

# Our Lady of Peace



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## Declaración de Misión

Alzamos nuestros corazones al Señor. Estamos bendicidos con las memorias de nuestros orígenes diversos y nuestra vida comunal. Como miembros de Nuestra Señora de la Paz preocupamos por el bienestar espiritual y física de todos los miembros. Nosotros estamos comprometidos a construir la unidad entre nuestros miembros así como también a darles una calurosa bienvenida a los recién llegados.

Alimentados con el pan de la Eucaristía estamos dedicados a cuidar por el bienestar de los ancianos y alentar la participación de los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad.

Nosotros aceptamos el amor perpetuo de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo y la promesa de la vida eterna. Nuestra misión como parroquia es ayudarnos y motivarnos mutuamente a alcanzar la eterna salvación.

## Misas Del Domingo

Sábado 4:00 pm Inglés  
Domingo 8:30 am Inglés  
10:00 am Español  
12:00 pm Español

## Reconciliaciones - Bilingual

Sábado 3:00-3:30 pm  
Domingo 8:00-8:30 am/9:30-10:30am/11:30am-Noon

## Bautizos

Para asistir a las clases pre-bautismales, los padres deben de registrarse antes, en la oficina de la parroquia. Los bautizos son los 1º y 3º Sábados del mes a las 11 am y el cuarto domingo del mes a las 12 pm.

## Bodas

Comuniquense con el Padre con 6 meses de anticipo.

## Quinceañeras

Debe ser miembro de la parroquia con 6 meses de anticipo.

## Mission Statement

We lift up our hearts to the Lord! We are Blessed and anointed with memories of our diverse origins and community life and as a parish, are concerned with the physical health and well being of all members. We are committed to building unity among our members while extending a warm welcome to strangers.

Nourished with the memorial meal of the Eucharist we are dedicated to caring for the welfare of our elderly and encouraging participation of our youth in our community.

We acknowledge the certain love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise of life everlasting. Our mission as a parish is to help and encourage each other to gain eternal salvation.

## Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm English  
Sunday 8:30 am English  
10:00 am Spanish  
12:00 pm Spanish

## Confessions (Bilingual)

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00-8:30 am  
9:30-10:00am  
11:30am-12:00 Noon

## Baptisms

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, or at Mass on request. Must be a member of parish and attend class on Baptism. Classes are by appointment only.

## Weddings

Marriages must be scheduled at least 6 months in advance by appointment with Pastor.

MARCH 7, 2010 + THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



# Requested Mass Intentions

**3-8-10 Monday/Lunes/Poniedzialek**  
8:30am + Anna Panit by Ann Panit

**3-9-10 Tuesday/Martes/Wtorek**  
8:15am Intentions of Bishop Finn

**3-10-10 Wednesday/Miercoles/Sroda**  
No Mass

**3-11-10 Thursday/Jueves/Czwarte**  
8:30am Intentions of Fr. Francisco  
& Fr. Bejo

**3-12-10 Friday/Viernes/Piatek**  
8:15am Intentions of St. Stephen's Academy  
Students, Faculty & Staff

**3-13-10 Saturday/Sabado/Sobata**  
4:00pm + Howard Button  
by Yvonne & Lorene

**3-14-10 Sunday/Domingo/Niedziela**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
8:30am People of the Parish  
10:00am SPANISH/ People of the Parish  
12:00pm SPANISH/ +Tony Fabela D.E.P.  
by Lucy Torres

## This Week

### **Week of Monday, March 8**

Holly Clark will be in our parish office working on bulletin advertising.

### **Tuesday, March 9**

6:30pm Parish School of Religion  
6:30pm Planning Meeting for Cinco de Mayo  
Fundraiser in church

### **Friday, March 12**

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### **Weekend of March 13-14**

Coffee & Donuts after all Masses-  
Free will offering.

### **Sunday, March 14**

Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Clocks move forward one hour.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (LK13:1-19)

The Gospel story tells us about the two disaster incidents, which one of which took place at the time of Pilate and the second one was at Siloam. The first one was a human disaster-political upheaval that led to human sacrifice at Pilate hands, whereas the second one at Siloam was a natural calamity.

