

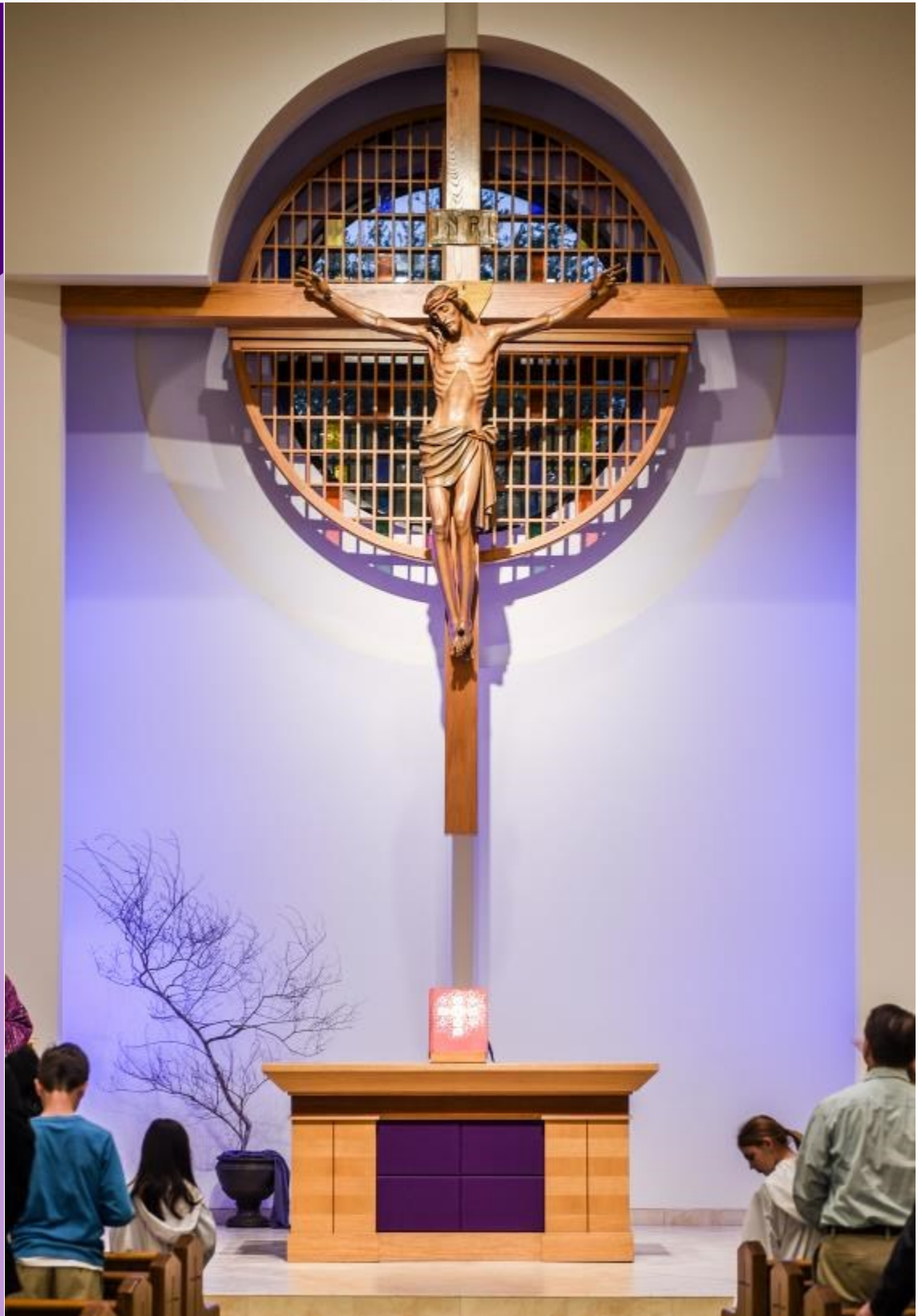


ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th

Sunday
of
Lent

March 11, 2018



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

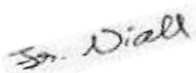
Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Dear Friends,

I suppose it is a good thing that the onset of Daylight Savings Time this Sunday morning, March 11, coincides with Spring Break and a reprieve from CCE for the next two Sundays. This will allow you to get used to this mini-jetlag that upsets our poor circadian clock and leaves us a little bewildered for a week or so. But on the positive side, I hope you get a good rest, so you are ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day next Saturday. Surprisingly enough, or at least for some of you, corned beef and cabbage is not the national dish of Ireland! I don't think I ate or came across corned beef until I was in my 20's and living in Dublin; actually, we don't have a national dish. And another thing a self-respecting Irish person would

never do is put green food coloring in any kind of beverage - beer or otherwise! But, whatever you do, enjoy your "being Irish for a day"; stay safe and have lots of fun.

