

Views from the Pastor—Msgr. Larry Pichard

Last week I promised that I would write about our new Church's tabernacle, but I have to postpone that for a while since Holy Week is upon us, and I must write about the best week of the entire year.

Some people tell me that they have had a great Lent and have truly grown spiritually. Others tell me that they had wonderful plans about their Lent but have sadly not been able to implement them into any growth; in fact, they look upon their Lent as a failure. To them I say, "Don't give up now—we still have the final week, and an incredible opportunity awaits you in Holy Week!" Whatever your case, come walk with Jesus through his sacrificial Passion and experience his Resurrection.

Palm Sunday starts us off, although the real name is **Passion Sunday** since the primary focus is the long proclamation of the Passion account from the Last Supper till the Lord's death and burial. You will have the opportunity to see the "passion" of Jesus, that is, his ardent willingness to suffer anything in order to save us.

On **Holy Thursday** we see how he invented a way for him to be with us always on our journey through life. He wanted to be in communion with us so much and so intimately that he invented the Eucharist, the gift of his very Body and Blood, that he would give us every Sunday or every day of the year if we desire. We see a very concrete example of his love as we remember how he washed the dirty feet of his Apostles and gave them a new dignity. At the end of the Mass we express our love for Jesus in the Eucharist as we accompany the procession of the Eucharist to the chapel of repose in the San Damiano room and have the chance to visit him and thank him.

On **Good Friday** we solemnly proclaim the Passion according to St. John, which presents a suffering but triumphant Jesus who pours out his love for us on the cross. Then we have the opportunity to express our gratitude to him by kissing the cross, the instrument of our salvation. Although it is not a Mass, we do then enter into communion with that loving sacrifice of Jesus by receiving the Eucharist.

Finally, after we have walked with Jesus and witnessed his sacrificial love for us as we embraced his arrest, trial, journey to the cross, and crucifixion, we then have the joy of celebrating his victorious Resurrection on **Easter Sunday**. Of course, Easter begins with the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, a nearly 3 hour Mass. We begin in darkness as the light of Christ, one little flame boldly shining, enlightens the entire Church. Then we proclaim 9 readings from Scripture which take us from the creation of the universe and mankind, through our tragic fall from grace, through the Lord's promise to redeem us through water and spirit, to the account of his victory over his death and our death. We then bestow Baptism, Confirmation and the first Eucharist upon a number of our catechumens and candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church, and we witness their joy as they embrace the Faith that we sometimes take for granted. Finally we celebrate our communion with the Risen Jesus who appears to us in the Eucharist.

What a great journey! There is nothing else in the Catholic Church like it! Come join us and the Lord!

Visiones del Párroco—Msgr. Larry Pichard

La semana pasada yo prometí que escribiría acerca del sagrario de nuestra nueva Iglesia, pero tengo que posponerlo por un tiempo debido a que la Semana Santa está cerca, y debo escribir sobre la mejor semana de todo el año. .

Algunas personas me dicen que ellas han tenido una excelente Cuaresma y realmente han crecido espiritualmente. Otros me dicen que ellos tuvieron maravillosos planes acerca de su Cuaresma pero tristemente no han podido llevarlos a cabo para crecer; de hecho, ellos ven su Cuaresma como un fracaso. A ellos les digo, "¡No se den por vencidos ahora—todavía tenemos la última semana, y una increíble oportunidad nos espera en la Semana Santa!" Cualquiera que sea su caso, vengan a caminar con Jesús en el sacrificio de su Pasión y vivan su Resurrección.

Iniciamos con el Domingo de Ramos, aunque el verdadero nombre es **Domingo de la Pasión** ya que la parte principal es la lectura larga del Evangelio sobre la Pasión contada desde la Última Cena hasta la muerte y sepultura del Señor. Ustedes tendrán la oportunidad de ver la "pasión" de Jesús, así es, su voluntad apasionada para sufrir cualquier cosa para salvarnos.

