

Welcome to

The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016



The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— *Isaiah 50:7a*



PROCESSION: Luke 19:28-40
FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7
SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11 .
GOSPEL: Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

The Gospel

Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers. He said to him, Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you. But he replied, I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. (Lk 22:31-34)

Reflection: Reflect upon/share about a time when you failed someone you cared about. How did you feel? Did that failure cause you to make matters worse by a second or third denial? How were you able to make up for the failure, if you were? What can you do to avoid such an occurrence in the future?

Alternative: Think about a time when your faith was tested. What were the acts of Satan in that testing? What brought you through the experience? What can you do to have stronger faith in the future?

Mission Statement

The Church of St. Luke is a joyful, welcoming, caring, active family of believers striving to grow in knowledge of and love for God and each other. Challenged by the Word, nurtured by the Eucharist, and enlivened by the Spirit, we seek to live the message of Jesus in serving the needs of others both within our Parish and in the larger community.

Masses

Tuesday: 5:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 7:30 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 pm
(Also by appointment)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday
9:00 am—5:00 pm
Fax: (619) 442-2293



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council normally meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Visitors/observers welcome. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, contact a Council member

to present it for you or contact the Parish Office.

Parish Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
Mark Balmert
Amy Cannon
Bob Guarnotta
Linda Jacobson
Anita Leak
Sam Lupo
Don Mercurio
Dcn. Emeritus:
Dennie Nickell
Rick Roberts
Dave Sapper
Karen Sapper
Tom Selfani
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Dcn. Jerry Stenovec
Dcn. Allan Williams

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council meets every other 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Parish Finance Council Members:

Fr. Ron Cochran
James Chitkowski
Jim Crockett
George Heidenreich
Jeanne Houghtby
John Krueger
Cathy March
Dave Sapper
Jim Stepovich
Richard Venancio

FROM: THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, one of our most popular celebrations. I'm not sure why it is so popular but it has to have something to do with getting the palms. Catholics seem to like to have signs of who we are even if they don't come to Mass on a regular basis. But, who we are is a people who participate in Mass to encounter the Lord and be nourished by Him to be sent out on mission. If we really want to be disciples, we shouldn't be lackadaisical about that.

When I was young, I was just taught to go to Mass. It was important to get the graces of going to Mass and we were told that even if we slept through it we got some graces. (That's not permission for you to sleep through my homilies!) We left the mission of the Church up to priest and religious sisters and brothers. I think the religious orders were more popular back then was that many people did want to get involved in the work of the Church.

Vatican II changed all that. The Council Fathers recognized that the work of the Church has to go on, not just in mission fields, but in the normal circumstance of day-to-day life everywhere in the world, in all the communities where Christians live. Priests and religious aren't in those circumstances, the people who fill the pews are. This change began in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as an effort to counteract anti-clericalism in several countries.

So we go to Mass more than just to get our palms. We go to participate, to be nourished by our Lord and to be sent on mission. And, on Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday we celebrate our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then, almost immediately, how the people either turned against Him or abandoned Him. Its liturgy and it can be crushing if we get in touch with how many times we turn against Him or abandon Him, sometimes even before we leave the church parking lot.

So let's not let the palms we take today be the only sign that we are Catholic. Let the manner in which we live your lives speak it. Let the fact that we purposely commit to bring Gospel values, our Lord's love, to the normal situation of our day-to-day lives speak it. Let the palms we take be a sign to us, a sign of how easy it is to abandon or turn against the Lord. Let them remind us to be courageous in living the Gospel.

In His service,

Fr. Ron

ESSENTIAL REDUCTION : All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."
—Archibald Alexander