Jesus went on by using the two incidents to imply the need to reform the lives and hearts of his present listeners. What we can admire at this point is the courageous call of Jesus to repentance to a certain group of oppressed people, who were struggling for justice. Jesus said in reply: "Do you think that these Galileans were the greatest sinners in Galilee just because they suffered this? By no means! But I tell you, you will all come to the same end unless you reform. Or take those eighteen who were killed by a falling tower in Siloam. Do you think that they were guiltier than anyone else who live in Jerusalem? Certainly not! But I tell you, you will come to the same end unless you begin to reform."

For Jesus, no one is sin-proof. Even those persons whose cause is just need a conversion of heart, for justice cannot be served without mercy and love. Just cause does not make a person automatically just nor do the means applied make him just. However, Jesus did not ask his listeners to submit themselves to tyrants or accept the oppressive power of the Roman Empire. What Jesus was after with his listeners to discipleship was to remind them that their hearts should be free from harboring evil thoughts against anyone. Sin cannot be forgiven or resolved by another act of sinning.

To make even clearer the issue arising from the listening audience to discipleship, Jesus used the Parable of the Fig Tree.

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Remember Bishop Sullivan Center's food collection the first weekend of each month.

The owner wanted the tree to be cut down for its failure to produce fruit in three years. However, the vinedresser, who is pictured as no less than Jesus Himself, intervenes in favor of the Fig tree. Jesus openly gives his attention, care and encouragement for perhaps it shall bear fruit in some days to come; otherwise the Fig tree shall be cut down. Jesus is always after man's salvation, not destruction- and so we are.

Lastly, the Parable of the Fig Tree is also about our human struggle towards perfection and salvation. God knows our human frailty, which is why Jesus serves us by His justice we deserve by giving us a chance to live up once again into His grace, mercy, and love. God knows we are wounded sinners who also aspire to God's eternal rewards; however God's forgiveness should not be abused and presumed in our journey with the Lord, because he is also a judge in wait of the good fruits in us.

*Fr. Bejo, SOLT*

#### **Altar Society/Shoebox Shower**

- **The next meeting is today, Sunday, March 7 at 2pm** in the Middle School Building. Please come!
- The parish is participating in Shoebox Shower again this year. We ask for items you would need if you had to leave your home in haste and fear— such as toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, hair brush, shampoo, socks, T-shirts, baby items, children's needs, small books, crayons, paper, pens, etc. Please no food or religious items. Items will be given to domestic violence shelters.

#### **Attention Business Owners, Professionals and Self Employed**

Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPi), our bulletin publisher, will have Holly Clark our parish representative visiting our parish **this week March 8th** to service our bulletin. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad and thereby continuing their support of our parish. To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact the parish office or call Holly directly @ 1-800-950-9952 ext 2437. Keep in mind; our advertising sponsors make your bulletin possible.

## *From the Finance Office*

**Feb 27-28**

Envelopes	\$1,606.36
Plate	995.55
2nd Collection	373.71
Building Fund	145.00
Votive Light	57.91
<u>Poor Box</u>	<u>22.01</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.54</b>

- Our weekly goal is \$3,200.
- Call for contribution statements.
- Thank you for your contributions!

**Mark Your Calendars... Sunday, May 2 is the Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser. Food, games & more! We need your help to make it a success— Next planning meeting is Tuesday at 6:30pm in the church.**

#### **Pray for the Sick**

Gabriel Bautista, Lorene Brown, Katherine Burton, Barbara Brady, Santina Caldarella, Mary Campbell, Patricia Campos, Mary Caudillo, Margaret Chambers, Earl Clark, Jonathan Chavarin, Pat Donaldson, John P. Fajdetich, Helen Foley, Connie Fultz, Danny Gomez Jr., Leonard Grado, Don Henley, Bonnie Jones, Helen Kowalski, Betty Langley, Misaela Maravilla, Angeline McMurtry, Jaqueline Mendiola, Greg Nations, Jose Reyes, Elizabeth Rice, Mary Lois Rodak, Helen Ruiz, Wanda Rys, Marian Sellmeyer, Alexis Urizar, Celia Vieyra, Marsha Walls, and Donald Weixendorfer.

#### **Pray for the Homebound**

Marjorie Anderson, Katherine Burton, Mary Campbell, Bernard DiGusto, Bernice Harris, Isabelle Manchego, Helen & Ed Martin, Joe Martinez and Richard Solis.

**Deadline for bulletin items is Tuesday at 12:00pm. Thank you!**



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