

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Conscience Protection Act

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement asking people to pray, call, and write to their Congressional representatives to urge the inclusion of the Conscience Protection Act in the government's upcoming funding bill. The statement, issued by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, chair of the conference's pro-life committee, and Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, chair of the religious liberty committee, urges Catholics to "flood" their members of Congress in support of the act. "Increasing and fierce attacks on conscience rights regarding abortion cry out for an immediate remedy," said the archbishops. "Nurses and other health care providers and institutions are being forced to choose between participating in abortions or leaving health care altogether."

While the bishops' conference is encouraging action each day until the bill is enacted, they are especially focusing on Monday, March 12 as a day of action. The funding deadline is March 23. The Conscience Protection Act would protect physicians and nurses from being forced to engage in procedures that violate their conscience, such as abortion or sterilization. It would also prevent employers from being forced to cover abortions in their health care plans if the procedure violates their conscience beliefs. Currently, three states--California, Oregon, and New York--require most or all insurance plans to cover abortion.

"Opponents and supporters of abortion should be able to agree that no one should be forced to participate in abortion," reads the bishops' statement. "Congress must remedy this problem by enacting the Conscience Protection Act now as part of the FY 2018 funding bill." Failure to pass this legislation could result in prejudice against pro-life or religious employees, said Dr. Michael Parker of the Catholic Medical Association. "If it's not enacted, it could lead to discrimination against these people -- failure to work for certain employers or given access to certain programs," he told CNA.

"For example, Vanderbilt University made all their nurse practitioners in their programs agree to participate in abortion procedures in order to be accepted into their program," Parker said. There have also been [several cases](#) where nurses have faced the threat of losing their job if they would not assist in an abortion. Parker warned that forcing someone to violate their conscience in this manner could result in additional issues later in life. Mandating someone who is against abortion to perform or assist with one could "cause them to have significant remorse," or could possibly trigger psychological problems.

"[The Catholic Medical Association] has always been for a conscience protection law that protects the conscience rights of physicians, especially in performing elective procedures such as abortions, sterilizations, physician-assisted suicide -- or even genital mutilation," said Parker.

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[Members of Congress can be reached by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and asking to be connected with your representative or senator.]

DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *Lenten Weekday*
Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** *Lenten Weekday*
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** *Lenten Weekday*
Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
- Thursday:** *Lenten Weekday*
Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
- Friday:** *Lenten Weekday*
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** *Lenten Weekday*
Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
- Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

This Week's Program Schedule

Monday, March 12

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| 8:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 8:30AM | Bible Study | Lounge |
| 7:00PM | Penance Service | Church |

Tuesday, March 13

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| 8:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 6:30PM | Charismatic Prayer Group | Lounge |

Wednesday, March 14

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| 1:00PM | Mass @ CSUS | Bizini Hall, Rm 245 |
| 5:00PM | CRE Mass | Church |

Thursday, March 15

Friday, March 16

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| 4:00PM-7:00PM | Knights Fish Fry | Parking Lot |
| 4:30PM | Mass | Church |
| 5:15PM | Stations of the Cross | Church |

Saturday, March 17

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| 6:15AM | That Man Is You! | Church |
| 10:00AM | 1 st Reconciliation for CRE | Church |
| 3:30PM | Reconciliation | Church |
| 5:00PM | Mass | Church |

Sunday, March 18

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| 9:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 9:00AM | Children's Liturgy | Conf. Rm |
| 6:00PM | Mass | Church |
| 7:00PM | CSA | Lounge |

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

RNTEEPS	EESTRD	LREETNL
FLIE	RODLW	HILGT

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$ 6,942.06

Building Fund: \$ 4,085.79

Thank you and God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM	Saturday, March 10	Doug Merritt†
9:00AM	Sunday, March 11	All Saints Community
6:00PM	Sunday, March 11	Scott Silva†
8:00AM	Monday, March 12	Peggy Meyer†
8:00AM	Tuesday, March 13	Maria Simoes†
4:30PM	Friday, March 16	Esperanza Estrella†

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held after the 4:30pm Friday afternoon Mass (at approximately 5:15pm) throughout the season of Lent. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN DRIVE THRU FISH FRY will take place on the Lenten Friday of March 16. Tickets will be sold after all masses. Meals are \$11.00 and include fish, cabbage crunch salad, baked potato, dinner roll and dessert. Thank you and God bless you for supporting our Knights.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the benefit of our *Community Assistance Fund*. God bless you for your continued support!

THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON is celebrating the Installation of the Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta as our Sixth Bishop on Thursday, March 15 at 2:00PM. Livestream of the Installation Mass will be available through www.stocktondiocese.org or www.KNXT.tv or can be heard on Radio Unidos Por Cristo y Maria, 1390 AM, Modesto; 102.1 FM, Stockton and on their Facebook page. *Attendance at the Mass is by ticket only.*

BMA UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that All Saints is currently in 1st place in the diocese, having reached 88.2% of our 2018 BMA Goal as of March 6. We are 2nd in the Diocese for "percent of participation" at 14.5%. There is still time to participate and envelopes are provided on the table in the lobby. Please remember that anything over our goal comes back to us for our Building Fund. We sincerely appreciate all those who are supporting our 2018 BMA. God bless you for your generosity!

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIPS: All Saints is offering scholarships to church members who are attending or planning to attend any university, community college, or trade school. In addition, any student, regardless of religious affiliation, who is attending or planning to attend CSU Stanislaus is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Application forms are available in the office and will be due on **Monday, April 16, 2018.**

Please note: If you would like to offer a scholarship in your family's name or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Tricia Hoobyar

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: SERPENT, DESERT, ETERNAL, LIFE, WORLD, LIGHT. *How did you do?*

TIPS FOR TITHING

We personally respond to God by sharing ourselves with the Church and others in a spirit of gratitude and gratefulness. We offer back to God, in thanksgiving, the first portion of what we have been given, for all that we have comes from God.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

<i>All Saints, Turlock</i>	<i>March 12 @ 7:00pm</i>
<i>St. Anthony's, Hughson</i>	<i>March 19 @ 7:00pm</i>
<i>Sacred Heart, Turlock</i>	<i>March 21 @ 7:00pm</i>

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

<i>Gustavo Delgadillo</i>	<i>Socorro Aguilar</i>	<i>Ed H</i>
<i>Peggy Howard</i>	<i>Carol Parks</i>	<i>Tom Abram</i>
<i>Cecilia Renenger</i>	<i>Linda Seymour</i>	<i>Stephen...</i>
<i>Jim Perdomo</i>	<i>Flynn Hillman</i>	<i>Janet Fiorini</i>
<i>Katarina Renenger</i>	<i>Jeanne Neu</i>	<i>Shelly...</i>
<i>Sherry Mailloux</i>	<i>Mike Baer</i>	<i>Karen ...</i>
<i>Cynthia Basco</i>	<i>Jackie Ferreira</i>	<i>Jacki...</i>
<i>David Rodriguez</i>	<i>Lillian Lopez</i>	<i>Sharon...</i>
<i>Patti & Tom Scott</i>	<i>Charles W.</i>	<i>Ed Rocha</i>
<i>Carol Patterson</i>	<i>Catherine Harris</i>	<i>William Jackson</i>
<i>Joanne Mattos</i>	<i>Isabel Rodriguez</i>	<i>Edward Lytle</i>
<i>Bishop Stephen Blaire</i>	<i>Rozee Lopez</i>	<i>Kevin Downs</i>
<i>Ruby Summerlin</i>	<i>June Zuniga</i>	<i>Raul Campusano</i>
<i>Brian Diehl</i>	<i>Rita Yonan</i>	<i>Taylor Holt</i>
<i>Ray Morris</i>	<i>Teresa Diamond</i>	<i>Geralyn Weston</i>
<i>Russell Van Hook</i>	<i>Harry Sullivan</i>	<i>Sara Serpa</i>
<i>Pam Youngdale</i>	<i>Gary Winkleman</i>	<i>Infant Rosie</i>

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Sunday, March 11: Please join us for a potluck and "Jeopardy" night after the 6:00PM Mass.

Friday, March 16: *Body and Soul* will be having mini-golf. Meet at All Saints at 6:30pm.

All college students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

Wednesday, March 14 at 5:00pm – CRE Mass. There will be **no** regularly scheduled classes on March 14, however, attendance will be taken at mass. Parents are invited to attend. Sign-in sheets will be available for parents needing Faith Formation hours.

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for Catholic Relief Services. God bless you for your support.

YLI SOUP SUPPER: Please join our YLI for a meatless soup supper sponsored by our YLI members on Friday, March 23. All parishioners are welcome!

JOURNEY IN CHRISTIANITY is an organization focusing on Christian renewal through Catholic service. They are sponsoring a weekend retreat on March 16-18 in Sonora. The Journey experience is an opportunity to share and encounter Christ in each other. The weekend is a great way to jump start or recharge your faith. For further info please go to www.journeyinchristianity.org. You can also contact Craig/Karen Lewandowski at 209-835-2409 or 209-815-3024 or rxcraig55@gmail.com. You can also contact James/Carrie Russell at 209-298-1846 or 209-298-2298.