



Dear Friends,

What a joy! Last weekend was an incredible weekend! Angie, our parish Youth Ministry Coordinator, gave birth to a very healthy baby boy named Gianni. Interestingly, just as some of our parish women were about to hold a baby shower for Angie last Sunday afternoon, I received a call from her telling me that she would not be able to make it to the shower. She had started having contractions that morning and it looked as though little Gianni had made up his mind that it was time to open his eyes on this world! That joyful moment finally came at 7:49 p.m., February 21st.

Life is full of many joys like this. Sometimes those experiences of joy are very pronounced, like the birth of a baby, and sometimes they are more subtle. I experience joy whenever I am present with this parish family. Hardly a day goes by that I don't thank God for all of you!

Yes, there are days when life is difficult. Sometimes we carry very heavy burdens. In some instances, we endure long periods of darkness in our lives. If we struggle with depression, if we are out of work, if we are dealing with family strife, or are even facing serious illness, life can seem to be drudgery. Yet, every one of us can think back on some joyful moments. Normally, it is these moments that carry us through the difficult times.

When Peter, James and John went up that mountain with Jesus and witnessed his transfiguration, they experienced a moment in which it seemed that time stood still. They were caught up in the glory of the vision before them and Peter finally managed to exclaim, "Master, it is good that we are here!"

Peter wanted to hold on to that moment, so overcome with interior peace and joy was he. Yet, the vision faded and the disciples had to come down from the mountain. The Lord gave these three men that experience in order to strengthen them for what lie ahead. Jesus was going to be handed over to be crucified and it was going to cause the disciples despair.

There have been so many times that I wish I could have held on to some amazing moments in my life. For example, I can think of instances when I was surrounded by incredible beauty as I watched the sun set behind the dunes at the beach. It would be nice if I could have captured that moment forever, but I always had to step away and leave it behind. Nevertheless, it is precisely those moments that remind me that it is indeed, "good that we are here!"


It is good to be here. I can't imagine anyone regretting their own existence. Despite the incredibly painful moments of life, our being here is a gift. Perhaps this Lent is a good time for us to spend appreciating what a gift life is. Yes, it is filled with crosses. Even so, God sends us joyful moments to bolster us up so that we can persevere. May we all say, "Master, it is good that we are here!" God bless!

Fr. Paul

Saturday, February 27, 2010	
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Paulita Barrera
4:30 PM	Souls of Purgatory by Mr & Mrs Bayardo
Sunday, February 28, 2010	
Second Sunday of Lent	
8:30 AM	+Chris Garza by Faustino Garza & Family
11:00AM	Parishioners & Benefactors of St. John's
6:00 PM	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Cindy Salinas
Monday, March 1, 2010	
8:00 AM	+Guadalupe C. Garza by Amalia C. Garza
Tuesday, March 2, 2010	
8:00 AM	+Ellen Erickson by Daughters
Wednesday, March 3, 2010	
8:00 AM	+Fr. Sean Noone by St. John's Parish
Thursday, March 4, 2010	
8:00 AM	Alvaro Ramos Olier by Antle Family
Friday, March 5, 2010	
8:00 AM	Special Intention
Next Saturday, March 6, 2010	
8:00 AM	Marianne Medina – Happy Birthday by Medina Family
4:30 PM	+Wanda McWey by Fred McWey
Next Sunday, March 7, 2010	
Third Sunday of Lent	
8:30 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors
11:00 AM	Mark Nieves & Family
6:00 PM	+Robert Gonzalez III by Gonzalez Family

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010	
Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent
	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Saint Casimir Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...

 Paul Koehler, Chris Perez, Beatrice Ferrell, Joseph A. Eicher, Edward Nemecek, Oscar Soliz, Gus Blomquist, Jimmy Alvarez, Florence Fuertez, Eddie Rivera, Mary Ann Broyles, Mike Koz, Gabriel Alvarado, Cookie Adame, Cameron Marshall, Gilbert Rodriguez, Alvaro Ramos Olier, Cattia Longoria, Debbie Fuqua, Amelia Ysasi Herrera, David & Ariana Hernandez, Joseph Treviño, J. R. Rios, Adan Benavides, Sr., Mia Jolie Rios, Ofelia Arredondo, Carlos Ysasi, Ryan Rojas, Cynthia Rojas, Rachel Rojas, Linda Bush, Sylvia Cox, Jane Cheesman, John O'Flynn, Jerry Alvarez, Virginia Garza, Kathy Izassi, Sylvia Rojas, Mr & Mrs Tony Salinas, Maria Salas, Elena Bosquez, Eddie Elizondo, Teresa Koehler, Bonnie Maloy, Olivia Marshall, Henry Lamb III, San Juana Yglesias, Blanche Rhiddle Hoover.

