedes" (Romanos 8, 11)

El Evangelio de hoy narra la resurrección de Lázaro. Lázaro es la representación de todos enfermos y heridos por el pecado. La resurrección de todos los que creen en la palabras de Jesús: "Yo so la Resurrección y la Vida" (Juan 11, 25)

Nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de resucitar de la muerte causada por el egoísmo, el orgullo, la avaricia, o por cualquier otro pecado. En Jesús podemos resucitar a una vida llena de gracia y da paz. Así, constantemente, nos acercamos mas a esta vida llena de paz y de alegría que se nos ha prometido por la fe.

BISHOP DANIEL'S ANNUAL APPEAL & OUR PALM SUNDAY RAFFLE ARE OFF & RUNNING! PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

We're already down to the **Fifth Sunday of Lent!** Next week is **Palm Sunday**, or **Passion Sunday**. We'll read the account of the passion, tuning in to the mysteries we celebrate during **Holy Week**. As I'm sure you remember, instead of eight kind of "rinky-dink" processions around the church, we'll make our one **BIG Palm Sunday** procession at the **end of the noon mass on Sunday**.

It has really become a **GREAT PARISH TRADITION!** Our youth groups will dramatize the Gospel of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem at **about 1:30 P.M. in front of the church**. From there, carrying our palms, we'll follow the young men and women representing Christ, his apostles and followers, and the people of Jerusalem. The procession will go from Magna Drive, in front of the church, all the way to La Lomita Mission! You can walk—bike—golf cart—pick 'em up truck—drive, or however. Remember to carry palms or decorate with palms! (If you can't find palms, any good leafy branches would do, mesquite or ash, etc.) It's a procession, not a parade, but it's kind of like a parade in some ways, I suppose. It's a proclamation and celebration of who we are. If you want to walk, but not the whole four miles, we'll have transportation and refreshments available for you on the way.

HAPPY TRAILS! As you know, **PALM SUNDAY (April 1, NEXT SUNDAY!)**, the big procession to La Lomita, barbeque, raffle, picnic, confessions, etc. is our official "DESPEDIDA" (farewell) to all our **WINTER TEXANS** and **MIGRANTS**. We're not rushing you, but lots of folks do start "fixin' to" head north by the latter part of March. **YOU CAN GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY**. We'll be cooking for you down there or you can cook for yourself or bring a picnic lunch/supper. We'll also have sodas and a couple of barrels of "Texas Beer"! It'll be a beautiful day in the neighborhood!

As always, we'll be hearing confessions there til sunset and the **GREAT PALM SUNDAY RAFFLE** will take place there. If you win one of those "electric bikes," you'll have a fun ride back home! We're hopin' and prayin' that every household or "trailer-hold" can take a couple of books and sell, or buy and sell, their tickets! It will be a great help to our great Guadalupe School!

This is the week of the **BIG** push on the **Palm Sunday raffle!** We need your help! If every family can sell (or buy) at least one or two books, we'll have an outstanding success!... and we need it! **PLEASE PITCH IN!**

So, how 'bout this? We always have a few words and prayers, poems, paeans (look it up!), and "palabras" as we gather down by the river on Palm Sunday. What about a kind of poetry, prayer, paeon (look it up!), essay, banner, poster CONFLAB/ CONTEST EXPOSITION FOR PALM SUNDAY? SOMETHING ON THE THEME- PALM SUNDAY IN MISSION- LA LOMITA, FAREWELL MIGRANTS AND WINTER TEXANS. We'll arrange it in categories and make sure everybody who enters gets a prize. **We can read 'em or show 'em down at La Lomita on Palm Sunday!** Let us know ahead of time!

The poster, banner, and trailer, car, and golf-cart decoration contest has always been kinda fun and informal. We can just enhance and expand that with some more words and works of "art." If our neighbors on the route to La Lomita want to decorate, we'll give them prizes, too! We can just display and read our entries down at La Lomita, if we're so inclined. Let's do it! It's going to be a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Be sure to carry and decorate with palms or some other green branches. **IF YOU'RE DRIVING DOWN. TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS AND DECORATE YOUR CAR WITH PALMS. SO THE POLICE KNOW YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM!**

Since we'll be at La Lomita all **Palm Sunday** afternoon, **there won't be a mass here**, but we'll still have a **blessing of the Palms, Scripture reading, and Holy Communion here at 5:30 P.M. on Palm Sunday**, with Deacon Bill.



SPEAKING OF MARCHING... OBLATE TRAIL RIDE (BIKE HIKE!) IS THE EVE OF PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST! I don't know how many of those riders will be with us again on Palm Sunday afternoon! To join the Saturday Bike Ride call Jesse Salinas at 784-5092. Two starting points: Brownsville & San Juan. Ride ends at La Lomita. It's gonna be a busy weekend in the old La Lomita neighborhood! For registration form visit: www.cdob.org/about-us/oblate-trail-ride or call Jesse Salinas at 956-784-5092 or email him at jsalinas@cdob.org or you can pick one up in the front office.