El **Jueves Santo** nosotros vemos como él creó una manera para estar con nosotros siempre en nuestro camino por la vida. Él quería estar en comunión con nosotros tanto y tan íntimamente que él creó la Eucaristía, el regalo de su Cuerpo y Sangre, que él nos entrega cada Domingo y cada día del año si nosotros queremos. Nosotros vemos un ejemplo determinado de su amor cuando recordamos como él lavó los pies sucios de sus Apóstoles y les dio una nueva dignidad. Al final de la Misa nosotros expresamos nuestro amor por Jesús en la Eucaristía mientras nosotros lo acompañamos en la procesión de la Eucaristía a la capilla de reposo en el salón San Damiano y tenemos la oportunidad de visitarlo y agradecerle.

El **Viernes Santo** nosotros proclamaremos solemnemente la Pasión según San Juan quien presenta a un sufriente pero triunfante Jesús quien demuestra su amor por nosotros en la cruz. Después nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de expresar nuestra gratitud a él besando la cruz, el instrumento de nuestra salvación. Aunque no sea una Misa, nosotros vivimos la comunión con ese sacrificio de amor hecho por Jesús al recibir la Eucaristía.

Finalmente, después de haber caminado con Jesús y haber sido testigos del sacrificio de su amor por nosotros incluimos el arresto, juicio, camino con la cruz y crucifixión, y después tenemos el gozo de celebrar su victoriosa Resurrección el **Domingo de Pascua**. Por supuesto, Pascua inicia con el Sábado de la Vigilia Pascual, en la Misa de casi 3 horas. Nosotros iniciamos en la obscuridad como la luz de Cristo, una pequeña llama alumbrando, ilumina toda la Iglesia. Después proclamamos 9 lecturas de las Escrituras sobre la creación del universo y de la humanidad, pasando por nuestra trágica ruptura del estado de gracia, por la promesa del Señor para redimirnos a través del agua y el espíritu, narrando su victoria sobre su muerte y nuestra muerte. Después, nosotros damos el Bautismo, Confirmación y la primera Eucaristía a nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos para su total comunión con la Iglesia Católica, y somos testigos de su gozo de cómo abrazan la Fe que nosotros algunas veces la tenemos por un hecho, o no la apreciamos. Finalmente celebramos nuestra comunión con Jesús Resucitado quien se aparece a nosotros en la Eucaristía.

¡Que increíble jornada! ¡No hay nada en la Iglesia Católica como esto! ¡Asistan y únense a nosotros y al Señor!

Masses and Activities

Saturday, March 27th

5:00 pm, Mass – (VA)

7:00 pm, Encuentro Matrimonial, Salones C y D

Palm Sunday, March 28th

8:30 am, Mass – † Alice Sandburg (LP)

10:00 am, Mass – † Angelo Manno (VA)

10:00 am, Bible Study, Office Reception Area

11:30 am, Mass – † Ron Rebbink (LP)

1:00 pm, Misa – † Josefina Delgado (VA)

2:00 pm, Grupo de Jóvenes, Salones C y D

2:00 pm, Instrumento du Tu Paz, San Damiano

6:00 pm, Mass – † Andrew Sontheimer (LP)

Monday, March 29th

8:30 am, Mass – † Lucianne Santos Pinzon (VA)

5:00 pm, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, Office Reception

6:00 pm, Boy Scouts, Rooms A&B

6:15 pm, Lector Practice, Great Hall

6:30 pm, MOMS, San Damiano

7:00 pm, Practice for Holy Thursday, Great Hall

7:00 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Msgr. Duesman Room

7:00 pm, Grupo de Oración, Salones CyD

Tuesday, March 30th

8:30 am, Mass – † Caridad Rubiliar (LP)

9:00 am, SVDP Prayer Vigil, Chapel

9:30 am, ESL, Conference Rooms

5:00 pm, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, Office Reception

7:00 pm, MCN Planning, Room C

Wednesday, March 31st

8:30 am, Mass – † Joseph Nguyen (VA)