Second Sunday of Lent

Please Pray For Our Troops



Sgt. Roger Elkins, Glen Turner Jr., Sgt Matt Maufin, Aaron Philipchuck, Dwayne Solis, Charles Krohn Jr., Oscar Rossi Billy Swatzell, James O'Donnell, Paul Adame, Brandon

Felton, Zicorian Coleman, Wendy Hand, D'Aldo Alaniz, Paul Walton, Joseph Yglesias, Jaime Robles, Rudy Hoyt, Roseann Guerrero, Sr. Airman Charlie Stevens, Sr. Airman Patrick Scheuter, Matt Hettinger, Mike Brown, Erik Garza, Damian Saldivar, Maj. Chuck Taylor, Alex Saucedo, Jay Alvarez, John Rodriguez, Jr., Jimmy Karjian, Orlando Rodriguez, Ken Demick, Yvette T. Demick, Scott Nielsen, Timothy Johnson, Mr. Rogers, Lt. jg John Dolby III, Michael Nelson, Michael A. Berry, Gabriel Reza, Mike Llamas, Manny Olvalle, Luis Martinez, Lt. Hector Jude Garcia, Lt. jg Kristopher McAbee, Capt. John A. Malley, Chris Hesse, Natalie Manzano, Capt. Cristian Alejandro Pinzon, David D. Ruiz, Melissa Davila, Ramon Panganiban, Jr., Sgt. Carlos Torres, Jr., Michael D. Valdez, Lt. Norman Renfro.

Ministry Schedules

This Week's Lectors:

Next Week's Lectors

4:30 pm Richard Longoria	4:30 pm Leonard & Jackie Lee
8:30am Paulette Guajardo	8:30am Kathy Jo Overstreet
11:00am Children's Mass	11:00am Delia Carroll

This Week's EM's:

Next Week's EM's:

4:30 pm Samantha, Tracy & Mary Mora, Olaya Solis, Anita Joya, Luz Bernardo, Sally Escobar	4:30 pm Ed & Janie Salinas, Judy & Gerald Beckman, Mary, Tracy & Samantha Mora
8:30am Bonner Dorsey, Imelda Ramirez, Mary Carrillo, Mary & Ed De La Garza	8:30am Imelda Ramirez, Maricela Spencer, Bonner Dorsey, Kathy Jo Overstreet, Mary Carrillo
11:00am Marlene King, Norma Huerta, Velma Moreno, Cynthia & Gabriel Gatica, Albert Lichtenberger	11:00 am Norma Huerta, Beto & Minnie Peña, Rene & Janie Esquivel, Judy Cruz

This Week's Ushers:

Next Week's Ushers:

4:30pm Michael Hite, James Coburn, George Fegan, Gene Gonzalez	4:30pm Larry Dechant, Margaret Dechant, Patty Dolan, Richard Dolan
8:30am Bill Cheesman, Jane Cheesman, Leila Longoria, Roland Longoria	8:30am Steven Hansen, Monica Hansen, Lawrence Balderas, Rhonda Balderas
11:00am Kathy Deis, Mike Nevada, Eddie Cruz, Albert Lichtenberger	11:00am Mike Nevada, Albert Lichtenberger, Eddie Cruz, Henry Lamb

Sunday Collection



Gifts for God

February 21, 2010

Envelope & Loose
Building Fund

\$ 9,253.47
40.00



St. John's Parish Dates to Remember

Mar 01	5:00 PM	Intercessors of the Lamb	RM#1
Mar 02	6:30 PM	Choir Practice	RM#4
Mar 02	6:30 PM	Tiger Scouts	RM#8
Mar 02	6:30 PM	Junior Girl Scouts	RM#3
Mar 03	7:00 PM	Bible Study	Church
Mar 03	7:00 PM	RCIA	RM#3

Congratulations



Congratulations to Angie & Jake Windnagle on the birth of their first child Gianni Pier, who was born Sunday, February 21st at 7:49 PM and weighed 8 lbs 1 oz. Many blessings from your parish family.

Fish Fry



The Knights of Columbus will have their Annual Fish Fry every Friday evening during lent starting at 5:00 PM at St. John's Parking Lot. And the Guadalupana Society will be selling desserts during the fish fry. Please come and support them.

Stations of the Cross



We will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7:00 PM during Lent, we invite you to come and join us.

Taquito Sale



The Knights of Columbus are having a Taquito Sale this **Sunday, February 28th** after the morning masses. Please come and have breakfast with us.

Mother Theresa Homeless Shelter



We will be making a delivery to the shelter on **Wednesday, March 10**. In addition to the usual paper products, laundry supplies, hand sanitizer, personal hygiene items, including individual items you might have from traveling and staying at motels/hotels the Shelter is in need of coffee, coffee creamer and Odoban disinfectant. All these needed items are greatly appreciated. Everyone at the shelter and those who work with those in need thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Daughter's Retreat

The Catholic Daughters will sponsor a retreat on **Saturday, March 13**, in portable 1, starting with Mass at 8:00 A.M. and ending at 11:00 AM. Our theme is "Do Whatever He Tells You" (John 2:5). All ladies of the parish are joyfully welcome. Our speakers are Father Peter Marsalek, president of John Paul II High School, and Kathy Welch from Christus Spohn Hospital, who will speak on women's health. Come join us for a spiritual and informative retreat before Easter!

Youth Ministry Announcements

LIFE TEEN: (grades 9-12) See you this Sunday at 7pm-8:30pm! **STEBENVILLE SOUTH** is June 25-27!!! Sign up today with Angie or go to www.stjohnnyouth.com, click on Life Teen then the Steubenville tab on your right to print a form. All high schoolers are welcome!
EDGE: (grades 6-8) See you Wednesday for an EDGE night on loving God in our families at 7pm - 8:15pm!