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jan Lindgren
 Carol Petrich, Carey Moore and Jose Azarza Parker Landis,
 Bennie Machado, Joan Smith, Tom Borgerding, Anthony Potito,
 Dorothy Marshall, Kaylee Mikulsky, Mario Ghavez, Arnie Mueller, Jackie &
 Russ Boehmke & daughter Robin, Jim Liddell, Jeff Rogers, Michelle Tello,
 Katherine Boomer, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, Bill
 Ferreira, Adelaide Fitzwater, Karen Marie Moscar, Candace Solorzano,
 Elliott Rivera, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia
 Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann
 Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Jim Carver, Vie Liddell,
 George Serban, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall,
 Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi,
 Matthew Chu, Petra Gallegos, Bob Weisham, Frank Asaro, Teri Harrison,
 Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin
 Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Seragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores,
 Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, Geri McCabe, Rose Camacho, Ray
 Camacho, Maria Oliver, Al Oliver, Tommy Collet Sr., John Lawton, Justin
 Hughes, Clara Morrison, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitquit,
 Gregory S., Joan Hall, Lucy Renko, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky
 Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet
 Jr., Thomas Baca, Chuck Moore, Gui Mei Guo, Audianna Lococo, Mario
 Ingargiola, Karl Viederstein, Carey Moore, John Morrison, Maria Teresa
 Valquez, Nancy Samayoa, JoAnne Morse, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry
 McMullin, Pam Oates, Mary Morrison, Laura Allen & Family, Ryan Waters,
 Sam Attisha, Debra Burke, Andrew Mearm, Richard Perricone, John
 Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Rosemary Lowe, The Hill Family,
 Connie Bowen, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison,
 Megan Krue Jones, Zaim Attisha, Laura Lee, Teresa Russo, Lillian
 Peregud; & all our relatives & friends who are sick.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST: If you would like to add a name to our prayer list please contact Nancy Adema. *By the same token please notify Nancy when a name can be removed.* We appreciate the prompt notification and your cooperation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Jim & Vicky Cate	37-years
Allan & Sally Williams	30- years
Steve and Patti Ann Carlin	26-years
Jim & Marilyn Carver	29 -years
Gary & Letty Reece	42-years

If you would like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin please call 442-1697

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16b, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (Lk 24:13-35)

PARISH FINANCES

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to collect an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Some weeks may be higher and some lower but we need to maintain that average. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program.

The total amount budgeted through these sources is \$660,095 this year. Our budget includes another \$106,384 expected income from other sources; (Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, Christmas & Easter collections, Sacramental Donations, Interest, One-time gifts & bequests, etc.).

LAST WEEK: Totals for 03/13/16
 Unavailable at time of printing

Plate:	\$
Envelope:	\$
Total Collection Basket:	\$

Online Giving February 2016: \$14,174.45

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: *Once you've made a decision on how much you should be giving, decide how to give.*

WAYS TO GIVE: You can use envelopes, as many people do, you can set up automatic donations through your Bank, (forms available in the parish office), you can go to Online Giving on the St. Luke website and set up an online giving plan which you can personally manage or call the parish office to arrange an online giving plan administered by the parish Business Manger. <https://stlukeelcajon.weshareonline.org/>
 Online Giving Link: <http://thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com/>

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP

Sunday: 9:00 am Irene Zetts RIP
 11:30 am Parishioners of Saint Luke

Tuesday: 5:00 pm Bud Maultra RIP

Wednesday: 7:30 am Presiders Intention

Thursday: 7:00pm Presiders Intention

Friday: 7:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday: 8:00 pm Judy Nickell RIP

Sunday: 6:30 am Parishioners of Saint Luke
 9:00 am William Sunder Spec. Int
 11:30 am Joseph Donato Spec. Int.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

TODAY: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week; Purim begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence

Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

Sunday: Easter Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, "Holy Week," was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Good Friday Collection



Good Friday has been designated for the 2016 Collection for the Holy Land.

Your contribution helps to support Christians and maintain shrines in the Holy Land of our Lord's birth, agony, death and resurrection. You are encouraged to consider a generous gift.

Bring Your Bells



for the Holy Thursday and Easter Masses.

All are invited to participate in ringing the bells at these Masses.

Holy Thursday



Mass of the
Lord's Supper
March 24 th
7:00 pm

(Bring your bells to ring at this Mass)

Good Friday—March 25 th

Day of Fast & Abstinence

Tenebrae 9:00 am



Stations
of the Cross
Indoor 12:00 noon
Indoor 3:00 pm

Solemn Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:00 pm

(Good Friday Collection)



Holy Saturday

March 26 th

Tenebrae/RCIA Retreat

9:00 am



Easter Vigil
8:00 pm

(There will be no 5pm Mass and No Sacrament of Reconciliation
on this day. Bring your bells to ring at this Mass.)

