

*He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. (Luke 15:20)*

This beloved story is usually called “the parable of the prodigal son.” But what if we looked at it as a story of a prodigal father instead?

We may not want to call the father “prodigal.” After all, the word means extravagant or excessive, like someone throwing away his money with both hands. That’s clearly what the younger son did, and we don’t like it.

But the father is prodigal. First, he freely gives his younger son his inheritance years before the proper time. Then, maybe more important, when this son returns, he is exceedingly prodigal in welcoming him back: the finest robe, a ring, new sandals, and a great feast, to top it all off. It’s no wonder the older son got upset! How could his father be so free with his gifts? How could he be so glad to accept that wasteful, irresponsible son back into his home?

This prodigal father can disturb us too. It’s hard to understand how or why he could welcome his wayward son back into full status as a child and heir. We might think that for the sake of fairness, the father should have made the young man pay back what he had squandered or suffer some other kind of consequence for his actions before he could be forgiven. But that would be misunderstanding mercy.

The father in this parable gives us a glimpse of our heavenly Father. He sent Jesus to pour out his entire self lavishly to welcome us back home. In everything he said and did, Jesus revealed God’s shockingly generous mercy, a mercy that is available to each one of us. It’s a mercy that doesn’t hold a grudge. It’s a mercy that waits patiently for us to begin our return. It’s a mercy that eagerly welcomes us home.

This is the mercy that God has for you and for everyone around you.

*“Thank you, Father, for your extravagant mercy. Thank you for running out to meet each person who comes back to you. Even me.” Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Timothy 1:12-17*

***The Word Among Us.***

**Homebound or Shut-In’s** If you know someone within our parish who is sick or homebound and interested in receiving Holy Communion, please contact the Parish office at 738-2201, so arrangements can be made to take them the Body of Christ.

Si usted conoce a alguien dentro de nuestra parroquia que está enfermo o sin poder salir de casa y quiere recibir la Sagrada Comunión póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial al 738-2201, para puedan hacer arreglos para llevarles el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process is for the unbaptized, the baptized Catholic Christian who wants to complete their initiation through the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, and for the baptized Christian from another faith tradition. For registration and further information, please call Yolanda in the church office at 210-738-2201 ext. 13.



The Knights of Columbus Council #8302 are having a raffle sale. Raffle will be on Sunday, Oct. 13, after the Knights of Columbus breakfast sale in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be obtain by any Knights member or you can contact the Grand Knight Mike Constantino at 210-415-72278. Need not to be present to win!

El Consejo de los Caballeros de Colón #8302 están teniendo una rifa. La Rifa será en Domingo, octubre 13, después de la venta de desayuno de Caballeros de Colón en el Salón Parroquial. Los boletos son \$20.00 cada uno y pueden obtener por cualquier Caballeros miembro o puedes contactar al Gran Caballero Mike Constantino al 210-415-72278. ¡No es necesario estar presente para ganar!

- 1st prize - Yeti Cooler**
- 2nd prize - \$150.00 gift card to Dziuk’s Meat Market**
- 3rd prize - \$100.00 gift card to Academy Store**
- 4th prize - Fishing Rod**

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Joe Cosby and Family, Pat Tally, Harlow Martinez, Teresa Brezenski, Josefina Gomez, Magdalena Urrabazo, Maria Villarreal, Elisa Casanova, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Pena, Mary Aguillon, Irene Breeden, Jessica Lozano, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Velasco, Agnes Kubesch, Maria del Carmen Morales, Tanya Marie Pavaglio, Rome Escobedo, Sister Cecilia Rodriguez, Richard Gonzales, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Rudy Reyes, Andy Bonham, Julio Villarreal, Cassey Cosby, Graciela Bernal, Quinn Nash, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Oralía Ortiz, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Melva Macias, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Viola Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Rene Hernandez, Pablo Flores, Luciano Soto, Sue Lira, Hector C. Alvarez, Valdomero Carrizales, Gene Flores, Esiquio Perez and Kathleen May.

