

*The weekly bulletin of*

# HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

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**March 14, 2021**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Phi Nguyen

**Pastor Emeritus**, Rev. James Barrett

**Associate Pastor**, Rev. Arthur Bautista

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#### Deacons

Michael Neba Francis Duc Nguyen

David Pham

#### Accountant

Trongphuc Tran

#### Operations Director

Annette Fox

#### Religious Education Director

Deacon Joseph Thuan Van Than

#### Music Ministry

Steve Burke

Howard Schneider

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

#### Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

#### Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (Bilingual)

### RECTORY OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

#### Executive Assistant/Office Manager

Julie Kent

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Nancy Nguyen

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

A story was told that two travelers were on their way to a village. When they arrived at the edge of a forest, the sun just went down and it started to rain heavily. Since their destination was on the other side of the forest they decided to go through the woods instead of going around of it.

One of the two travelers kept his head high and started cursing everything, the rain, the thunderstorm, the forest, the darkness in the woods and he even cursed himself. His eyes were not on a small path, and because of the darkness in the wood at night plus the rain he got lost.

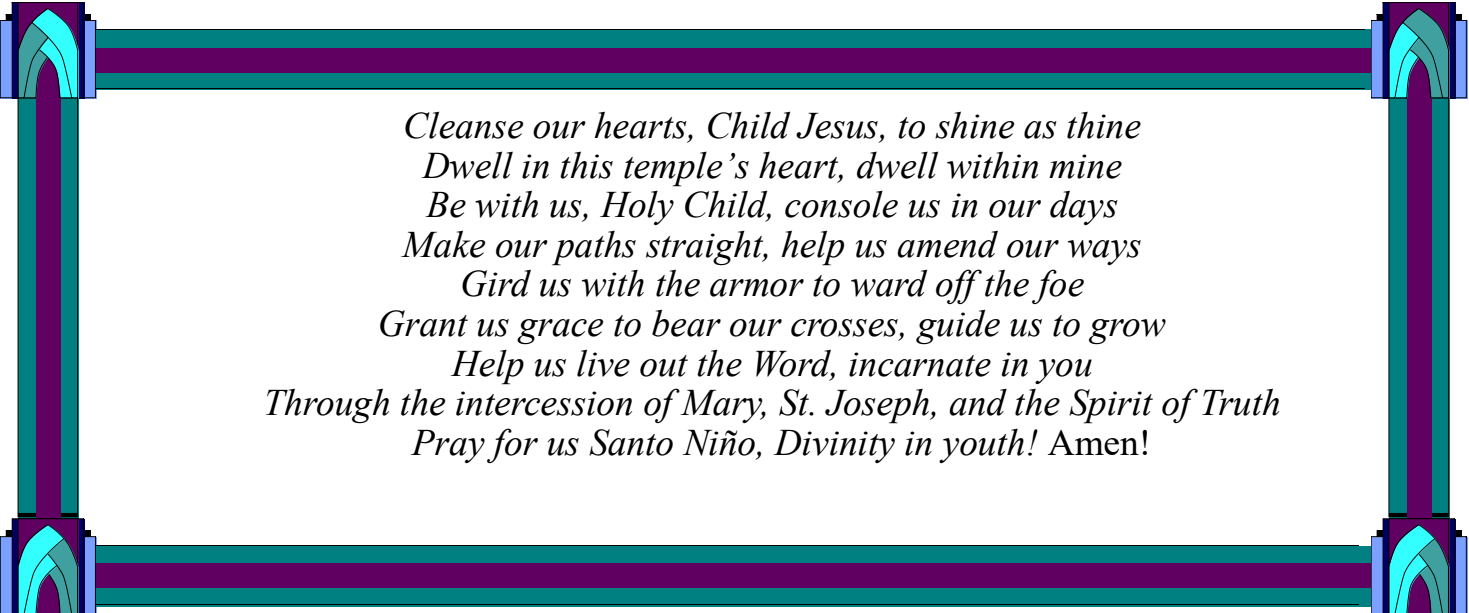
On the other hand, the other traveler kept his head down and his eyes on a small and rough path. He used the lighting from the thunderstorm to keep himself on the right path, and he made his journey through the forest!