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

March 27 th



Mass 6:30 am
Mass 9:00 am
Mass 11:30 am

(Bring your bells to ring at these Masses.)

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THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS IS
MONDAY AT 12 NOON.

secretary@thechurchofstluke.org

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

Month of March

Sat 19th	Palm Sunday 9:00am set up palms and clean church floors 3:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sun 20th	Palm Sunday 8:15am Pro Life Rosary 9:00 am Mass 10:15am High School Confirmation Session 10:15am <u>NO</u> Scripture Club 10:30am <u>NO</u> Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level 1&2 11:30am Mass 1:00 pm Group Baptism
Mon 21th	9:00am Church Cleaning
Tue 22nd	5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed 23rd	7:30am Mass 8:30am Centering Prayer 4:00pm <u>NO</u> Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 7:00pm RCIA
Thur 24th	Holy Thursday 7:30am <u>NO MORNING</u> Mass 4:00pm <u>NO</u> Catechesis Good Shepherd 1 & 2 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 25th	Good Friday 9:00am Tenebre 12:00pm Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 26th	Holy Saturday 9:00am Tenebre RCIA Retreat (<u>NO</u> Reconciliation on this day) 8:00pm Easter Vigil
Sun 27th	Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday 6:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass
Mon 28th	OFFICE CLOSED

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For additional calendar and event information.
www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com

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Shannon Vint

Eucharistic Adoration: Cindy Christmas & Mike Wasyliw

Friends of the Poor: Martha Evans

Knights of Columbus: Don Mercurio, G.K.

Marriage Preparation: Joanie Maitilasso (619) 442-1697

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Dcn. Jerry Stenovec

Outreach Ministry: Ken Stempien

Prayer Chain: Nancy Adema

Respect Life: Don Mercurio

Scrip: Tom Stone

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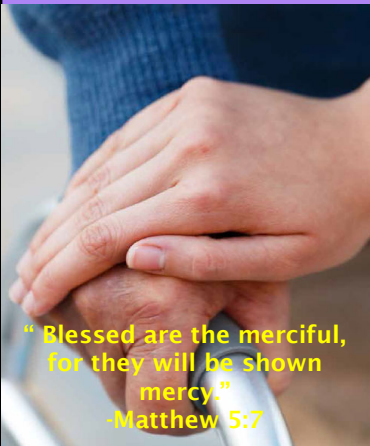
Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Mike Wasyliw

St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

The Year of Mercy

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO Our Response as Stewards



"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown
mercy."
-Matthew 5:7

Participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes something simple but profound: it opens the door of faith for others and for yourself. Because of your gift, someone will meet Jesus Christ, have the opportunity to experience His loving grace, know His Mercy, and rest in His peace. Please make a pledge today.

There are many ways to respond to the Annual Catholic Appeal:

- a monthly or quarterly pledge
- one-time cash gift
- a credit card or electronic funds transfer, which may now be processed by the Diocese, or you may visit www.sdcatholic.org/giving/annualcatholicappeal.aspx
- gift of stocks and bonds

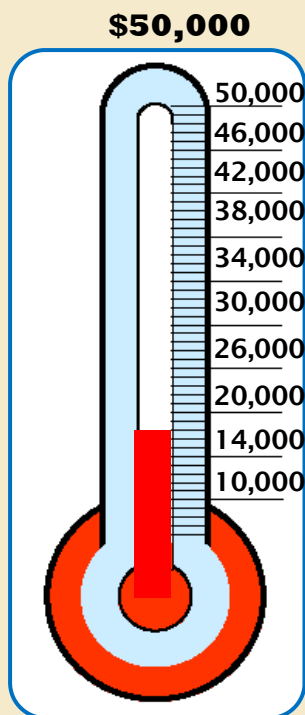
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Online Giving go to:
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We Need Your Help to Meet Our Goal!!!

