



# ST. PHILOMENA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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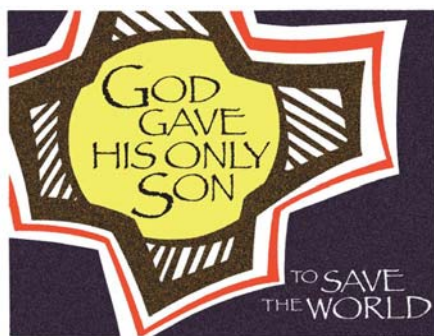
### GOOD NEWS!

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

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



#### COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

### Healed Through His Wounds

Jesus refers to the story that Michelangelo painted into a corner of the Sistine Chapel. It is about the time the Chosen People were attacked by serpents and many were dying. God instructed Moses to place two serpents on a staff and lift it up over the people. All they had to do was look at the serpents to be miraculously healed of their bite wounds.

We have all been bitten by sin. This can be our own self-destructive choices and attitudes, or we can be victims of other's sins. Yet sin and suffering doesn't need to have the last word. We can overcome if we choose to look at Christ crucified and learn his lesson of love. Jesus teaches us to not be defined by our ugly choices or the wounds we suffer. Our wounds and weaknesses can become the place of our healing. Jesus wants to heal us. That is why he let himself be lifted up!

To embrace this healing is simple yet challenging. First it requires simple faith to believe you are loved by the Father, no matter what. Second we need a constant, often-denied effort on our part to sincerely repent and work with

God's grace to transform self-limiting attitudes and habits into virtues.

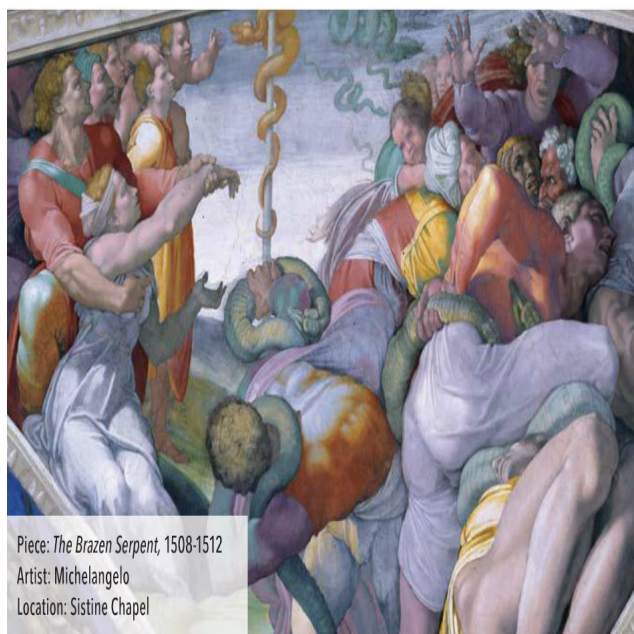
Even if you feel dead in your transgressions now, Jesus has already secured your path to life. Grace awaits you. The first step is to accept the love from he who is lifted up with arms outstretched to receive you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### For Reflection

*Do I have any unspoken beliefs that, in some way, I am unlovable?*

*Do I need to repent from whatever attitudes or actions distance me from that love?*



Piece: The Brazen Serpent, 1508-1512  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel

*[Jesus said,] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."*

*John 3:14*

## The hope of the world to come

Archbishop  
José H. Gomez  
COLUMN



Like all of you, I have been praying for our brothers and sisters in Parkland, Florida, in the aftermath of the mass shooting there.

It is so hard to understand this kind of violence and the hatred that motivates it. We ask how people can do such things, how does murder get into a person's heart?

Our Christian faith tells us that we must overcome evil with good and respond to hatred with love. To trust in God's providence, to rely on his mercy — it is hard to do. But this is our challenge in the days ahead.

Our more long-term task is to proclaim to our society a true understanding of death and the meaning of life.

I am struck by how confused and conflicted we are about death.

On the one hand, we seem afraid of death. We trivialize it, tell jokes about it, we try to pretend it is not real.

On the other hand, we seem to glorify death in our culture — we watch people suffer and die for “entertainment” on television and in movies. We allow our children to play games that essentially involve them killing “virtual” people.