Bishop Daniel will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Valley, Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30 P.M. at the Shrine in San Juan. Everybody is invited.

Next Friday, March 30th, will be the **Last Friday of the regular Lenten Devotions**. We'll have a **mass for our sick friends and neighbors at 10:30 A.M.**, anointing those who can come and want the anointing of the sick, and at **6:00 P.M. Confessions and Via Crucis**, the following Friday is Good Friday; more about that later. Next week, we'll publish the whole Holy Week Schedule in English and Spanish! If you need a ride or can offer a ride to the Mass or something else, call us and we'll try to help out.

Second Sunday of Easter Time, April 15th, Didymus Sunday, we'll pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:30 P.M. in the church. (About 1 hr.)

SPEAKING OF MAKING SACRIFICES...WE HAVE KICKED OFF OUR 2ND ANNUAL APPEAL FOR BISHOP DANIEL!

With our fine new, young bishop, we hope we can really "knock their socks off!" All GOOD STUFF! You probably know that among the many things we're known for here at the old Guadalupe, one of them is our GENEROSITY. It's pretty heartwarming! Let's hope and pray and sacrifice for a real good success on BISHOP DANIEL'S SECOND ANNUAL APPEAL! The envelopes are in your pew & at the back of the church. Whatever you can do will help and be greatly appreciated.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$16,610.42

We will tenderly and lovingly remember all our sick friends and parishioners at all our masses this weekend. Please pray for Berenice Gohl. She was in a bad car wreck and is at McAllen Medical Center. **Also, please remember in your prayers +Jesus "Spook" Garcia, +Cecilia Martinez, +Baby Madilyn Rae Acevedo, +Oscar Valadez, who died last week, and their families in their great sorrow. Que brille para ellos la luz pepertua.**

THERE
IS A
LOVE...



...THAT GROWS
THROUGH
DEATH!

BLUE EYES CRYIN' IN THE RAIN

As we move toward Holy Week we accompany Jesus, Mary, Martha and Mary as they "clash" with the heartbreak, mystery, and fearsome, ferocious, finality of death there at the tomb of their beloved brother and friend, Lazarus. That excruciating pain is an orientation or tuning in on the mystery of the resurrection. This even kind of sets things up for the magnificent mystery and reality of the resurrection of Christ which we'll be celebrating in a couple of weeks. Maybe you really know more about it than you think you do. Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote about that horrible, "holy" heartbreak Jesus, Martha, Mary and all of us are "clobbered" by when the angel of death strikes his cruel blow. **"Dirge without music":**

"I am not resigned to the shutting away of loving hearts in the hard ground. So it is, and so it will be, for so it has been, time out of mind: Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely. Crowned with lilies and with laurels they go; but I am not resigned. Down, down, down, into the darkness of the grave, gently they go the beautiful, the tender, the kind; quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave. I know, but I do not approve and I am resigned."

Brooks and Dunn sing about Mr. Wrigley, who suffered that horrible, holy heartbreak that Jesus, Mary, and Martha are going through in today's Gospel and Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote so tenderly about in her poem "Dirge without Music." You can hear Martha and Mary saying that and you can probably hear it down in a lonesome place in your own heart. You're being "tuned into" the mystery of the resurrection. ¡Que cosas! "I Believe," by Brooks and Dunn:

Old man Wrigley lived in that white house
Down the street where I grew up
Momma used to send me over with things
We struck a friendship up
I spent a few long summers out on his old porch swing

Says he was in the war when in the navy
Lost his wife, lost his baby
Broke down and asked him one time
'How ya keep from going crazy?'
He said I'll see my wife and son in just a little while
I asked him what he meant
He looked at me and smiled, said

I raise my hands, bow my head
I'm finding more and more truth in the words written in red
They tell me that there's more to life than just what I can see
Oh I believe

Few years later I was off at college
Talkin' to mom on the phone one night
Getting all caught up on the gossip
The ins and outs of the small-town life
She said oh by the way son, old man Wrigley's died.

Later on that night, I laid there thinkin' back
Thought 'bout a couple long-lost summers
I didn't know whether to cry or laugh
If there was ever anybody deserved a ticket to the other side
It'd be that sweet old man who looked me in the eye,
said

I raise my hands, bow my head
I'm finding more and more truth in the words written in red
They tell me that there's more to life than just what I can see

I can't quote the book

The chapter or the verse
You can't tell me it all ends
In a slow ride in a hearse
You know I'm more and more convinced
The longer that I live
Yeah, this can't be
No, this can't be
No, this can't be all there is

When I raise my hands, bow my head
I'm finding more and more truth in the words written in red
They tell me that there's more to life than just what I can see
I believe
Oh, I
I believe
I believe
I believe
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I believe