9:00 am, Bible Study, Room C

6:15 pm, Lector Practice, Great Hall

6:30 pm, Adult Choir, Duesman Room

7:00 pm, Practice for Good Friday, Great Hall

8:15 pm, Schola Choir, Duesman Room

Holy Thursday, April 1st

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Great Hall

6:00 pm, NO CONFESSIONS

7:30 pm, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper—Bilingual

8:00 pm, Adoration, San Damiano Room

Good Friday, April 2nd

8:30 am, Morning Prayer, Great Hall

9:00 am, Exposition of the Eucharist, Great Hall

3:00 pm, Viacruis Viviente y Celebración de la Pasión en Español, Gran Salón

7:30 pm, Passion Celebration, Great Hall

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

10:00 am, Morning Prayer, Great Hall

10:30 am, Blessing of Easter Baskets, Great Hall

10:30 am, Lector Practice, San Damiano Room

11:00 am, Easter Vigil Practice, Great Hall

3:30 pm, NO CONFESSIONS

5:00 PM, NO 5:00 MASS

8:30 pm, Easter Vigil Mass, Great Hall

Easter Sunday, April 4th

7:00 am, Bi-lingual Mass—Misa Bilingue (LP)

8:30 am, Mass (VA)

10:00 am, Mass (LP)

11:30 am, Mass (VA)

1:00 pm, Misa en español (LP)

6:00 pm, Mass (VA)

Please Pray For

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish: Anthony Silvestro Sr., Julie Fernandez, Elida Moraga, Robert Garrand, Jaxson Cavanna, Jessica Fairman, Delia Herrera, Daniel Covarrubias, Abelicio Quintero, Dolores Unger, Helen Kerler, Rose Munro, Nadir Aziz.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Angelo Manno, Perry Huffman, Lynn Hutchinson, Maria Del Carmen Castellano, Ella Renae Cardenas, Coralia Boff, Angelo Boff, Esmeralda Miguel.

Please call the office to add or remove someone from this list. Names will be listed for four weeks and then will be transferred to our Book of Intentions.

Our Parish Staff

Tracy Brown, Business Manager, Ext. 226
 Mark Smith, Director of Development, Ext. 351
 Nathan Byers, Associate Development Dir., Ext. 352
 Anneliese Rivera, Liturgy Director, Ext. 237
 Kevin Shelley, Music Director, Ext. 313
 Laura Marquez, Hispanic Ministry Director, Ext. 241
 David Utsler, Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 247
 Diana Elwell, Children's Ministry, Ext. 229
 Kathy Deschaw, FF Administrative Assistant, Ext. 232
 Tammy Weber, Youth Ministry Director, Ext. 358
 Lauren Harbour, KDO Director, Ext. 235
 Noel Johnston, Facilities Director, Ext. 231
 Ginny Milich, Safe Environment Coordinator, Ext. 228
 Kyle Cupp, Executive Administrator, Ext. 225
 Buddy Rives, Reception, Ext. 221
 Alma Geller, Reception, Ext. 221

WEEK	March 14, 2010
Attendance	4715
Weekly Gift of Treasure Goal	\$33,141.75
Actual Gift of Treasure	\$37,320.29
Building Fund	\$3953.24

WEEK	March 21, 2010
Attendance	3923
Weekly Gift of Treasure Goal	\$33,141.75
Actual Gift of Treasure	\$35,927.63
Building Fund	\$14,056.38

St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a 24-hour prayer vigil for the healing of Deacon Daniel Covarrubias. The Eucharist will be exposed. The vigil will begin in the chapel following the morning Mass on Tuesday, March 30th. It will end just before the Wednesday morning Mass. If you would like to sign up for an hour, please email John Hayes at svdp@stfoafrisco.org. After 9:00 pm, please enter the church only through the doors on the northeast side—near the rectory.

Attention: the parish office will be closed Holy Thursday – Easter Monday for the holiday.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence for those over 14 years of age.

Liturgy Commission

Confessions will not be heard during Holy Week, neither on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, nor Holy Saturday.

There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday, April 3rd.