And all of that spills over into our society, which is awash in guns and violence, including the violence of abortion and euthanasia. It is a society where life often seems “cheap” or disposable, as our Holy Father continues to remind us.

We know that God did not make death. He is the Author of Life and the God of the living. He wants only life for his children. Death entered our world through our own human sinfulness.

But death does not have the final word in anyone's life, because God's love is stronger than death and Jesus Christ has conquered sin and destroyed death.

We need to remember that, especially in these troubled times. More than that, we need to remember that Jesus Christ — who died once and is alive now forever — walks with us on the journey that we call life.

We all know that beautiful psalm, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ... Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; because you are with me.”

Jesus goes with us along the path of life. There is nothing that we can experience — even the loneliness of suffering and death — that he has not experienced before us.

He has descended into the depths of death and now he comes to guide us, to show us the way beyond death. We follow him in this life to live with him in the next. I think we also need to recover the ancient practice known as “memento mori” (Latin for “Remember you must die”).

This practice has deep roots in our spiritual tradition. In Christian art, we often see saints depicted in prayer while on their desk or somewhere in the scene there is a skull — as a graphic reminder of our mortality.

And, of course, we have an echo of all this as we receive ashes at the beginning of Lent: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Remembering that we will die helps us to keep life in perspective. What to hold on to, what to let go of. What is important, what is not. Making sure we value our relationships more than money and things.

What the Christian tradition calls the “art of dying well” (in Latin, “ars moriendi”) is really all about how to live with holiness and blessedness.

The reason our life matters — and the reason our death matters — is because each of us is created on purpose by the loving hand of the living God, made by him and for him.

And God made us for greater things! We are children of God and he is personally invested in our lives. He made each one of us for a beautiful purpose and he is committed to helping us to become the people we are meant to be.

That is why what we do in this life matters, because what we do shapes who we become. And in God's plan he wants us to become like him, to be transfigured in the image of his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are made for transcendence, to live with joy in this world as we make our pilgrim way to the world that is to come — the kingdom of heaven, where we will have life that shares forever in the life of God.

This is what is missing in our culture's understanding. Death is not a wall but a door; not an ending but a beginning. We are born to die. Yes. But we die in order to be raised.

Pray for me this week and I am praying for you.

Let us turn to our Blessed Mother Mary and ask her to be with our brothers and sisters in Parkland. May she bring healing to them and peace to our troubled society.

**LITURGY & WORSHIP****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]

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

*Saturdays:* 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM  
*Sundays:* 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM  
 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM  
*Weekdays:* 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM  
*First Wed. & First Fri. Only:* 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM  
  
*Eve of Holy Days:* 7:00 PM  
*Holy Days:* 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,  
 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Saturdays, Thursday before First Friday and Day before Holy Days:* 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM  
*First Fridays:* 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

**PRIESTS**

Rev. Albert H. Avenido-Administrator Pro-Tem  
 Rev. Alidor Mikobi -Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Demetrio Bugayong– Canonical Pastor

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 Sister Mary John, OCD — Principal

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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Rosa Garcia - Director, Religious Education  
 Anna Marie Sharkany—Director, Youth & Confirmation

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;  
 Daylight Saving Time begins;  
 Girl Scouting Sunday  
 Friday: Abstinence  
 Saturday: Saint Patrick

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****\*Saturday, Mar. 10, 2018**

7:30am: Maria Elena Pacheco (+)  
 5:00pm: Veronica Suarez (L)  
 7:00pm: Hernando T. Gonzalez (+)

**\*Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2018**

6:30am: Salud Abergas. (+)  
 8:00am: Maria Kienholz (+)

**\*Sunday, Mar. 11, 2018**

6:00am: Max Hofilena (+)  
 7:30am: Jaime Dahilig (+)  
 9:15am: Dean Emmanuel Mariano (+)  
 11:00am: Virginia E. Punzalan (+)  
 12:45pm: Ernesto Gutierrez (+)  
 2:30pm: Joseph Salatino (+)  
 4:15pm: Luis & Maria Abueg (+)  
 6:00pm: Gloria Gutierrez (L, T)

**\*Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2018**

6:30am: Sofronio Caballero (+)  
 8:00am: Juliana Cardente (+)  
 7:00pm: Remedios Oliva (L, B)  
 Santiago Pastor, Jr. (+)  
 All Souls for Miso Family