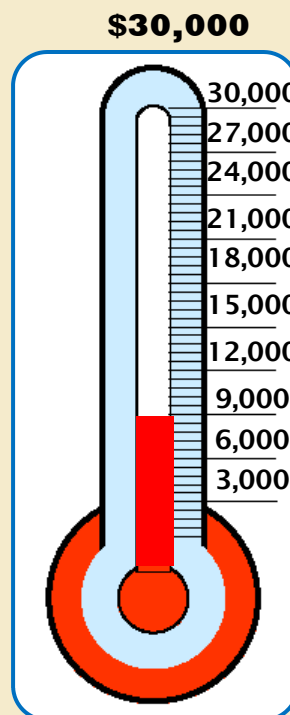
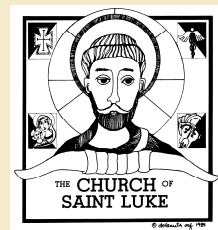
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\$ 16,977

CURRENT DONATIONS

**Budgeted
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Goal for Saint Luke**



\$ 8,415

CURRENT DONATIONS

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Queen of Angels	Sunday-March 20	7 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Monday-March 21	9 am & 7 pm
Guardian Angels	Tuesday-March 22	7 pm



Easter Lily Memoriam

Easter Lilies beautifully decorate our church on Easter and are a special way to remember loved ones, both living and deceased.

Donation for small Easter Lilies are 25.00, medium \$50.00 and large \$150.00.

Envelopes are available in the pews and on the side tables in the Baptistry



Please Pray for Us Catechumens & Candidates 2016

Catechumens:

Chad Goode, Seth Dolak, Jeb Lemons, Jamie Lemons

Candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation:

Jebbye Lemons, Ben Nance, Jason Perkins.

Don't Forget to Order or Pick-up Scrip!

March 26/27 and April 2/3

Gift cards are available the last weekend of the month and the first weekend of the month. Please turn in your order form on the last weekend and you will receive the cards the following weekend

Order Forms are in the Baptistry.

Plastic Grocery Bags Needed

Feeding America and Soldier's Angels are proving food for military personnel, veterans, etc., like we provide food for our schools. They have a need for grocery bags. There will be barrel in the baptistry to put the bags in.

Thanks!

Carlos Cuellar PGK, PFN ,Veteran's Affairs/VAVS Representative
San Diego Diocese Chapter Knights of Columbus

It is time for

The Monthly Church Cleaning

and we need your help!

"The Church Cleaning Crew"

Needs your help to clean the Church Sanctuary and Baptistry for Easter.

We need all available hands

Monday, March 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Please bring dust cloths, handvacs, brooms, etc.

(Please help this important ministry even if it is for only 1 hour.)

For more information please call Peggy Nelson



Global Solidarity: Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Global Solidarity, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, even though they may be different than us. That means the neighbors who live next door and also those who live on the other side of the planet. Jesus reminds us that we are all part of God's great family. **WHAT'S IN YOUR RICE BOWL???**

Hungering to Build Community: Archdiocese Louisville, Kentucky : A Story of Hope:

Centro Latino, a Catholic Charities-supported non-profit, works alongside the Latino population in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. That work includes what you may expect: distributing food and clothing, and providing opportunities for education. But Centro Latino also recognizes the importance of community-and stability. "We need each other," says Ursuline Sister Lee Kirchner. Sr. Lee volunteers at the monthly Women's Meetings, offering reflections for the more than 100 women that gather. "That's what we're trying to do: build a community among ourselves."

For women like Katalina, a three-year attendee of these meetings, the community has given her more than the support she needed to learn English; it serves as an inspiration to give back. Women from the group volunteer at Centro Latino's food distribution center, assist in their local parishes and, of course, work with their peers in the Women's Meetings. As Sr. Lee notes, Shelby County is better for the work done by these women. "When I first started leading these reflections, many women hardly said anything," Sr. Lee recalls. "Now, so many have opened up with the most beautiful observations, with their desires to improve-not just themselves, but their community, where they are." For Centro Latino, this is the kind of work that has the most lasting impact.

What you put in your Rice Bowl helps feed & care for those less fortunate, supporting Pope Francis's Year of Mercy.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS

Saturday, March 19 and Sunday March 20 before Mass