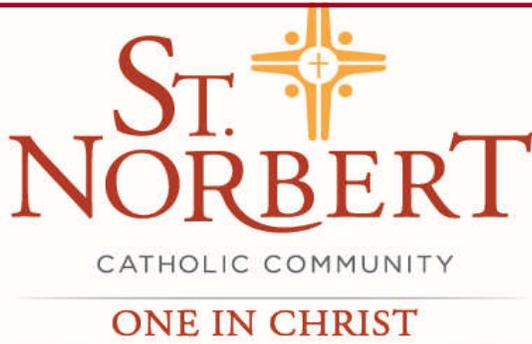


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### **MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:30PM

**SUNDAY MASSES:** 7:30, 9, 11:30AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;  
**Youth Mass** 6PM

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 6:30, 8AM; **SATURDAY** 8AM

**RECONCILIATION:** Thursdays 7-8 PM; **Saturday** 3:30-5 PM OR  
by Appointment

**ADORATION:** Thursdays 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

### **CLERGY**

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**DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO**

**DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Today is the Fourth Sunday of our Lenten preparation. The first reading is a bleak reminder of our sinfulness, our deafness to those who warn us, and the consequences of our continuing arrogance and destructiveness. The psalm tells us what it is like to be separated from the love of God.

We weep and we remember. Ephesians offers us hope. God is merciful even though our sins have destroyed our lives. God saves us, not because of who we are but because of who God is. God's love raises us up from our sinful despair. John reminds us that although we deserve condemnation because of our repeated sinfulness, God so loved the world that God did what Abraham was asked to do. God sacrificed Jesus, the beloved Son, that we might be saved.

### **EARLY AND OFTEN**

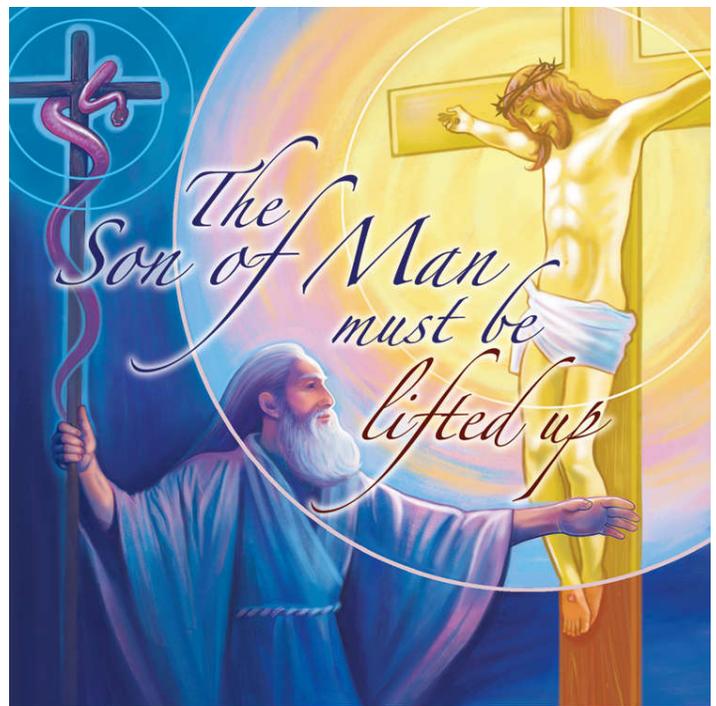
We are not an easy people to love. As Chronicles reminds us, we prefer sinfulness over goodness time and time again. Infidelity, abomination, pollution, mocking prophets — we do it all. And still God loves us. The psalm offers a beautiful image of the price we pay for living in the darkness of sin and evil when we know the beauty of living in the light. Alone, isolated, still we remember the beauty of life with God and we weep. God is rich in mercy. Time and time again, God brings us back to life. Jesus' life was sacrificed to save ours. We are saved not by our works, but by the gift of God. What more powerful words are there than those found in John: "For God so loved the world the he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