**\*Thursday, Mar. 15, 2018**

6:30am: Fe De Guzman Gervacio (+)  
 8:00am: Levi Olivarez (+)

**\*Friday, Mar. 16, 2018**

6:30am: Patricia Israel (+)  
 8:00am: Belen L. Abanilla (L,B)  
 7:00pm: Vicente Neira Zurita (+)  
 Socrates A. Hermoso Jr. (+)

**\*Saturday, Mar. 17, 2018**

7:30am: Alex T. Cruz Jr. (+)

**Legends:**

(L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

*Please pray for the sick of the parish*

Aida Torion Zanolria, LaVerne Wilkom Levenson, Juanita Cariaga, Anita S., Irene Santos, Ellis Robinson, Jack Hogue, Laura Medeiros, Michele Nartea, Louigee Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze Espanola, Sony Batucal, Thelma Lago, Merlinda Guerro, Aida Dollente, Rey Nacino, Rowena T. Lynden Abalos, Anna Dumlaio, Luz P. Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Raul De Leon, Marilou Bautista, Jacen Castillo, Angie McKittrick, Nelson Mape, Ricardo Cabanban, Kenneth Dulany, Connie Medina Kennedy, Ruben Martinez, Odelia Xu, Rosanna Salazar, Jaime Campos, Lucy Castillo, Hong Pham  
 and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

*All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,*

Rosita Nocos, Fatu Faleafine, Claire Bertha Dors, Rudolfo Tubangui, Tauveve Tu'upo, Eutimio Estrada, Ma. Caridad Bigay, Angelito Penalba, Arturo Balatero, Nick Gapuz, Fred Bulacan, Alexander Tomaneng, Judy Madlangbayan, Maria Ponce Gonzalez, Luis Soto, Mario Torres, Arturo Salas, Luz E. Poli, Raymond Umali, Eliseo Monzon, Robert Palanca, Maria Kienholz, Pauline Mc Millan, Jose Refugio Zamudio, Bella Estiamba

*& all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forever.*

**EVANGELIZATION**

**PARROQUIA DE SANTA PHILOMENA  
COMUNIDAD HISPANA  
MISSION CUARESMAL 2018  
TEMA: CUARESMA TIEMPO DE  
TRANSFORMACIÓN**