The gospel of this Sunday reminds us that Jesus came into the world as a light and that we are belonged to this God of light and love. Let us all not allow misfortunes, hardness or dark days of our lives take away the privilege of being called children of the Light. Let us keep in mind and believe that judgment is not passed by God, but we judge ourselves by our response to the light.

Let us meditate this passage one more time:

*This is the verdict,  
that the light came into the world,  
but people preferred darkness to light,  
because their works were evil.  
For everyone who does wicked things hates the light  
and does not come toward the light,  
so that his works might not be exposed.  
But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. (John 3:19-21)*

Fr. Phi Nguyen



*Cleanse our hearts, Child Jesus, to shine as thine  
Dwell in this temple's heart, dwell within mine  
Be with us, Holy Child, console us in our days  
Make our paths straight, help us amend our ways  
Gird us with the armor to ward off the foe  
Grant us grace to bear our crosses, guide us to grow  
Help us live out the Word, incarnate in you  
Through the intercession of Mary, St. Joseph, and the Spirit of Truth  
Pray for us Santo Niño, Divinity in youth! Amen!*



Every Friday Evening in Lenten Season

6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm

Mass (Bilingual)

7:40 pm

Exposition and Stations of the Cross (English)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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### COLLECTION REPORT

March 7, 2021

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$4,801.22
Loose Money .....	\$3,999.00
Total Collection .....	\$8,800.22
Variance .....	(\$141.78)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	69

### POPE LEADING RITES FOR 500 YEARS OF PHILIPPINE CHRISTIANITY

Pope Francis will lead the Filipino community in Italy in celebrating 500 years since the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) announced yesterday.

CBCP said that Fr. Ricky Gente of the Filipino Chaplaincy in Rome disclosed that the celebration of the Philippines' 500 years of Christianity will be highlighted with a mass to be celebrated by Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica next weekend at 10 a.m., March 14.

Papal Nuncio Archbishop Charles John Brown said Pope Francis has a special place in his heart for the Filipino people. Brown urged the Filipino faithful to be proud of their religion not only because of the 500 years of Christianity, but because of their strong Catholic character as he appreciates their efforts to ***spread the word of Jesus Christ wherever they are around the world***. "Rejoice in your Catholic heritage; be proud of your Catholic character," Brown said. He further said the quincentennial of Christianity is a gift for the Filipino faithful to commit themselves to evangelization.

## WELCOME Art Blumberg, Director of Evangelization and Ministry

Holy Child Jesus Parish is pleased to announce that Art Blumberg has been named Director of Evangelization and Parish Ministry. He will begin on March 15.

Art has been a member of the former St. Margaret Mary Parish since 2002 and has had many years of experience in various roles. Among them, he has served as a lay RCIA coordinator, been a member of the Liturgy Committee, and been a lector and Eucharistic Minister as well as helping to train others in these ministries. He is co-chair of the Holy Child Jesus Parish Renew My Church Unification Committee as the parish moves forward in our unification process.

Art holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies degree from the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago. He is near completion of a Master of Divinity degree from the same institution.

Art is looking forward to working with the parishioners and staff of Holy Child Jesus Parish. He asks for your prayers as we move forward together to love and serve each other and Christ.





## LENTEN SERVICES AND THE HOLY WEEK 2021

### Parish Lenten Reconciliation – Sunday, March 21:

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Activities Center.

### Palm Sunday - March 27-28:

Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule.