### **COME TO THE LIGHT**

If our works cannot save us, then why are we doing all this hard work and sacrifice during Lent? Traditionally we were asked to give up something during Lent so that we might experience the loss and deprivation that the Old Testament talks about when we are estranged from God. More recently we have been asked to do something affirmative, to add something good to our lives instead of taking something bad away. Either way works because both are just means of waking us up to the way we live our lives, sometimes thoughtlessly indulgent, sometimes indifferent, but all too often isolated from what is at the center of God's life, i.e., love and sacrifice. Lent is a chance to live our lives as Jesus lived his. Jesus lived in the light of love, truth, and sacrifice. Lent is a chance to find that light in our own lives.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”*  
— John 3:17

**Sunday, March 11**

Vigil †Massey & Antonio Pomanti  
7:30 †Deceased members of the Moscaler Family  
9:00 †Paul Nguyen & Family  
11:30 †Brian Zwaan  
1:30 PM Por La Salud de Teresita Pizarro Jimenez  
6 PM †Felice DiFrancesco

**Monday, March 12**

6:30 Maryann Whalen  
8:00 †John Rutkowski

**Tuesday, March 13**

6:30 †Carisa Koziol  
8:00 †Cordine Scartozzi

**Wednesday, March 14**

6:30 †Maryann Whalen  
8:00 †Armando Panacio

**Thursday, March 15**

6:30 †Robert Prybella  
8:00 †Barbara A. Nichols Heath

**Friday, March 16**

6:30 †Kathleen McGrory  
8:00 †Patti Ryan

**Saturday, March 17**

8:00 Hogan & O'Brien Families

**Sunday, March 18**

Vigil †John Brennan  
7:30 †Joseph Pantaleo  
9:00 Our Parishioners  
11:30 †Brian Zwaan  
1:30 PM Spanish Community  
6 PM †Victoria A. Fisher

*“If I were to ask you if you loved God, you would tell me that you did; but that is not enough. You must prove it.”*

—St. John Vianney,  
Sermon on the Love of God

**OUR VISION**

St. Norbert Parish aspires to become one in Christ as a community of fervent disciples, who listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and who lovingly embrace Jesus, present in the poor, the alienated and the spiritually hungry.

# Gratitude

## 3:16 Touchdown

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Do we really need a more powerful reminder of the importance of Lent and Easter than that?

That verse (from **John 3:16**) has become very popular in modern culture, to the point that we see it often at athletic events. When the University of Florida played for the national college football championship in 2009, quarterback Tim Tebow did not wear the regular eye black under his eyes. Under his right eye it said “John” and under his left eye it said “3:16.”

God sends us messages all the time, if we listen and are attentive. Tebow did not have a remarkable professional career, but he was the quarterback of the Denver Broncos against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 2012 playoffs in what became known



## PRAYERS & READINGS

**PRAY FOR HEALING:** Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Trudy DiNardo, Sr. Helena Mayer, John Valenti, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Julianne Zelov, Guillermo Lopez, Maura Tehrani Henderson

**REST IN PEACE:** Gale Robinson

**PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:**

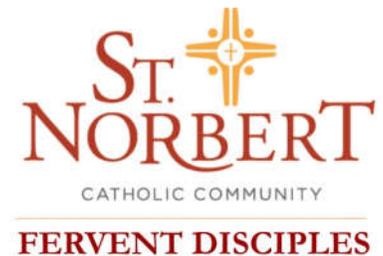
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as the **3:16 game**. The Broncos won, and in that game Tebow passed for **316 yards**; his completed passes averaged **31.6 yards**; perhaps the key play in the game came on **third down and 16**; the TV ratings for the game were **31.6%**.

The statistics are not the important aspect, however. What is important is that the truth of that statement — “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life” — is so simple. The truth is that God loves us, no matter what we are or what our attitude toward God is. The world that God gave his Son to save is our world. We are the children of God. This Lenten season is a time to see that and accept it as truth.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**Alternate readings (Year A):**  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

# Pastor's Pulpit

REFLECTIONS ON A VISIT. . .

