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Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

The late Alvin Rogness, a former seminary professor and author of the book *When Things Go Wrong*, once suggested that he would have told the story of the prodigal son in a slightly different way. He would have had the prodigal go to the far country with his inheritance, but instead of having him squander it, he would have had the prodigal invest it in stocks and bonds . . . He would have had him become the richest man in the land. Then, one evening when his fellow citizens had thrown a big banquet in his honor, and with everyone fawning over him, he would have had the prodigal come to himself and say “What am I doing here? I don’t belong here. I have done nothing of value with all I have earned, I have only remembered the big I, me, my and mine.” In both these stories (in the gospel story and the above-mentioned imaginary story) the prodigal lived for himself until he came back to his father.

In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land. In today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), a rejoicing Psalmist invites us, “*Glorify the Lord with me; let us together extol His Name!*” In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by his suffering and death.

Today’s Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his “homecoming” where he discovers his father’s forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now ready to receive God’s forgiveness and to experience Jesus’ Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God.

Life messages: 1) Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts. As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God’s abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father’s home. 2) Holy Mass enhances our “pass over,” from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. At every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father’s house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned (“*I confess to Almighty God.*”). In the Offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God’s invitation through Jesus: “... *this is My Body, which will be given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you...*” (= “*All I have is yours*”). In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Lucile Cook, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Natalie Hayes, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Diana Leonhardi, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Marcela Montenegro, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Amalia Saucillo, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, and Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Mar 29	5:00 p.m.	Felix Wong+
Sun	Mar 30	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
		12:30 p.m.	Laura Elaine Hayes S.I.
Tue	Apr 1	12:30 p.m.	Hope & Lee Chestnut+
Thu	Apr 3	5:00 p.m.	Jim Plumb+
Fri	Apr 4	12:30 p.m.	Jim Plumb+
Sat	Apr 5	5:00 p.m.	Jim Plumb+

Parish Giving

March 23, 2025

1st Collection	\$ 3,406.00
2nd Collection	\$ 500.00
Children's Collection	\$ 19.00

2nd Collection	Mar 30	Catholic Relief Services
2nd Collection	Apr 06	Emergency Fund

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 83
10:00 a.m. 109 and 12:30 p.m. 116

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Doing ordinary things in an
extraordinary way is a
great thing.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

First Friday

April 4th is First Friday. Holy Hour will follow the 12:30 p.m. Mass from 1-2 p.m. and again from 6-7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross on First Friday, April 4

Stations of the Cross in English follow First Friday Holy Hour at 2 p.m. (English) and at 7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

Lenten Retreats

The dates and times for the Lenten Retreats are as follows:
In Spanish, next Saturday, April 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
In English, Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025

There will be Mass as usual, then from 3 – 4.30 p.m.: Adoration, Divine Mercy chaplet, and Confessions.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

If you have not yet submitted your Appeal pledge envelope, please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to help meet our parish goal of \$40,000. You may mail it directly to the Diocese of Tyler or bring it to the church.

New Women's Group at Prince of Peace

The parish's new women's group begins with its first meeting this Sunday, March 30, after the 10 a.m. Mass. All women over 18 years of age are invited to attend. Come learn about our Faith, our Traditions, and our history while building friendships. We hope to see you there.

Lay Ministers are Needed

More Lay Ministers are needed for all Masses at Prince of Peace. Prayerfully consider joining this worthwhile ministry. The sign-up sheet is in the church foyer. Thank you.

Easter Egg Candy Needed

The parish's Easter Egg Hunt, planned for Saturday, April 19, is in need of bags of wrapped candies that can go inside plastic eggs. Please drop them off in the church or at the church office. Hard candies cannot be accepted due to safety reasons for small children. Thanks.

Knights of Columbus Fish Frys

The Knights of Columbus second Fish Fry is planned for April 11 from 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall, for dine in or take out. Knights are selling tickets after each Mass. Tickets will be \$15 each and will include fish, coleslaw, corn, French fries or hush puppies, beans and dessert. Proceeds will be used for Faith, Family, Community and Pro-Life projects at Prince of Peace. We look forward to serving you and your family during this Lenten season!

Donations for New Mothers

The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of baby wipes in February, baby bottles in March, and diapers in April. Collection boxes are in the church foyer. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution.



The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil for Tyler will be from Wednesday, March 5th thru April 13th. During these 40 days, we need prayer warriors to come out to Planned Parenthood in Tyler, located at 601 Turtle Creek Drive, and pray for (1) hour each week during these 40 days. Bring a Rosary and a friend. Praying does make a difference and saves babies! For more information and to signup to pray, please go to 40DaysForLife.com/Tyler or contact Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292.

Safe Environment

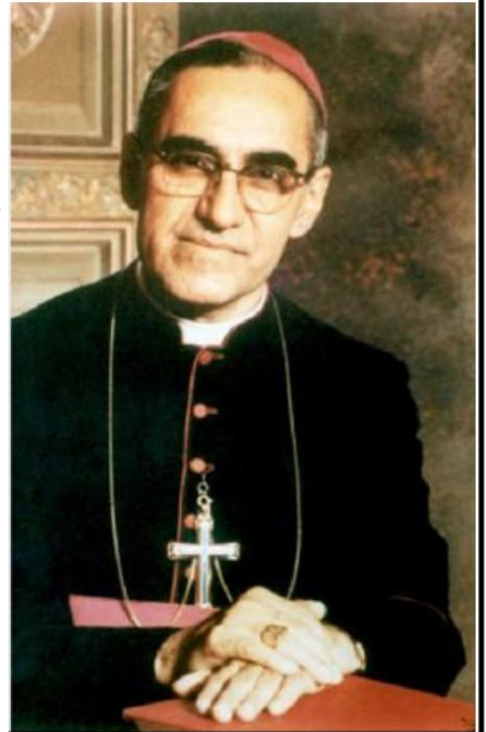
Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Oscar Romero (1917-1980), priest, archbishop, and martyr, became Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. Before he became Archbishop, he had not been politically active. However, this changed after the government failed to investigate the assassination of his friend, politically vocal Father Rutilio Grande. He then began to speak out for the oppressed of his country, working with and for them, taking their struggles as his own. In 1979, a civil war erupted in San Salvador. Violence escalated, including violence against members of the Church who worked on behalf of the poor. A large number of priests, professed religious, and lay volunteers were either murdered, tortured, threatened, or expelled from the country. In his sermon on March 23, 1980, he implored the Salvadoran soldiers to stop following the orders of the corrupt government and obey God's higher order of love for one another. On March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass, he was shot and killed by an assassin. Because of his courageous stand for justice, Romero became a martyr, not only for poor Salvadorians, but also for all struggling to overcome oppression and poverty. He was beatified on May 23, 2015, and Pope Francis canonized him in October 2018.





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