Ministerios de la Comisión Hispana

Vigilia de Oración por la sanación del Diácono Daniel Covarrubias. La Sociedad de San Vincent de Paúl invita a toda la Comunidad de *St. Francis* a unirse a las 24 horas—Vigilia de Oración por la sanación del Diácono Daniel Covarrubias en la capilla. Iniciará el próximo **Martes 30 de Marzo después de la Misa de las 8:30 a.m. y concluirá el Miércoles 31 de Marzo antes de la Misa de 8:30 a.m.** Habrá Exposición del Santísimo en el horario regular. El acceso al edificio después de las 9:00 p.m. será por la puerta Noreste (por el lado de las oficinas de la iglesia). Si desea confirmar su asistencia en un horario específico, por favor contactar al Sr. John Hayes a svdp@stfoafrisco.org

ÚNETE a las Celebraciones de la Semana Santa. Por favor consultar la hoja adicional insertada en este boletín para conocer los horarios de las Celebraciones de la Semana Santa.

Viernes Santo 1º de Abril es día de ayuno y abstinencia. **Abstinencia** (requisito para los que tienen 14 años de edad en adelante) quiere decir no comer carne—ni carne roja, ni carne blanca como pollo o puerco. Sí, podemos comer pescado y el marisco, pero no carne de animales de la tierra ni del aire. La razón de la abstinencia es que queremos participar en un sacrificio, en la cruz de Cristo. **Ayuno** quiere decir comer muy poco.

ESL. Clases de Inglés. Las inscripciones serán el **Martes 30 de Marzo del 2010 de 9:00 a 11:30 a.m.** El primer día de clase será el **martes 06 de Abril del 2010**. Los días de clase serán los martes y jueves de 9:30 a 11:45 a.m. Para mayor información llamar al Sr. Tony Sánchez al (214)957-3573

Pláticas de preparación para convalidación matrimonial. Los matrimonios que desean convalidar su matrimonio las pláticas serán el **Domingo 11, 18 y 25 de Abril de 10:00 a 12:00 hrs.** Para informes llamar a las oficinas 972.712.2645 Ext. 241



Campamento de Verano. Sigue el camino hacia Jesús con un ¡SI! a este campamento, en el cual viviremos una semana al lado de **Santa Teresita del niño Jesús, Santa Genoveva, Santa María Goretti, Santa Catalina de Siena** y por supuesto **San Francisco de Asís**, conoceremos la aventura de sus vidas y como llegaron a estar ahora al lado de Dios en el cielo y como siguiendo su ejemplo podremos iniciar el camino y algún día estar con ellos también. Tendremos juegos, manualidades, música y más actividades que permanecerán grabadas en el corazón de los niños para siempre. **¿Cuándo? Del Lunes 7 de Junio al Viernes 11 de Junio de 9:30 a 12:30 hrs.**

No olvides también que puedes participar en este hermoso proyecto donando tu tiempo y crecer en tu fe junto con ellos. Las edades para participar en el campamento son desde Kinder hasta 5º Grado. —Si eres voluntaria en el campamento tendremos guardería hasta grados de Pre-Kinder— Mayor información e inscripciones con Cris Fanous (214) 636-6382 crisfanous@yahoo.com. Las inscripciones serán el 11 y 18 de Abril después de la Misa de 1:00 p.m.

Las oficinas permanecerán cerradas el Jueves 1º, Viernes 2 y Lunes 5 de Abril.

Faith Formation Commission



Mark your calendars! Join us for St. Francis of Assisi Family Night at Frisco Roughriders ballpark. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11. Tickets are \$16 per person and include the following:

- All-You-Can-Eat Ballpark Food
- Bottomless Dr Pepper products
- Seat in the Bullpen section
- Roughriders Baseball hat
- PlayBall Game Program
- Player Autographs Before Game
- Fireworks Following the Game!

Tickets can be ordered through the parish office. The deadline for ordering tickets is Friday, April 30. Tickets will be available for pickup at the Roughriders Ticket Office the week of the game. Order forms are available in the information cart in the Narthex. For additional information, contact Diana Elwell.

Children's Ministry No Class Reminder: This year, Spring Break is followed closely by Holy Week and Easter. As a result, there will be a long break. There will be no Children's Ministry classes from March 14 through April 8. Classes will resume the week of April 11.

There are no Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12) Classes Sunday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 31st.