## SOUTH AMERICA WAY

I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to South America with a priest friend. We traveled to Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Each country had a specific character.

Chile had the beauty of the Andes. Although we did not go beyond Santiago, the capital, but those mountains and the southern parts of Chile are tempting.

Buenos Aires, Argentina was beautiful. I was interested to see the cathedral where Pope Francis was Cardinal Archbishop, but, due to a strike against the banks and the protesters, the doors of the cathedral were locked. Sad, but I understand. We did have an enjoyable horseback ride south of Buenos Aires on a Gaucho ranch and we listened to music and had a wonderful visit.

All of the above leads me to the picture that is part of this note. The statue of Christ the Redeemer, which looms over Rio de Janeiro, was one of the highlights of the trip. There were hundreds of tourists, like myself, taking pictures of the statue as well as the view of the City.



There is a small chapel under the statue where prayers are offered and was set up for Mass. I spent some time in prayer in that chapel praying for many things and especially the people of Rio united in prayer with the people of Saint Norbert Parish. One gets a sense of the universality of the Catholic Church when you see so many different nationalities and hear so many different languages.

I could not help but think that the face of Christ the Redeemer, looking on the city of Rio, sees the wealth of the city in the areas of Copa Cabana Beach and the business towers. Those same eyes of Christ are also able to look over the slums or favelas so common in this and in so many cities. I wanted to look closer at the face of Christ to see if there were tears in His eyes.

Please don't think I am picking on the people of Rio. We here in Chester County face similar challenges and we pray that we, as a Parish Community, continue to reach out to the poor, the alienated and the spiritually hungry.

OBRIGADO,  
Father Miguelito

PS: I also snuck in a picture of me in a Super Bowl Tee, thanking the

Lord.



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

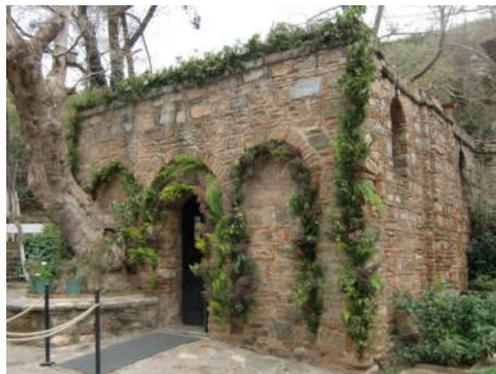
### MARY'S HOME

This Sunday we read a portion of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesus at the time of Paul was a great first century Greek city and the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience.

His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) 17 gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples.

You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.



Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him (photo left). There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary.

Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that arche-

ologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites including the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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# News & Events

**THIS COMING FRIDAY & SUNDAY**

## LIVING STATIONS

Accompany Jesus on the journey to Calvary in music, words and prayer by our Youth Group teens this **Friday, March 16** at **8 PM** in the St. Norbert Church immediately following the Fish Fry (see below). The Living Stations will be repeated on **Sunday, March 18** at **7:30 PM** immediately following the Youth Mass. A St. Norbert Lenten tradition not to be missed. Bring a friend, family or just your self.



**REGISTER NOW . . .**

## TICKETS GOING FAST

Purchase your tickets now while they last for the parish-wide Fish Fry **Friday March 16** at **6 PM**. "We decided to focus on one evening to bring all our ministries, families, school, CaFFE religious ed and individuals together for a fish fry followed by our extremely popular Youth Group Living Stations," said Fr. Mike. **COST:** \$10 per meal. No



# REVEALED

1 John 4:9

St Norbert Youth Ministry is headed to the  
**Steubenville Youth Conference**  
**July 20-22**

Check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HB6BKDafVyo>



Register now!

High school students from all parishes are welcome.

Forward this announcement to all your friends and remind them to sign up

Register here:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ae73ba>

children's portions, but one serving easily serves two children. All tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. Bring your family or take out. No tickets sold at the door.

