



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>

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## *3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT-WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?*

"Jesus would not trust Himself to them because He knew them all. He needed no one to give Him testimony about nature. He was well aware of what was in man's heart." —John 2:24-25

Someone told me that the Ten Commandments have never been more disobeyed in the history of the human race than they are right now. What do you think? Anytime we put something or someone ahead of God, we break the first of the Ten Commandments and fall into the sin of idolatry (see Ex 20:3). Regarding the second commandment, we constantly broadcast taking God's name in vain for millions to hear this sin (see Ex 20:7). Do we keep holy the Sabbath and the Lord's Day? (Ex 20:8) Do few people work on Sunday? Do we celebrate Jesus' resurrection each Sunday, or is Sunday a day for the false gods of self, money, pleasure, and sports?

Are parents being more honored than they used to be? (see Ex 20:12) Do your children obey you better than you obeyed your parents? In one year in the USA alone, we kill well over nine million babies through surgical and chemical abortions, yet the Lord forbids us to kill (see Ex 20:13). Are adultery and fornication things of the past? (see Ex 20:14) Is almost everyone a virgin when he or she gets married? Is it rare for a married person to cheat on his or her spouse? Do divorced people fall into sexual sin? Do we need less police, locks, and security because there is less stealing than there used to be? (see Ex 20:15) Does anyone bear false witness in court, on the job, in conversation, or on TV? (see Ex 20:16) Are we being taught not to covet, or are we taught to get what we want even if we have to sin? (Ex 20:17).

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." – St. Teresa of Calcutta



## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.  
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

Sunday, March 04--8.30 a.m. Rev. Ray Crosier By Mike and Marla Britten  
 Monday, March 05--7:30 a.m. Rev. Ray Crosier By Mike and Marla Britten  
 Wednesday, March 07--6:00pm Stations of the Cross by Children  
 Thursday, March 08--7:30 a.m. Rev. Ray Crosier By Mike and Marla Britten  
 Friday, March 09--7:30a.m. Sambo Kotara By Mike and Marla Britten  
 Saturday, March 10--5:30 p.m. Sambo Kotara By Mike and Marla Britten

## Church Cleaning for March

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, , Willie Mae Barnett, Dylan Stafford, James Weinheimer, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, David Swieres, Sherry Koetting, Georgann Hinson and Dale Brooks

## Family Chalice Program

March 3/4 Keith, Kathleen, and Halle Barkley  
 March 17/18 Mike and Marla Britten  
 March 24/25 Jerry, Melanie, and Trent Britten  
 March 31/ April 1 Cobb and Kay Britten

## Birthdays

March 4<sup>th</sup> Jo Ann Britten, Mike Conrad, & Sadie Vincent  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> Donald Burgin  
 March 8<sup>th</sup> Grant Weinheimer  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> Pam Ashford

## Anniversaries

## Stewardship Reports

<b>02-25-18</b>	
Individual	\$1,543.00
Loose	\$ 291.00
Children	\$ 12.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,846.00</b>
<b>Building Fund 2-25-18</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
<b>2-25-18 Local Charities</b>	
Individual	\$ 90.00
Loose	\$ 196.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 286.00</b>
<b>2-25-18 Campus Ministries</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Hope and Lauren

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, March 4th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Halle and Carrigan

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Cari Weinheimer,  
Barbara Homer, and Marla Britten

### **Saturday, March 10th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, March 11th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Sharon  
Britten and Tabitha Eggemeyer

### **Saturday, March 17th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, March 18th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Grace and Kate

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,  
Sandie Hickey, and Susan Britten

### **Saturday, March 24th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, March 25th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Owen and Derek

Lectors: Cari Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling,  
Melanie K. Britten, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## *Announcements:*

### **March 11<sup>th</sup> – Second collection for Building fund**

#### **All: Heaters in the Hall**

Thermostats are set at 60 degrees. If more heat is needed they may be increased to achieve comfort level. Settings DO NOT automatically re-set to 60 degrees. IF you change the setting you MUST manually re-set so that the heat is not wasted.

#### **Christian Mothers:**

September dues of \$15 are needed. We use these dues for the supplies in the kitchen for funeral dinners and misc. Items and needs of our parish and children. Please become an active member of our Organization.

Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will be our Christian Mothers meeting. **THIS IS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.** We are having our meeting early because of spring break. It will be in the home of Melanie Britten, hostesses are Sandie Hickey and Cara Ashford. Planning of the East deanery meeting will be on the agenda.

April 21<sup>st</sup> is the East Deanery Spring meeting at our Place!! Please mark this on your calendars and set up your babysitter now. The fee is \$30 which includes lunch and great speakers are being lined up. We received superior ratings on our hosting the Fall Diocesan Convention. Please come and enjoy this Saturday with ladies of our deanery. I will be updating the information on the speakers and items we will be collecting for the Catholic charities.

This year we will be electing new officers. We still need a vice-president (a great office to get your feet wet and learn how things work), reporter, prayer leader, and someone to send out cards during illnesses or family loss. Please pray that God will send you the courage to take on a leadership role in this very important organization of our parish. Our women of this church are awesome; we just need some new blood to help us out.

## **Announcements:**

- \*During Lent the Station of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 6:30pm.
- \* March 7, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7p.m. until 10p.m.
- \*March 29, Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30pm
- \*March 30, Good Friday, the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm
- \*March 31, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:15pm
- \*April 01, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30am.

### **\*UCA 2017-18 Report**

Quota -----	\$14,797.00
Pledged -----	\$15,615.00
Paid-----	\$13,685.00
Due-----	\$1,112.00

### **\*UCA 2018-19**

Every year the Diocese of Amarillo conducts its annual United Catholic Appeal after Easter. The appeal funds approximately 33% of the operational costs of the various ministries and programs the diocese offers to all of our parishes. This is a vital and very important appeal for the ongoing financial stability of our diocese. This year the united catholic appeal commitment Weekend is on April 21 and 22. This will give you two weekends after Easter to talk about and promote the UCA.

**\*Social Media:** Sharing 'fake news' makes one an accomplice in evil, pope says. Fake news is so effective, he said, because it mimics real news but uses "non-existent or distorted data" to deceive and manipulate. The first to employ the fake-news tactic was the serpent in the Garden of Eden who convinced Eve she would not die by eating the fruit of the forbidden tree, he said. The Bible story shows that "there is no such thing as harmless disinformation; on the contrary, trusting in falsehood can have dire consequences." Pope Francis praised educators who teach young people how to read and question the news and the information they see presented on social media. He encouraged efforts to develop regulations to counter fake news and he praised tech and media companies for trying to improve ways to verify "the personal identities concealed behind millions of digital profiles." But, he insisted, individuals always will have the final responsibility for discerning what is real news and what is helpful to share on social media. "We need to unmask what could be called the 'snake tactics' used by those who disguise themselves in order to strike at any time and place" like the serpent in the Garden of Eden did. "We can recognize the truth of statements from their fruits: whether they provoke quarrels, foment division, encourage resignation; or, on the other hand, they promote informed and mature reflection leading to constructive dialogue and fruitful results," Pope Francis wrote. Pope Francis asked media professions to promote "a journalism of peace," which does not mean ignoring problems or being saccharine. It means "a journalism that is truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans and sensational headlines." A journalism of peace is at the service of all people, "especially those -- and they are the majority in our world -- who have no voice," he said. It is "a journalism committed to pointing out alternatives to the escalation of shouting matches and verbal violence." Pope Francis ended his message with his own adaptation of the "Prayer of St. Francis" for both those who report the news and those who read or watch it.