**To Add or Remove names  
please call the Parish office at 738-2201**

**Parish Support: Weekend of September 7th & 8th, 2019**

**Church Support Envelope**

**5:00pm Mass:.....\$1,627.59**  
**8:00am Mass:.....\$1,464.00**  
**9:30am Mass:.....\$778.95**  
**12:00pm Mass:.....\$1,057.27**  
**7:30pm Mass:.....\$1,238.79**

**2nd Collection - Building Fund**

**5:00pm Mass:.....\$276.00**  
**8:00am Mass:.....\$316.00**  
**9:30am Mass:.....\$198.00**  
**12:00pm Mass:.....\$203.32**  
**7:30pm Mass:.....\$378.70**

**TOTAL:.....\$7,538.62**

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 16th ~ 11:30am**

† Sierra Felan

**Sr. Veronica Dobson CSB (Special Intention)**

*St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

**Tuesday, September 17th ~ 11:30am**

† Alfred Urrabazo

**Zachary F. Marr (In Thanksgiving)**

*St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**Wednesday, September 18th ~ 11:30am**

**Salvador Baylan (Happy Birthday)**

**Thursday, September 19th ~ 11:30am**

† Graciela G. Garza

*St. Januarius Bishop and Martyr*

**Friday, September 20th ~ 11:30am**

† June Adams

† Graciela G. Garza

*St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, &*

*Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

**Saturday, September 21st ~ 5:00pm**

† Jose Benavides

† Graciela G. Garza

**Sunday, September 22nd**

**8:00am** † Beatrice Corbin

**Lucille Jones (Happy Birthday)**

**9:30am** † Guillermo Alonso

† Lupe de Hoyos

**12:00pm** † Hortencia Gonzales

† Gloria Arriaga

**7:30pm** † Bonnie Frerich

**People of the Parish**

### Beginning Experience

"Are you or someone you know Divorced, Widowed, or Separated and hurting? The October 11-13, 2019 (Friday evening-Sunday afternoon) Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat will help you deal with the grief process. It offers an opportunity for turning the pain of loss into a growth experience. People in any stage of life, male or female, who have experienced such a loss can benefit from the retreat. For more information on how we can help, visit <http://www.sanantoniobe.org/>, call Barbara at 210-256-2859, or e-mail: [sanantoniobe@yahoo.com](mailto:sanantoniobe@yahoo.com)."

Sunday, October 6, 2019

LOTERIA (Mexican Bingo)

Altar Society Fundraiser

St. John's Parish Hall 1:30pm to 4:30pm

\$10 per person for 10 games

Door Prizes, Raffle, Food, and Silent Auction

For tickets please call Evelyn Casillas at 210-213-3853 or  
Rosie Martinez at 210-875-8837

**Limited Seating/ Cash or Checks ONLY**  
**NO OUTSIDE FOOD or DRINKS PERMITTED**

### RESERVA LA FECHA

Domingo, 6 de Octubre de 2019

LOTERIA

Recaudación de fondos de la Sociedad del Altar  
en el Salon de la Parroquia de San Juan de las  
1:30am a hasta 4:30pm.

\$10.00 por carta, cada carta juegas 10 juegos  
Abran premios en la Puerta, Rifa, Comida y unas  
subasta silenciosa.

Para boletos por favor llama a Evelyn Casillas al  
210-213-3853 o Rosie Martinez al 210-875-8837

**Asientos limitados/ SOLAMENTE Dinero efectivo o**  
**cheques. NO SE PERMITEN NINGUNA**  
**COMIDA o BEBIDAS**

### 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 Kevin Collins - 210-685-2735 or Rafael Martinez - 210-782-6313

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

**Guadalupanas:** Recites the Rosary 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 Mike Constantino- 210-415-7278.

**Women's Fellowship:** Every third Thursday of the Month at Casa de Juan from 6pm till 9pm.

**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 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 7pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044