**BUY TICKETS NOW AT:**

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=46335a>

**LENTEN WALK . . .**

## DEEPEN YOUR JOURNEY

How are you doing on your Lenten Journey to Holiness? This week, Fr. Mike's homily will cover "**Its Not About Me!**" Bishop Robert Barron comments: "Wealth, power, pleasure, and honor have all played the role of false gods over the course of the human drama, but today especially, freedom itself has emerged as the ultimate good, as the object of worship. And what this looks like on the ground is that our lives come to belong utterly to us, that we become great projects of self-creation and self-determination... . [T]he Biblical narrative can be interpreted as God's attempt to convince human beings that their lives, in point of fact, do not belong to them. He did this precisely by choosing a people whom he would form after his own mind and heart, teaching them how to think, how to behave, and above all, how to worship." View preview videos like the one above by Diaconate Candidate Hank Fila for each Sunday's Journey To Holiness theme and the actual homily at <http://parish.stnorbert.org/resource-center/homilies-audio-video>



**FINAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS . . .**

## CALVARY WALK

Our Diaconate candidates will lead the final Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 23**, at **6 PM**. This traditional journey with Jesus to Calvary will be led by our four men currently at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Diaconate program: Steve Martino, Hank Fila, Paul Stoyell-Mulholland and Tom Strohmets. Make your plans now as an individual or a family to spend time with Jesus on the Way of the Cross for a half hour right before Holy Week begins March 25 with Palm Sunday.



**MAKE PLANS NOW . . .**

## SAVING BABIES

Tour the Legacy for Life Foundation in Center City with the Respect Life Ministry on **Saturday, April 21** from **9-10 am**. Meet the staff that has supported over 1,500 mothers who have chosen life for their infants. See firsthand how women are helped throughout their pregnancies and for at least three years after their babies are born. You will be inspired with what you see and learn.

**SIGNUPS:** Narthex weekends of April 7-8 and 14-15.

**CONTACT:** For more information email Honora Jackson at [jacksonhonora@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonhonora@gmail.com)





# THIS SATURDAY LENTEN SERVICE

## Saturday, March 17



Mass 8 AM

Coffee & Light Breakfast 8:30 - 9 AM

Service Projects 9-11 AM

Join us for a fun St. Patrick's Day morning  
and serve those in need.

Projects on-site and in surrounding area.

**SIGNUP:** Narthex tables after all weekend Masses  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>



## ON-SITE PROJECTS IN SCHOOL DINING HALL

### Care Packages for the Troops

**CONTACT:** Marianne O'Neill [marianneo219@gmail.com](mailto:marianneo219@gmail.com)

### Card Making for the Military & Senior Citizens

**CONTACT:** Cecily Getz [Cgetz@comcast.net](mailto:Cgetz@comcast.net)

### Individual Meal Prep for Aid For Friends

**CONTACT:** Nina Gallacher [ngallacher9@aol.com](mailto:ngallacher9@aol.com)

### Maintenance of St. Norbert's Campus

**CONTACT:** Marianne O'Neill [marianneo219@gmail.com](mailto:marianneo219@gmail.com)

### Fidget Square Making for Alzheimer's Patients

**CONTACT:** Laura Nicholas [nichlasmara1@gmail.com](mailto:nichlasmara1@gmail.com)

## OFF-SITE PROJECTS

### Bethesda Shelters Maintenance & Renovation

**CONTACT:** Manny & Marsha Menendez [marsha@menendezfamily.com](mailto:marsha@menendezfamily.com)

### Visits to Highgate & Daylesford Crossing

**CONTACT:** Kay Wasson: [wassonmk@yahoo.com](mailto:wassonmk@yahoo.com)

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Please drop off in the Narthex after weekend Masses **March 10-11**

**Non-perishable foods:** Beef jerky, peanut butter in plastic jars,

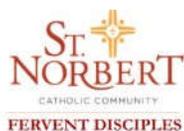
Tasty Cakes, individual sized bags salty snacks, power bars, chewing gum

