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LENT

During the season of Lent we are invited to reflect upon

and renew ourselves in our own baptismal call to holiness. We are reminded of our baptism on Ash Wednesday with ashes smudged on our foreheads in the form of a cross, the same cross into which we were baptized. For us Christians, Lent is a time to remember that we have sinned, to remember what those sins are, and to amend or change our lives for the better. At the end of Lent we should expect to find ourselves somewhere different from where we started.

Our destination is Easter, the promised land, baptismal paradise.

Fr. James

Cuaresma

Durante la temporada de Cuaresma se nos invita a reflexionar

y renovarnos en nuestro propio llamado bautismal, a la santidad. Se nos recuerda nuestro bautismo el Miércoles de Ceniza, con ceniza en la frente en forma de cruz. La misma cruz en la que fuimos bautizados. Para nosotros los cristianos, la Cuaresma es un tiempo para recordar que hemos pecado, de recordar lo que son esos pecados, y para modificar o cambiar nuestras vidas para el bien. Al final de la Cuaresma esperamos encontrarnos en algún lugar diferente de cuando empezamos. Nuestro destino es la Pascua, la tierra prometida, el paraíso bautismal. Padre James

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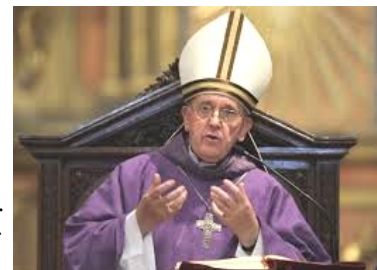
2014 LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything" (2 Cor 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

From the Vatican, 26 December 2013, Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr
(For the complete message please see www.vatican.va)



Construction Update

In the spring of 2010 our community gathered on our new property located at 1750 Riverstone Ranch Drive (at the end of the present road). We gathered and asked everyone to bring two gallons of water. We blessed all of the water. We then invited everyone to pour out one of the gallons on our new property to bless it and bring the second gallon home to bless your own homes.

On December 1, 2013 the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist broke ground for construction.



*"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only...
Such a one shall be blessed in what he does."
James 1: 22&25*



Since then we have been working hard with our General Contractor, Humphries Construction, and the building is progressing well.

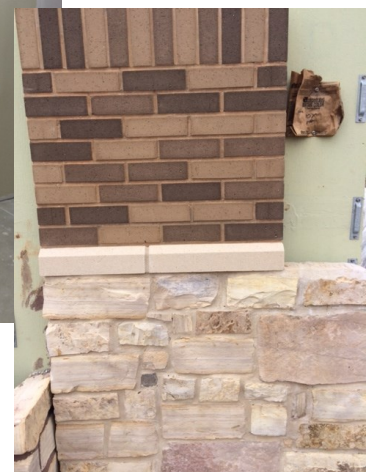
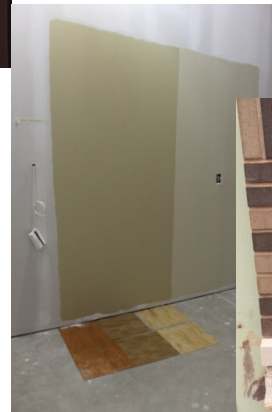
We have had various events commemorating the progress of the construction including a beam signing celebration when the community was invited out to sign one of the steel beams and/or write a prayer. At the beginning of March 2014 we offered a "sneak peak" of the new building allowing people to go by after Mass on Sunday and tour the progress.



Below are the color of bricks, stone, mortar and grout that have been chosen for the outside of the building and to the left are the interior paint colors and flooring types.



To the left and above is the building as of February, 2014.



