

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 21 and 22, 2015**  
**21 y 22 de Marzo del 2015**

**Mass Intentions**



**Monday, March 23**

**No Mass**

Readings: 251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/  
 Ps 23/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday, March 24**

**5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Eucharist**

**6:00 p.m. Maude May**

Readings: 252: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday, March 25**

**8:15 a.m. Catherine Greco**

**9:00 a.m. Rosary**

Readings: 545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40/Heb 10:4-10/  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday, March 26**

**8:15 a.m. Tim and Dan Hayes**

**9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist**

Reading: 254: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 27 (School Mass)**

**8:15 a.m. Dario Cardani**

Readings: 255: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 28,**

**The Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**4:00 p.m. Charles Oddi**

**Sunday, March 29,**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**8:30 a.m. Dr. Gerry Lustre**

**11:00 a.m. Carol Onslow**

**1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Mass in Spanish)**

Readings: 38: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22/Phil 2:6-11/  
 Mk 14:1-15:47

**Offertory for Sunday, March 14 and 15, 2015**

Loose	\$ 1,064.20
Adult (envelopes 264)	\$ 8,749.00
Online Giving	\$ 910.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,723.20</b>
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00

**Other Funds:**

Capital Improvement	\$ 315.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 545.00
Poor Fund	\$ 349.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 587.00
Lighting Project Contributions	\$ 350.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Ministry Schedules**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 28 and 29, 2015**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lectors:** Norma Murphy – 1st Reading,  
 Sue Quillan – 2nd Reading,

Janice Cosenza – Reading of the Passion

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janice Cosenza,  
 Jeri Middaugh, Mary Roberts, Sandy Deetz,  
 Vicki Avon, Tim Avon, Ron Onslow

**Hospitality:** Pastoral Council Members

**Servers:** Zachary Kline, Charley Bartz,  
 Andrea Garcia Paez (Alt: Olivia Brady)

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lectors:** Matt Ritzert – 1st Reading,

Jeannine Kennedy- 2nd Reading,

Jack Burnham – Reading of the Passion

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Ballantyne,  
 Maggie Boring, Monica Boring, Mary Burnham,  
 Marysu Sorohan, Sharon Kuczirka,  
 John Kuczirka, Ron Onslow, Sub Needed

**Hospitality:** Joan Wenzel and Pastoral Council

**Servers:** Merrick Mamarella, Cory Contini,  
 Chloe Contini (Alt: Tyler Tarulli)

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Lector:** Cathy Galbraith – 1st Reading,

James Pauley – 2nd Reading,

Jack Elco – Reading of the Passion

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vicki Wilhelm,

Linda West, Chrissie Hensel, Chris Hensel,

Dan Galbraith, Marge Onslow, Ron Onslow

**Hospitality:** Pastoral Council

**Servers:** Jay O'Donnell, Paul O'Donnell,  
 Ben Cooley (Alt: Elizabeth Baio)

**Please Note:**

**There will be no Confessions of Palm Sunday, March 29th.** Father Jimmy will be available for Confessions, on Saturday, March 28th at 3:15 p.m. or if you are need of private Confession, please call the Parish Office.

## Spiritual Notes:

Jeremiah, living during some of Israel's darkest days, the Babylonian Exile, prophesies, a time when God will renew the earth and its people: "Days are coming ...when the Lord will make a new covenant." In the prior covenant, God's law was written on stone tablets, but they broke my covenant. Now God's law will be written upon their hearts; it will be internalized. The prophet anticipates that God will once again lead them back to the Promised Land and renew their relationship: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." The author of Hebrews speaks of Christ's sacrifice as the "source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him." In light of the sacrifice of His death, Jesus is "declared by God high priest," whose tasks is to offer sacrifices on behalf of the people. But unlike the other high priests, who repeatedly offer sacrifices for sins of the people, Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice once and for all. Through His death, He reconciled us with God and established the new and eternal covenant. In Jesus' death and resurrection, the new covenant foreseen by Jeremiah is established. In today's Gospel, some Greek-speaking Jews ask Philip to introduce them to Jesus. Our evangelist does not narrate a mere meeting, but uses this request to introduce the beginning of Jesus' "hour" His Kairos: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" Jesus says. Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus had anticipated this hour, but from this point, He embraces it. It is a time of significance, the time He has waited for and the reason He came into the world. In this "hour," Jesus will experience death and then resurrection, inaugurating the new covenant that binds the people to God in a new way, leading to our salvation.