God bless,



On behalf of the St. Catherine community, we offer our prayers and support to the family and friends of Garry Mendonça who died last Sunday, March 4 and to Mary Granato, one of our 5 / 6 grade CCE teachers, whose father Terry Finkbiner died March 5. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences.



MAKE LENT A TIME FOR FAMILY

Dear Parents,

Did the hustle and bustle of life cause Lent to sneak up on you this year? Here are a few easy to implement ideas for how you and your family can make the most of this season together:

Tune Out & Tune In: Turn off the radio/music during rides to school or around town, making room for conversation or introducing silence.

(Whine &) Dine Together: Make a point to spend your meatless Friday dinners together as a family. Even better, use this meal to discuss your Lenten journey – the struggles, temptations, and growth!

Remove & Replace: Pick something to fast from/remove (phones from meal time, something from your schedule, TV/ electronics one day a week ...) and replace it with family time, availability, prayer ... *"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* - 2 Corinthians 6:2

God Bless,

Robin Hayes, Religious Education Coordinator

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. - JN 12:26

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WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

Please join us for fun and fellowship on **Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited and welcome. We will have light refreshments, and plan for our future meetings. We hope to see you there!

MOMS' GROUP

Wednesday, March 21st 6-8pm at St. Catherine's.

Mamas of all ages and stages, join us for our monthly fellowship meeting. This month we will be assembling "Blessing Bags" together. Bring a snack or beverage to share with the group.

Childcare is provided for \$5/child.

Email

scsmomsgroup@gmail.com to RSVP for childcare.



CLUB 55+ NEWS

April and May Club 55+ Bus Trips

Please join us for an exciting trip to Gonzales on Thursday, April 26, where a tour guide will discuss historical artifacts at the Gonzales Memorial Museum (including the "Come and Take It Cannon") and the Oil Jail Museum.

Following a lunch of comfort food or BBQ at Toni's, we will head to the Spoetzl Brewery for a tour and some fresh Shiner beer. We will leave the church at 7:00 am and return by about 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per person not including lunch. On Thursday, May 17 we will head to Sugar Land to take in a Skeeters baseball game at Constellation Field. We will get in the game spirit beforehand during dinner at the nearby Chuy's Mexican restaurant. We will leave the church at 3:45 pm and should return by about 10:00 pm. The cost is \$12 per person not including dinner. Please mail your checks to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot for the trips. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

CLUB 55+ LUNCHEON MEETING

Club 55 + March Meeting will be on Sunday, March 11. We will be doing Bingo as well. If you have a prize or two to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Plan to come and join us.

CLUB 55+ MARCH LUNCHEON

On Monday, March 19, we will be going to Fratelli's Restaurant, on the corner of Wirt & Westview. Arrival time is 1:15 PM. This is usually a well attended luncheon, so please plan to join us.

PARISH CALENDAR

• FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT •

Catholic Relief Services Collection

SAT	03/10	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass †Milly Pereira
SUN	03/11	8:30 AM Sunday Mass NO CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass 12:30—2 PM Club 55+ Luncheon
MON	03/12	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM No Weekday Mass
TUE	03/13	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
WED	03/14	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study 7 - 8:30 PM Women's Group
THU	03/15	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Bible Study
FRI	03/16	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass

• FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT •

SAT	03/17	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN	03/18	8:30 AM Sunday Mass NO CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass

2018 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you are making an Easter Flower Donation *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* a loved one, please note:

- ◆ Envelopes are due on or before Sunday, March 18, 2018
- ◆ Please PRINT the name(s) to be published - it is our goal to print your tributes as accurately as possible
- ◆ The Easter Flowers *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* will be published in the Sunday of Divine Mercy bulletin on April 8, 2018.

We appreciate everyone's generosity! If you have questions, please email Marcela Swihart at marcela@stcatherine-houston.org, or stop by the Parish Office weekdays from 10 - 4.