FUTURE HOME OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Construction Update



EVERYONE is invited

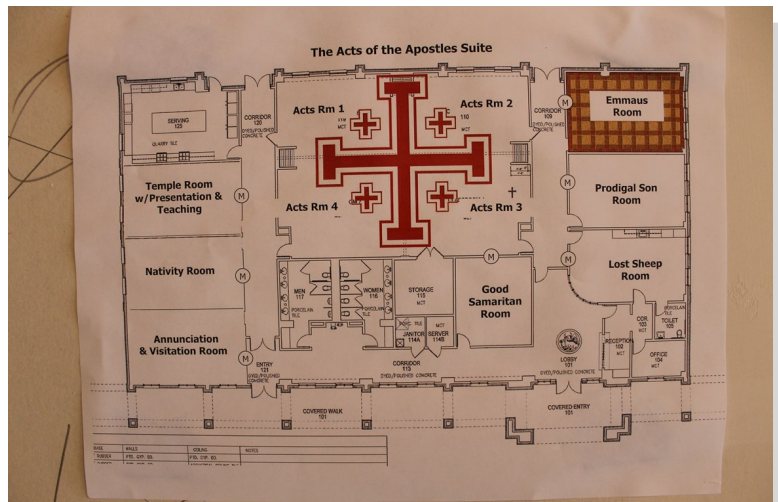
to attend the blessing of our new building by
Bishop George Sheltz on Saturday, May 24. Festivities
start at 12 noon. Blessing at 2 p.m. concludes at 4:00



Replica of painting attributed to St Luke, will hang in the new building



Mosaic of the symbol of St Luke to be on the floor of main entrance to the building.



Schedule of Lenten Activities at St Luke the Evangelist

Stations of the Cross Schedule El Via Crucis



Every Friday during Lent
Cada Viernes de Cuaresma
5:30 PM for Children
7 PM in English
8 PM en Español



Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion. Reflecting on Christ's harrowing journey to Calvary gives us a better understanding of the extent of the sacrifice made for our salvation. It brings us closer to understanding the depth of God's love for us.

Lenten Mission "Lent is a Time of Repentance, Joy and Healing."

Misión de Cuaresma "Tiempo de Arrepentimiento, Goza y Sanación"

*You are invited to gather for a Lenten Mission presented
by Passionist Priest, Father Alfredo O'Campo*

Celebration of Mass - followed by Reconciliation
Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25 at 9 a.m.
9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday - Healing Mass
Evening mission 7:00 p.m. on both days and ends at
approximately 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 26 at 7 p.m. Communal Penance Service (bilingual) with individual confessions We will have a number of priests present offering confessions in English, Spanish and some Vietnamese.

*Estan invitados a la misión de Cuaresma
presentado por el
Padre Alfredo O'Campo, Sacerdote Pasionista,*

Jueves, Marzo 27 y Viernes, Marzo 28.
Confesiones a las 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. los dos días.
7 p.m. Misión empezará los dos días.

Marzo 26 -Miércoles - a las 7 p.m. Servicio de penitencia y confesión sacramental , con sacerdotes que hablan ingles y español.

"Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Area Penance Service Schedule

All services begin at 7 p.m.

Mary Queen, Friendswood, Tuesday, March 18	(English)
St. Clare, Clear Lake, Tuesday, March 25	(English)
St. Luke the Evangelist, Wednesday, March 26	(English/Spanish)
St. Mary, League City, Thursday, March 27	(English)
St. Helen, Pearland, Thursday, April 3	(English/Spanish)

Lent

2014 Holy Week Schedule



SUNDAY, APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY ✕ DOMINGO DE LOS RAMOS

7:30 p.m. Passion Mime – led by the Office of Youth Ministry

APRIL 17

HOLY THURSDAY ✕ JUEVES SANTO

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - *Oración de la mañana*

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - *Bilingual*
La Misa de la Cena del Señor - Bilingüe

11:15 p.m. Night Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Oración de la noche enfrente del Santísimo



APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY ✕ VIERNES SANTO

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - *Oración de la mañana*

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Celebración de la Pasión del Señor



APRIL 19

HOLY SATURDAY ✕ SÁBADO SANTO

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – *Oración de la mañana*

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil – *Vigilia de Pascua*



APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY ✕ DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Masses:

7:30 a.m. ♦ 9:15 ♦ 9:30 (in Social Hall) ♦ 11:15 ♦ 1:00 p.m. en Español

Stations of the Light

This devotion is also called Via Lucis, Latin for "The Way of Light." It is a recent devotion proper to the post-Easter liturgical period.