*For reflection: How does having God's law written on my heart help me in my spiritual life? Has this Lent been a time of renewal for me? How can I best make use of these last weeks to grow spiritually?*

## In Our Parish

### Feast of St. Joseph - March 19, 2015

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. Following Mass, the Family Life Committee will be providing us with dinner, in the Family Life Center. You do not need to bring a covered dish!!

Please keep in your prayers, Dan Graziani, age 83, who died on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. May his soul and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. Please keep Dan's also in your prayers.

# THANK YOU!

Dear Father James Hatfield and  
Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph Dover,

Receive sincere heartfelt greetings from the faithful of St. Joseph Church Mwenge, Moshi Tanzania, East Africa. I, Father August Ndepatanisho and beloved faithful of St. Joseph Church, are so grateful for your donation of \$3,051.00 for the pews in our church. Thank you very much; may the Almighty God bless you and reward you a hundredfold.

You really deserve our cordial gratitude. You have done it out of your generous heart and love to us people of Mwenge as your fellow members in the body of Christ, the Church. We assure you of our continuous daily prayers.

The money you send us is equivalent to 5,446,800 Tanzanian Shillings, which gives us about 28 pews. Thanks to God that the local contributions of our people had already given us 170 pews and the church's capacity is 190 pews. Your donations helps us to complete the remaining space of 20 pews and we will remain with 1,446,800 shillings in hand. Our carpenter has started the work on the pews and, God willing by Easter, the pews work will be complete. We humbly ask for your permission to direct the remaining amount of money to our new project of construction of the church office. As you know, the church is growing and so we do one thing after the other.

Lastly, we all wish you and all the parishioners a fruitful Lenten season and blessed coming Solemnity of Easter.

God Bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father August Ndepatanisho,  
Priest in chard of St. Joseph Church Mwenge

## Upcoming Liturgies in the Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday Confession times are 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass the first weekend of each month, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass the second weekend of each month and following the 11:00 a.m. Mass the 3rd weekend of each month.

### **Adoration of the Eucharist**

Each Tuesday evening during Lent, there will be Adoration of the Eucharist from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Eucharist will all be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

### **Rosary**

Each Wednesday morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Monday - March 30, 2015**

No Mass

**Tuesday - March 31, 2015**

No Mass

**Wednesday - April 1, 2015**

Mass - 8:15 a.m.

**April 2, 2015**

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

**April 3, 2015**

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

Service - 3:00 p.m.

Tenebrae - 8:00 p.m.

**April 4, 2015**

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Mass - 8:30 p.m.

**April 5, 2015**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Mass - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. in Spanish

## **Did you know...**

**A Tenebrae Service will be held on Friday, April 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in the church.** The Office of Tenebrae (which means "darkness" or "shadows") dates back to the 7th or 8th Century AD and is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles and lights in the church symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness of the Light of the World. The evening will feature Scripture readings and beautiful music from the Choir. Tenebrae is a great way to remember this most Holy time of the year.

## Upcoming Meetings in the Life of the Parish

**Secular Franciscans** invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer, followed by coffee and donuts.

**Men's Bible Study Group:** Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, please call 330-343-8008.

**Heart of Mary Bible Study:** Come and join us the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Fund-raising Committee:** Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center - Bodner Room. \*\*New Members Welcome.\*\*

## Garden Club

Do you have a green thumb? Or do you enjoy being outside in the garden? We are always looking for help with the landscaping of the church, trimming of the trees and plants, and weeding. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy Galbraith! Cathy is also looking for donations of your favorite perennials to plant around the church grounds.

## Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies meet the first and third Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Come share your talents with the group. Join us and have fun! For more information, call Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.



**Tuscarawas Central  
Catholic Elementary School**



**You CAN afford a Catholic Education**

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School participates in the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program. Families who meet income guidelines and have children entering kindergarten, first grade, or second grade are eligible for the scholarships that pay the full cost of tuition. For example, a family of four with a gross annual income of \$48,000.00 or less is eligible for the EdChoice Scholarship. For more information, please call the school office.

**Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary and School will begin accepting registrations January 6 for our preschool and pre-kindergarten programs for the 2015-2016 school year.** Registration forms are available at the school office or by calling 330-343-9134. We provide a caring, faith-filled environment for the spiritual, social, and cognitive development of three-, four-, and five-year-old children.



**Tuscarawas Central  
Catholic High School**



Tuscarawas Central Catholic is pleased to announce the **First Annual Fine Arts Fest!** The event will be held at TCC on Wednesday, April 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. There is no cost to attend. This event will celebrate the achievements from students at all of the Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools. Items will be on display from students, elementary school choirs will be performing and other musical talents of our students will be showcased. Don't miss this event!

**David Myers Memorial Scholarship**

Applications for the \$1,500.00 scholarship are available at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. This will be the 31st year this award has been given to a graduating senior at TCC. The scholarship is based on Academics, Leadership, Character, Sportsmanship, and Service. Myers was a 1967 graduate of St. Joseph Dover High School. All applications must be returned by April 24, 2015.

**For all the latest information, visit  
[www.tccsaints.com](http://www.tccsaints.com).**

**St. Joseph Soup Kitchen**

**Everyone is welcome!!**

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy.

**If you or anyone else you know lives alone and would like a hot meal to share with others, please feel free to come and have a meal with us.**

Below you will find the upcoming schedule.  
**Teams, if you need assistance, please contact  
Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.**

- March 25, 2015 - Team K (Secular Franciscans)
- April 1, 2015 - Team L (Chrissie Hensel)
- April 8, 2015 - Team M (Fran Mason)
- April 15, 2015 - Team N (Mary DeBois)
- April 22, 2015 - Team O (Pat Figuly)

**Thank you for your support and prayers. We ask that you continue to keep all our volunteers in your prayers.**

**Youth Ministry News**

**Jr. High Youth Group**

Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center.



**High School Youth Group**

Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center.

**This summer, the Jr. High Youth Group will be attending the Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC).** If you are interested in attending, please contact Andy.



**Easter Flower Memorials** are in your envelope packets. The cost is \$15.00 for three names. They must be returned by March 25, 2015.

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Information To Note:

**If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, please call the Parish Office and give them the information, and someone will visit them as soon as possible.**

**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request that Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office.

**Low-Gluten Hosts:** If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

**Can you help with transportation to Mass?** We often get calls from parishioners in both Dover and New Philadelphia, who need help getting to Mass. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office.

**Bulletin deadline:** The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**Please Note:** If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

**Become a "Living Reminder of God's Presence":** That's what Father Henri Nouwen called husbands and wives. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will help your marriage become such a reflection of the divine. The next two weekends are April 10 to 12, and July 31 to August 2. For more information or to register, call 614-834-6880.

### St. Joseph Cemetery

**If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you**

**The Blue Stars of Tuscarawas County** will be sending care packages to military members deployed overseas. If you know of any deployed service members, please forward their names to [bstcfinsec@yahoo.com](mailto:bstcfinsec@yahoo.com). The group is also collecting items to include in the boxes. Some of those items needed are: travel size shampoos, body wash, lotion, chap stick, disposable razors, sunscreen, baby wipes, deodorant, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash and shaving cream. Boxes will be located at the entrances to collect donations. For more information or how to make a cash donation, please contact Mary Elco, Ann Marino, or Chris Clore. Blue Stars of T-County is a local chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America, a national organization of mothers of past or present military members.