**Rev. José de Jesús Sánchez, M.SP.S.  
Misionero del Espiritu Santo**

**Ven al encuentro:**

**Los Dias: 19, 20, 21 de Marzo del 2018**

**6:30 pm El Santo Rosario**

**7:00 pm La Santa Eucaristia**

**8:00 pm Mision Cuaresmal**

**DIOS NOS ESPERA CON LOS BRAZOS ABIERTOS**



## EVANGELIZATION

## St. Philomena Church – Lenten Schedule 2018

Date	Event	Scheduled Time	Led by (Priest/Music Ministry):
February 16, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	2 Hearts
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
February 18, 2018	Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Schedule <b>(9:15am Mass – Rite of Sending)</b>	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
February 21, 2018	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	Perpetual Help
February 23, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	Samoa Community (Bilingual)
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
February 25, 2018	Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>(9:15am Mass – Rite of Calling)</b>	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
February 28, 2018	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	Perpetual Help
March 2, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	Hispanic Community (Bilingual)
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
March 4, 2018	Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>(9:15am Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny)</b>	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>Year A Readings</b>
March 7, 2018	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	Perpetual Help
March 9, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	African American Community
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass <b>(RCIA – Presentation of the Creed)</b>	
March 11, 2018	Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>(9:15am Mass – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny)</b>	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>Year A Readings</b>
March 12, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Dr. Bryan Thatcher (Speaker) (Samoa Choir)
March 13, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Dr. Bryan Thatcher (Speaker) (Ava Maria Choir)
March 14, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	St. Philomena Priests (Gospel Choir)
	Penance Liturgy (English)		
March 16, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	Divine Mercy
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
March 18, 2018	Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>(4:15pm Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny)</b>	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule <b>Year A Readings</b>
March 19, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Rev. Jose de Jesus Sanchez
March 20, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Rev Jose de Jesus Sanchez
March 21, 2018	Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)	7:00pm – 9:00pm (Inside Church)	Rev Jose de Jesus Sanchez
March 23, 2018	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm (Inside Church)	GOD Faith Choir
	Lenten Mass	7:00pm Mass	
<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion with Blessing of Palms at all Masses</b>			
March 24, 2018	Saturday Daily Mass	5:00pm Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm Mass	"Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance
March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday	6:00am Mass 7:30am Mass 9:15am Mass 11:00am Mass 12:45pm Mass 2:30pm Mass (Spanish) 4:15pm Mass 6:00pm Mass	"Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Solemn Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance "Celebremos" – Simple Entrance
March 26, 2018	Chrism Mass	7:00pm	Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
	NO MASS	NO MASS AT ST. PHILOMENA	
March 28, 2018		<b>Note: TENEBRAE will be integrated to the 7 Last Words on Good Friday</b>	
	Confession	4:00pm – 5:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Priests
	Holy Wednesday Mass	7:00pm	GOD Faith Choir
March 29, 2018	Morning Prayer	8:00am	Liturgy of the Hour
	Holy Thursday Mass	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Marian Choir)
March 30, 2018	Morning Prayer	8:00am	Priest & Cantor
	Stations of the Cross	10:00am (Outside stations)	Youth Ministry/Confirmation
	Tenebrae - 7 Last Words	1:00pm (Inside Church)	Priests
	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm (English) 5:00pm (Spanish) 7:00pm (English)	Servant's Choir Hispanic Choir Ave Maria Choir
March 31, 2018	Morning Prayer	8:00am <b>(RCIA rite during morning prayer)</b>	Priest & Cantor
	Easter Vigil	8:00pm (Church Plaza & Inside)	Priest, RCIA
April 1, 2018	Easter Sunday Mass	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**STEWARDSHIP/UPCOMING EVENTS****ST. PHILOMENA PIONEERS,****Don't Miss Out!**

Only a few seats left. Join the St Philomena Pioneers on a one day bus trip to the:

**PALA CASINO**

\$15 and receive \$5 free play.

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Depart 8:30am—Return 5:30pm

For more information please call: Dick—310-320-8879

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Join the St Philomena Pioneers for a  
**DAY OF RECOLLECTION , Monday ,  
March 19, 2018**

9:30 am. Mass to include Anointing of the sick  
with Father Albert, presiding

10:45am.- Sign-in at Hall A.

11:00 am - Spiritual Talk wit Father Alidor.

12:00 Noon- light lunch and dessert.

1:00 pm - Announcements & Dismissal.

**Thought of the Week**

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven."

-- St. Ephraem

**SUNDAY MASS COLLECTIONS****MARCH 03-04, 2018****MASS TIME****COLLECTIONS**

SAT 5:00 PM	\$ 922.00
SAT 7:00 PM	1,817.00
SUN 6:00 AM	1,161.00
SUN 7:30 AM	2,825.00
SUN 9:15 AM	2,678.00
SUN 11:00 AM	2,879.00
SUN 12:45 PM	2,006.00
SUN 2:30 PM	948.00
SUN 4:15 PM	1,443.00
SUN 6:00 PM	<u>1,741.00</u>

**TOTAL****\$ 18,420.00**

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ST. PHILOMENA SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO  
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**PANCAKE OR ISLAND BREAKFAST  
FUNDRAISER!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018  
FROM 7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**

**WILL BE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast following the 6:00 A.M., the 7:30 A.M. and the 9:15 A.M. Masses. The breakfast will include Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage or Rice, Eggs and Spam, Coffee and Orange Juice for a \$5.00 donation. You have the option to "Eat In" or take it "To Go." Come and support your Parish School!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ST. PHILOMENA SCHOOL OFFICE @ 310 835 4827

# LENT 2018

*Raise Up. Sacrifice. Offer.*



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## SAMA SAMA NETWORK SERBISYONG BAYAN

**March 17, 2018 10 am - 4pm**

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PREPARATION  
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**AWESOME!**

**TSUPERMAN**  
-drayber ng bayan,  
laging maasahan

**KNOW  
YOUR  
RIGHTS!**

**FREE PHONE  
CARD! JUST  
BRING YOUR  
PHONE OR  
UTILITY BILL**

**BUWIS BOTOMAN**  
- Action man sa halalan  
at paghanda ng buwis

**MEGA MIGRANTE**  
- Tagapaglaban ng  
karapatan

**Wow!**

**SUPER ESTRELLA**  
- Carehero ng  
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