

Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

Many people scholars and everyday believers alike consider today's first reading to be the greatest chapter in all of Scripture. Using just thirteen verses, Paul gave us a beautiful description of love that we could spend a lifetime praying about.

Simple and succinct, Paul puts love where it belongs: on the top of the list. Speaking in tongues like the apostles, prophesying like Isaiah, understanding the mysteries of faith like St. Thomas Aquinas, giving away everything we own like Mother Teresa it means nothing if love is not involved.

Paul also acknowledges that none of us love perfectly. Using analogies, he calls our love childish. It's as if we were looking at life through a dark, distorted mirror. Paul acknowledges, in other words, that we all make mistakes. We all use bad judgment. We all hurt other people especially our loved ones. We try our best, but sometimes our best just isn't good enough. Not yet, at least.

Like Paul, St. Peter also puts love at the top of the list. He sees love as being the most powerful force in the world. It's so powerful, in fact, that it "covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

Love understands all of this and can heal all of this even the mistakes and poor judgments that are more a matter of bad choices than sins. If you have been hurt, remember that your love can bring healing, both to yourself and to the one who hurt you. Even if your love is partial or tinged with some regret or a bit of anger, it can still make a difference. Jesus always sees the love, and he always blesses it.

Love is not about being perfect. It's about trying our best and asking forgiveness when we fall.

In prayer today, ask Jesus to fill you with the desire and the strength to love with the same love that he has for you. Try to be quick to love, quick to forgive, and quick to ask forgiveness. Remember, love always wins.

"Lord, teach me to love more deeply each day."

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17 Luke 4:21-30

The Word Among Us.

Adult Confirmation: Contact Yolanda in the church office for registration information. These sessions will begin Monday, March 4, 2019 to end on Monday, May 13, 2019, from 6-7:30 pm in the church office; no sessions on Mondays March 11 & April 15. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 7 pm in the church.

Llame a Yolanda en la oficina de la iglesia si desea celebrar el Sacramento de la confirmación de un adulto.

Parish Support:

Weekend of Jan. 26th & 27th, 2019

Church Support Envelope

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| <u>5:00pm Mass:</u> | <u>\$677.00</u> |
| <u>8:00am Mass:</u> | <u>\$484.00</u> |
| <u>9:30am Mass:</u> | <u>\$834.67</u> |
| <u>12:00pm Mass:</u> | <u>\$812.75</u> |
| <u>7:30pm Mass:</u> | <u>\$1,517.22</u> |

2nd Collection - Church in Latin America

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| <u>5:00pm Mass:</u> | <u>\$250.02</u> |
| <u>8:00am Mass:</u> | <u>\$103.00</u> |
| <u>9:30am Mass:</u> | <u>\$306.30</u> |
| <u>12:00pm Mass:</u> | <u>\$265.01</u> |
| <u>7:30pm Mass:</u> | <u>\$199.90</u> |

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| <u>Church Roof Donations:</u> | <u>\$6.00</u> |
| <u>Chapel:</u> | <u>\$50.00</u> |
| <u>TOTAL:</u> | <u>\$5,525.87</u> |

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Legion of Mary: Tuesday's at 5:20pm in the Parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday's 7pm-8pm (St. John's Church).

Men's Prayer Group: Saturday's in Casa de Juan from 7:30am - 9:00am. Contact Mike Constantino at 210.415.7278.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Guadalupe: On the 12th day of each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760

Knights of Columbus: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Contact person is Valdo Carrizales 210-735-8440.

Women's Fellowship: Every third Saturday of the Month at Casa de Juan from 11 am till 2pm.

Altar Society: Third Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201

Men's ACTS: 3rd Monday of the month in Hall at 7pm.

Youth Group: Contact Virena Sampayo at 210-788-6453 or Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

ACTS: Contact Tony Ybarra at 210-430-9028.

Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation Classes (CCD): Parish Office at 210-738-2201ext 13.

Young Adults Ministry: Second Thursday of each month from 6pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. For more information contact is Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 4th ~ 11:30am

† Mary Louise Prado

† Cora Prado

Tuesday, February 5th - 11:30am

† Paul Elizondo

Graciela Rodriguez

St. Agatha Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday, February 6th ~ 11:30am

Mr. & Mrs. David Rodriguez (Special Intention)

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday, February 7th ~ 11:30am

† Eluterio C. Sifuentez

Elisa Martinez (In Thanksgiving)

Friday, February 8th~ 11:30am

† David Camacho

† George & Margaret Villarreal

Saturday, February 9th ~ 5:00pm

† Mr. & Mrs. Simon Alva Sr.

† Mr. & Mrs. Morris Torres

Sunday, February 10th

8:00am † Beatrice Calonga

† Lupe Palomo

9:30am † David Camacho

† Nacho Rodriguez

12:00pm † Edith Merla

† Grace Merla Menchaca

7:30pm † Beatrice Thayne

People of the Parish

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Joe Cosby and Family, Robert Carver, Pat Tally, Sarah Martinez, Teresa Brezenski, Josefina Gomez, Magdalena Urrabazo, Maria Villarreal, Elisa Casanova, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Pena, Mary Aguillon, Irene Breedon, Vera Williams, Jessica Lozano, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Velasco, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Maria del Carmen Morales, Tanya Marie Paveglio, Les Fitzsimon, Sr. Cecilia Rodriguez, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Agnes Kubesch, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Rome Escobedo, Richard Gonzales, Rudy Reyes, Andy Bonham, Julio Villarreal, Cassey Cosby, Graciela Bernal, Luke Nash, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Oralia Ortiz, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Melva Macias, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Viola Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Vera Williams, Rene Hernandez, Rene Galindo and Elisa Martinez.

Please call the Parish office at 738-2201, To Add or Remove a name.

To all members of St. John the Evangelist Parish:

We have recently made a report to the members of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of San Antonio of clergy sexual abuse of minors from 1940 through the present. The following priests who have been accused of sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of San Antonio were assigned to minister in your parish:

Paul Van Houtteghem, CICM, was assigned to your parish from 1949-1952. He left the Archdiocese in 1988 and died in 2001.

Albert Storme, CICM, was assigned to your parish from 1955-1957. He died in 1990.

Joseph Angeli was assigned to your parish from 1960-1961. He died in 1993.

Marion Swize was assigned to your parish from 1960-1963. In 1969, he left the priesthood and subsequently married.

John Flynn was assigned to your parish from 1969-1974. He was removed from ministry in the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1997.

The full report can be found on our webpage at archsa.org.

I share this information with you with the hope that any members of our community affected by sexual abuse will feel encouraged to seek all needed pastoral support or counseling as part of their healing process. If we can be of assistance to you, or if you have questions or concerns in regard to these priests, please contact Mr. Steve Martinez, Director of the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or 877-700-1888.

Many thanks to all our parishioners who continue to use their Offering Envelopes. If you have not received your church Offering Envelopes, please notify the parish office at 210-738-2201

“Give to the Most High as he has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10

Gracias a todo los feligreses por usar sus sobres de ofrenda. Si no recibió sus sobres, favor de avisar la oficina de la parroquia a 210-738-2201.

“Da al Altísimo como El te ha dado a ti; con generosidad de acuerdo a tus medios, porque el Señor sabe pagar y te devolverá a siete veces mas.” Sir acides 35,12



Holy Hour Adoration every Monday's from 7pm to 8pm in St. John's Church.

Adoración de la Hora Santa cada Lunes de las 7pm a las 8pm en la iglesia de San Juan.