**Comfort and fun:** Playing cards, magazines, pre-paid phone cards, athletic socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Q-Tips, hand and foot warmers

**Monetary donations** also welcome to cover shipping

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Laura Nicholas [nichlasmara1@gmail.com](mailto:nichlasmara1@gmail.com)



**ALL LIVES MATTER . . .**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL**

The St. Norbert Respect Life Ministry **Vigil Day** at the West Chester Planned Parenthood facility will be **Wednesday, Mar 14**. Still time to sign up March 11 & 12 in the Narthex. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at [jacksonhonora@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonhonora@gmail.com)



**THE MEANING OF LENT**

Fr. Joseph Serano of Daylesford Abbey will lead the last evening Lenten presentations on Monday:

- ♦ **Mar 12: A Closer Look At Mary: The First Christian, The First Saint**

This Daylesford Abbey evening starts with an optional dinner at **5:40 PM** and presentation at **6:30 PM**. **OFFERING:** \$25 with dinner; \$15 presentation only. **RSVP:** 610.647.2530 ext 133 or

[registrations@daylesford.org](mailto:registrations@daylesford.org)



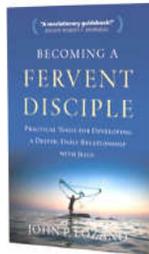
**BOOK NOW AVAILABLE . . .**

**FOLLOWING JESUS**

"A revolutionary guidebook!"

— Bishop Robert F. Morneau, Green Bay

Deacon John Lozano's new book is available through Twenty-Third Publications, Amazon.com or at the Parish Office. Let's support John and bring home the important message he gives us in this new book.



**MOTHER & DAUGHTER . . .**

**FASHION SHOW**

Join other Moms and Daughters **Sunday, March 18**, at Overbrook Golf Club from **10:30 AM to 3 PM** for a shopping extravaganza with area top vendors. Spring fashions by Polka Dots and Francesca's modeled by St. Norbert moms, daughters and teachers. 20% of all sales will be donated to the School Annual Fund. **CONTACT:** Jackie O'Connor at 484.995.8442 or [jackieoconnor9104@gmail.com](mailto:jackieoconnor9104@gmail.com) **RESERVE SEATS** at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-st-norbert-school-mother-daughter-spring-fashion-show-luncheon-and-shopping-event-tickets-42356097227>



**THIS WEEK . . .**

**ACTION AGAINST ADDICTIONS**

**GETHSEMANI 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY NIGHT:**

Explore the spirituality of 12 steps from our Catholic Christian perspective in this faith-sharing group. **Sunday, March 11, 7:30-8:30 PM**, in the St. Norbert Oratory. Open to people in 12 Step programs (AA, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, etc.). Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. **Contact:** Martin K 610.291.114



**GETHSEMANI ADDICTIONS PRAYER NITE:** Join us this

**Thursday, March 15, 7 PM** in the Oratory to pray for families, friends, relatives, and those in recovery. Confession available and our Lord is present in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hospitality, refreshments, and informal conversation after each evening. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at [mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org) or 610.644.1655 ext.131



**BABY SHOWER**

**For Birthright New Mothers**

**March 17 & 18**

Help support mothers who decide to keep their babies. Birthright of Coatesville serves mothers 16 to 44.



**You can help with:**

Similac Advance Formula, maternity clothes, Spring/Summer **baby clothes up to 3 T**, crib sheets, infant toys, mobiles, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, books, night lights, etc.

**SPONSORS: 50+ GROUP • RESPECT LIFE**

Drop off gifts in the Narthex • No need to wrap

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**HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY**

March 25: Masses 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM & 6 PM, Spanish 1:30 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

March 28: 6:30-7:30 PM  
Multiple Confessors Available

**HOLY THURSDAY**

March 29: Mass 7:30 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

March 30: Service 2 PM

**EASTER VIGIL**

March 31 Mass: 8:30 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Apr 1 Masses: 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM; Spanish 1:30 PM; **NO** 6 PM Mass