The new practice has characteristics similar to the Way of the Cross (Via Crucis) and can be prayed individually or in community. A Paschal candle or icon of the Resurrection is carried, rather than a cross.

The Via Lucis includes fourteen stations for reflection, from Christ's resurrection to Pentecost. The service may include readings of the biblical narratives corresponding to each station, followed by silence, meditative prayer, and a hymn.

You are invited to pray along with the Stations of Light, also known as the Via Lucis, and pray with the events of the post-Resurrection Lord. Scripturally based and inspired by the catacombs, you may particularly enjoy them if you followed the devotion to praying the Stations of the Cross during the Fridays of Lent.

We have Stations of Light mounted on our courtyard wall. The stations are a gift from parishioner and artist, Mary Ellen Rouen, and are a beautiful way to continue to embrace the Easter season in prayer.

The Stations follow the footsteps of the Risen Lord and are:

- Station 1: Jesus rises from the dead (Mt 28:5-6)
- Station 2: Women find the empty tomb (Mt 28:1-6)
- Station 3: The risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:16)
- Station 4: Mary Magdalene proclaims the Resurrection to the apostles (Jn 20:18)
- Station 5: The risen Lord appears on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-27)
- Station 6: The risen Lord is recognized in the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:36-39)
- Station 7: The risen Lord appears to the disciples in Jerusalem (Lk 24:36-39)
- Station 8: The risen Lord gives the disciples the power to forgive (Jn 20:22-23a)
- Station 9: The risen Lord strengthens the faith of Thomas (Jn 20:24-29)
- Station 10: The risen Lord says to Peter, "Feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15-17)
- Station 11: The risen Lord sends the disciples into the whole world (Mt 28:16-20)
- Station 12: The risen Lord ascends into heaven (Acts 1:9-11)
- Station 13: Waiting with Mary in the Upper Room (Acts 1:12-14)
- Station 14: The risen Lord sends the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2-4)



COMING DATES:

Faith Formation registration for 2014-15

will open the weekend of May 31 & June 1st after all Masses in the Social Hall. Registration will be open from 4-5pm Mondays & Wednesdays through the summer.

Vacation Bible School: "Treasure Island"

July 21-25 This year's adventure we are off to Treasure Island in search of the greatest treasure, God's love



Stewardship Theme of the Month

Last November a parish-wide stewardship awareness effort was initiated in our “Monthly Stewardship Theme” that gives all age levels the opportunity to participate and help in understanding God’s plan in their lives as his Stewards. Every month there is information on a new theme with ideas of how you may plan, do, create, have fun with, learn or take part in an event, project, prayer or other happening every month. Watch for a new theme each month!



Our November Theme was Gratitude!

Faith Formation children classes participated in filling the cornucopia with drawings of fruits, vegetables and other symbols of plenty. On their drawings the children wrote what they were grateful for in their young lives. **Gratitude is the core of Stewardship - being grateful for all the blessings given by God.**



January Closer to God

Stewardship begins with a changed heart which result’s in acts that demonstrate faith and love. It is a good time of the year to make some resolutions to honor God and bring blessings to other people with our acts of stewardship.

February

Love & Compassion

Love and Compassion, our theme for February, should be a life theme for all of us all the time and not just in the month of February. We are called to share our love and show compassion for others by reaching out to all those in need in some form or fashion.



March

Sharing the Load

As Christians, we know that we will all have a cross to bear at one point or another. We know that at times, we might even have more than one cross at any given time. We

know that although we have been saved by Christ’s sacrifice and his willingness to “carry his cross”, we are not exempt from suffering, pain, hard/difficult times, etc. But, more importantly, we also know that God created us to be there for one another so that we may never have to bear the load of our cross alone.

Sharing the Load



Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.

Stewardship A Disciples Response



As a big **THANK YOU TO ST. LUKE'S** Volunteers, the volunteer and their immediate family were treated to movie passes for the very appropriate Lenten season inspiring movie "Son of God". Over 800 passes were given out and over 60 parish ministries were represented filling 2 of the reserved theaters at the AMC neighborhood cinema.
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

THANK YOU! GRACIAS! XIN CẢM

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