Stewardship Committee

INFORMATION TABLE VOLUNTEERS: The Stewardship Committee Welcoming team is looking for many volunteers to help man our new and improved St. Francis of Assisi **INFORMATION TABLE**. Requirements are the willingness to help and a smile. The rewards will be many new friends and parishioners. As part of the parish welcoming team, the Information Table volunteers provide visitors and newcomers with information about our parish organizations, both staff operations and parishioner led ministries. Training will be provided. Please contact Lillian or Jim Burke at 972-731-6247 or at burkefam6625@sbcglobal.net with your interest and desire to help. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Stewardship Committee wants to form a team of individuals that will make phone calls welcoming our newest parishioners.

- Are you looking for a way to get involved?
- Do you like meeting new people?
- Do you have a few hours per month to give of your time and talent?

Join a group designed to support stewardship at STFOA. If you think you may be interested, contact Karen Sarnacki at 972-377-4507 or s.family.10@gmail.com by email.

Steward of the Week: The Quigley Family! Briana and Connor are altar servers and have just trained to lectors. Richard and Deanna always help with funeral meals and with the food baskets, and they also volunteer on a weekly basis at Frisco Family Services.

Responsabilidad Parroquial (Steward) de la semana: ¡La Familia Quigley!. Briana y Connor son servidores del altar y se han capacitado como lectores. Richard y Deanna siempre ayudan con las comidas para los funerales y con las canastas de comida, ellos también son voluntarios en los Servicios de Familia en Frisco.

An Invitation to All Newcomers
O Come all Ye Faithful...
Saturday, April 17, 2010
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Great Hall
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

We invite you to join us for 5:00 p.m. Mass
and a reception in your honor following.

The purpose of this reception is to officially welcome you to our parish. Facilitated by Father Larry, the Welcoming Committee and staff, guests will be given an overview of St. Francis Catholic Church, the history, the organization structure, the meaning of a "stewardship" parish, regular events, future plans for our new building, a tour and an opportunity to meet, greet and get to know other members of St. Francis.

Outreach Commission

Our new Grief Ministry program will begin Monday, April 12th at 7:00 pm and continue through May 17th. If you are interested in participating in this healing ministry, please call Donna Schmittler at 214-469-1043.

Good Friday Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, April 2: Come and unite your sufferings and the sufferings of aborted babies with those of Christ, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m., at the Southwestern late-term abortion facility, 8616 Greenville Ave. at Royal Ln. (NE corner), Dallas 75231, to pray the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Contact Joanne Underwood, 214-261-8499, or junderwood@prolifedallas.org.

Community Life Commission

Did you know that Monte Carlo Night is the single biggest fundraiser for the Building Fund and an important fellowship event? The Monte Carlo Night planning committee urgently needs help planning this exciting and important event. A Vice President and chairs are needed for Sponsorships, Silent Auction, Publicity & Programs, Volunteer, Entertainment, Food & Drink, Ticket Sales, and Setup/Takedown committees. Volunteers to assist with solicitation of Sponsorships and Silent Auction items would also be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping we will be meeting at 7PM on Tuesday, March 30th in Meeting Room C or contact me via email at montecarlogeorge@yahoo.com or phone at (214)618-1738.

Women of St. Francis

Our next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, April 15th at 7:00pm

Do you need a rosary for 1st Communion? It's time to order! See our order form online at www.wosf.org, in the parish office, or contact Marla Johnston at marlajane2@att.net or 214-794-5621.

Save the Date for The Women of St. Francis' 8th Annual Luncheon, Fashion Show & Silent Auction on Tuesday, May 4th 11:00am at the Stonebriar Country Club. Tickets are \$40 and space is limited so make your reservations early! Please contact Connie Moffett for reservations at tcssconnie@sbcglobal.net or 972-377-2818.

This year a raffle for a quilt will be included in the day's events at the Fashion Show and Auction. Winner need not be present. This beautiful twin sized quilt features embroidered Flowers of the Months. "Botanicals" will make a great Mother's Day gift and can be yours for only \$2.00 per ticket. Email vashortino@gmail.com for more information.

The Women of St. Francis Annual Fashion Show is just around the corner, and we are collecting gift items or gift certificates for the Fashion Show's Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a new item, please drop it off at the church office and label it "WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS". For any questions about the Silent Auction, please contact Judy Kimpel at 469-633-0919 or e-mail at jakimpel@tx.rr.com.