### Divine Mercy

King David is not content with just asking God to forgive him. He pleads with God to restore and strengthen the spiritual relationship that existed between them that sin had fractured. David prays "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your holy spirit take not from me. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me." In David's prayer, we can hear the ring of the beatitude that Jesus gives us, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus' mercy is most fruitful in the Sacrament of Confession when we approach God with a humble spirit and make David's prayer our prayer.



If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your Church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Please visit [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org) to get started. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

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# Catechetical CORNER

## Q&A on RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

*Each year on Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil, thousands of men and women are received into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new members through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at a liturgy bringing men and women into full communion with the Catholic Church. Listed below are some questions and answers about RCIA.*

### What are the steps of RCIA?

Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the *Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate*. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest, or RCIA director, the person, known as an “inquirer,” may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a “catechumen.”

The *Period of the Catechumenate* can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God’s inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a catechumen and the priest and parish team working with him or her believe the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for Baptism

and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all those seeking Baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens and their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. The catechumens publicly express their desire for Baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called “the elect.”

The days of Lent are the final *Period of Purification and Enlightenment* leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the elect and prayers for them by the parish communities. The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil liturgy on Holy Saturday when the catechumen receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

After the person is initiated, formation and education continue in the period of the post baptismal catechesis, which is called “mystagogy.” This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period, the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition, they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church’s mission and outreach activities.

### What is meant when people refer to men and women coming into “full communion with the Catholic Church?”

Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for men and women who are baptized Christians but not Roman Catholics. These individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this

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reception, the people, who are called “candidates,” usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Some preparation may be with catechumens preparing for Baptism, but the preparation for candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities.

### **What is the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday like?**

The Easter Vigil takes place on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter Sunday. This is the night that “shall be as bright as day,” as proclaimed by an ancient church hymn in joyfully anticipation of Christ’s Resurrection. The Holy Saturday Liturgy begins with the Service of Light, which includes the blessing of the new fire and the paschal candle, which symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World. The second part consists of the Liturgy of the Word with a number of scripture readings. After the Liturgy of the Word, the catechumens and candidates are presented to the parish community, who pray for them and join in the Litany of the Saints. Next, the priest blesses the water, placing the Easter or paschal candle into the baptismal water. Those seeking Baptism then renounce sin and profess their faith after which they are immersed into the baptismal water three times with the clergy pronouncing the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” In some situations, the water may be poured over the head of those seeking Baptism, while the cleric pronounces the words of Baptism.

After the Baptism, the newly baptized are dressed in white garments and presented with a candle lighted from the paschal candle. They are then confirmed by the priest or bishop, who lays hands on their heads and invokes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He then anoints them with the oil called Sacred Chrism. The Mass continues with the newly baptized participating in the general intercessions and bringing gifts to the altar. At Communion, the newly baptized receives the Eucharist, Christ’s Body and Blood, for the first time.

### **What does the white robe symbolize?**

The newly baptized are dressed in a white garment after Baptism to symbolize that they are washed clean of sin and that they are called to continue to walk in this newness of life.

### **What does the candle symbolize?**

A small candle is lit from the Easter candle and given to the newly baptized, as a reminder to them always to walk as children of the Light and to be the light of Christ to the world.

### **What does the Sacred Chrism symbolize?**

The Sacred Chrism, or oil, is a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the newly baptized. It is also a sign of the close link between the mission of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who comes to the recipient with the Father in Baptism.

### **Why was this ancient rite restored?**

It was restored in the Church to highlight the fact that the newly baptized are received into a community of faith, which is challenged to realize that they too have become different because of this new life in the community.