### Holy Week:

#### Holy Thursday - April 1

8:00 AM: Morning Prayer (English)  
7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper (English & Vietnamese)  
(Church open to midnight night for adoration)

#### Good Friday - April 2 (Fasting and abstinence)

8:00 AM Morning Prayer (English)  
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English and Vietnamese)  
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (English)  
8:30 PM: Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (Vietnamese)

#### Holy Saturday - April 3

8:00 AM Morning Prayer (English)  
11:00 AM: Blessing of Easter food  
6:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass (English)  
8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

#### Easter Sunday - April 4

7:30 AM: Easter Mass (Vietnamese)  
9:30 AM: Easter Mass (English)  
11:30 AM: Easter Mass (Vietnamese)  
1:30 PM: Easter Mass (English)

#### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 11

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Mass times remain unchanged.  
Mass at 1:30 PM will be moved to 3:00 PM.  
1:00 PM: Confession  
2:00 PM: Pray the Divine Chaplet and reflection.  
3:00 PM: Mass



## CYCLES OF FAITH

4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

### Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Lucia Cobarrubias** for whom we promise our prayers that she may live in joy in His presence.



### \* Irish Blessing \*

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 14 4th Sunday of Lent**

Vietnamese

7:30 am Gia Đình Thánh Tâm xin bình an cho gia đình các hội viện.  
Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô.

English

9:30 am Bob Mahoney

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Misa.  
Xin bình an cho gia đình.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Monday, March 15**

8:00 am Xin tạ ơn Chúa.

**Tuesday, March 16**

8:00 am Xin tạ ơn Chúa và xin bình an cho gia đình.

**Wednesday, March 17**

**St. Patrick**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Thursday, March 18**

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:00 am Eugenio Martinez

**Friday, March 19**

**St. Joseph**

8:00 am Mariam Varkey  
Romeo Alzona, Jr.

7:00 pm Xin bình an cho gia đình và xin cầu cho linh hồn Têrêsa Lê Thị Liên (Lễ giỗ).  
Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Trần Hội.

**Saturday, March 20**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Chúa Nhật

**Sunday, March 21 5th Sunday of Lent**

Vietnamese

7:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

9:30 am Barbara Isaacson  
Marie Schmid  
John Cipriani  
Nicholas Wallis

Vietnamese

11:30 am Xin bình an cho gia đình và cầu cho linh hồn Phaolô Nguyễn Hoàng Diệu (Lễ giỗ) và linh hồn Toma Nguyễn Văn Nhung.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

## SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

**Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm**

2nd in English

3rd in Vietnamese

**Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

1st & 3rd in English

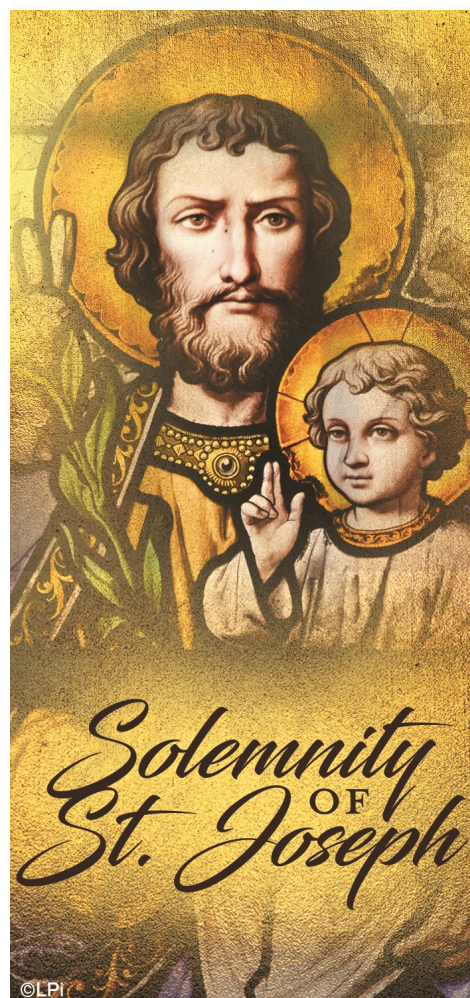
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

## R.C.I.A.

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

## HOLY HANDS

Call the Rectory office for assistance.



**MARCH 19, 2021**