### **Is there a ceremony or preparation for baptized Catholics who never or seldom have practiced the faith?**

For Catholics who have been baptized, confirmed, and received first Communion but then drifted from the faith, the way they return is through the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics who were baptized but never received Confirmation and/or Eucharist can participate in the process of continuing conversion. This process is completed with the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season.

### **What is the role of a godparent for an adult being baptized?**

Godparents, also called sponsors, accompany the candidates through the RCIA process. They are called to show the candidates good example of the Christian life, sustain the candidates in moments of hesitancy and anxiety, bear witness, and guide the candidate’s progress in the baptismal life.

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# Iglesia San José

## Ministerios Hispanos

### Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

### 21 y 22 de Marzo del 2015

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#### Calendario Litúrgico:



#### Misas en Español

Domingo 22 de Marzo 1:30 p.m.  
Domingo de Ramos 29 de Marzo 1:30 p.m.

#### Misas en Ingles

Sabados 4:00 p.m.  
Domingos 8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

#### Confesiones

Antes d misa de español de 12:45 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

**La Cuaresma:** Es un tiempo de Oración, penitencia y ayuno. Cuarenta días que la iglesia nos pide un cambio a nuestras vidas. El ayuno consiste en hacer una sola comida al día y la abstinencia es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradecerle siempre.

#### Vía crucis "Estaciones de la Cruz"

Marzo 27

8:00 p.m. en Español

**Grupo "Corazón de María":** Todas las mujeres están invitadas a participar cada viernes, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en este grupo para Oración, Evangelización, clases de Inglés, labores del hogar y consejos prácticos para la vida.

El "**Grupo de hombres**" se reúne todos los viernes en Family Life 7:30 p.m. (en el edificio nuevo en frente de la Iglesia San José).



#### **Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"**

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los viernes a las 2:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Carmen al tel: 330-432-0811 ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661.

#### Notas Espirituales:

Jeremías, viviendo durante algunos de los días más oscuros de Israel, el exilio babilónico, profetizó un momento en que Dios va a renovar la tierra y su gente: "Vienen días ... cuando (el SEÑOR) hará un nuevo pacto, En la antigua alianza la ley de Dios fue escrita en .. tablas de piedra, pero "rompieron mi alianza" Ahora la ley de Dios será escrita "en sus corazones," será interiorizada. El profeta anticipa que Dios les volverá a llevar de vuelta a la Tierra Prometida y a renovar su relación: "Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo." El autor de Hebreos habla del sacrificio de Cristo como la "causa de salvación eterna para todos los que le obedecen." A la luz del sacrificio de su muerte, Jesús es "declarado por Dios sumo sacerdote," cuya tarea es ofrecer sacrificios en nombre del pueblo. Pero a diferencia de los otros sumos sacerdotes, que en repetidas ocasiones ofrecen sacrificios por los pecados de la gente, Jesús se ofreció a sí mismo como un sacrificio de una vez por todas. A través de su muerte, nos reconcilió con Dios y estableció la nueva y eterna alianza. En la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, se establece la nueva alianza prevista por Jeremías. En el Evangelio de hoy algunos Judíos de habla griega preguntan a Felipe para darles a conocer a Jesús. Nuestro evangelista no narra una simple reunión, pero utiliza esta solicitud a introducir el principio de la "hora" de Jesús, su Kairos: " Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado," dice Jesús. Anteriormente en el Evangelio, Jesús había anticipado esta hora, pero a partir de este punto él la abraza. Es un momento de importancia, el tiempo que ha esperado y la razón por la que vino al mundo. En esta "hora" Jesús experimentará la muerte y luego la resurrección, inaugurando, el nuevo pacto que une a las personas a Dios de una manera nueva, que conduce a nuestra salvación.

**Para reflexionar:** ¿Cómo teniendo la ley de Dios escrita en mi corazón me ayuda en mi vida espiritual? Ha sido esta Cuaresma un tiempo de renovación para mí? ¿Cómo puedo mejor hacer uso de estas últimas semanas para crecer espiritualmente?