



**MESSAGE
OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2016**

***“I desire mercy, and not sacrifice” (Mt 9:13).
The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee***

*1. Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes
because she is evangelized*

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative “24 Hours for the Lord”, I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God’s word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God’s closeness and forgiveness.

After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her *Magnificat*, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related – even on the etymological level – to the maternal womb (*rahamim*) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (*hesed*) shown within marriage and family relationships.

2. God’s covenant with humanity: a history of mercy

The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images – as in the case of Hosea (cf. *Hos* 1-2) – show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people.

This love story culminates in the incarnation of God’s Son. In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him “mercy incarnate” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 8). As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the *Shema*, which today too is the heart of God’s covenant with Israel: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” (*Dt* 6:4-5). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic *kerygma*, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is “the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), that first proclamation which “we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment” (*ibid.*, 164). Mercy “expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

(Above are the first two parts of Pope Francis’ 2016 Lenten Message for all of us. The rest, part 3, will be given in next week’s bulletin.)

Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning, starts at 9AM sharp. We are starting a new series on Ash Wednesday. We will be doing the great Bible Timeline, a journey through the whole Bible. Please come join us in this awesome journey! You can purchase your workbooks online from Amazon. They are approximately \$35 with shipping. This is an incredible way to grow in your faith and to learn about the whole Bible. Please do not miss this opportunity! Everyone is welcome!

Adult Faith Formation

Every Wednesday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. located in the school building. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith. All are welcome! You can purchase your workbooks online from Amazon. They are approximately \$35 with shipping. We will also be doing the Bible Timeline adventure through the whole Bible, on Wednesday night too. Starting Ash Wednesday!!!

Catholic Women's Bible Study

with play group for kids too!

Meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. Call Keelin Cromar for more information at (240) 401-8236.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We need Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

You may say "I am not worthy". Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to assist the parish in this ministry. The following qualifications apply: You must be a fully initiated Catholic having received all your sacraments and in good standing with the Church (i.e. if you are married, you are married in the Church, etc.). If you are interested, please call the parish office at 575-763-6947 and leave your name and phone number.

Training has been set for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the church.



Church Cleaning

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church. It is based on a rotating schedule and your crew will be scheduled to clean at least once a month. Men are encouraged to volunteer. We need some strong muscles to do the heavy lifting and climb ladders to get to places that can't be reached easily. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (575) 763-6947 and leave your name and phone number and the Church Cleaning Coordinator will contact you. This is an important ministry. Remember Jesus lives here.....



8:30 Choir Practice Has Changed

Sunday 8:30 Choir practice will now be on **Tuesdays at 4:15 pm** in the church.

Altar Society Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm beginning with the reciting of the Holy Rosary followed by the monthly meeting. All are welcome!!!!



Distribution will be held every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

We are in need of volunteers to help!

If you are interested, please call Rosie Buchan at (575) 309-5040 so she can give you further information and to inform you of a time to meet to help prepare for our distribution, or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number so that we may contact you. Please be mindful that you must have attended the Sexual Abuse Awareness Training through the Archdiocese of Santa Fe to be able to volunteer.

Our next distribution will be February 3, 2015.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Lg. cans of soup,
Canned Pasta Meals
Pancake mix
Oatmeal,
Juice boxes,

WE ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF EGG CARTONS.

We are also taking donation for New or Gently Used:

Coats,
Jackets,
Sweaters,
Stuffed Animals (toys)
Or Blankets

Any help will be greatly appreciated. You can place items in the baskets in the back of the church or bring them into the parish office. Thank you and may God Bless you. **Because of you, we were able to feed 1685 families and were able to provide coats and blankets to 440 individuals in 2015!!!! Again.... THANK YOU!!!!**

Tithes & Offerings

January 24, 2016

Envelopes	\$ 4,183.00
Loose	\$ 1,857.54
Needy Fund	\$ 65.00
Total	\$ 6,105.54



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY January 30, 2016

5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish

SUNDAY January 31, 2016

8:30 A.M. † Sherry Casarez &

† Kathleen Gooden

10:30 A.M. † Carlos Paiz

MONDAY February 1, 2016

5:30 P.M. † Dean Kriegshauser

TUESDAY February 2, 2016

7:00 A.M. Charley Martagh

WED February 3, 2016

12:10 P.M. † Marc Martinez

THURSDAY February 4, 2016

7:00 A.M. † Guadalupe Saiz

FRIDAY February 5, 2016

5:30 P.M. † Dean Kriegshauser

SATURDAY February 6, 2016

5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish

SUNDAY February 7, 2016

8:30 A.M. † Ramona Coiner, † Billie Johnson,

† Ninfa Garcia

10:30 A.M. James E. Lysaught, Jr.

*I will SING of your
salvation.*

MINISTERS – SATURDAY – February 6, 2016**SACRISTANS**

5:30 P.M. Stephen Haynes

USHERS

5:30 P.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS5:30 P.M. Kruz Trujillo
Jodyn Everett
Joseph Vickers**LECTORS**5:30 P.M. Ed Gomez
Hope Griego**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**5:30 P.M. Vivian Trujillo (Captain - R)
Katie Haynes-Burns – R
Stephen Haynes - L
Lola Bryant - L**MINISTERS – SUNDAY – February 7, 2016****SACRISTANS**

8:30 A.M. Mike & Anna Nagro

10:30 A.M. Fidel Madrid
Cliff Kuchta**USHERS**8:30 A.M. Eddie's Angels
10:30 A.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch**ALTAR SERVERS**

8:30 A.M. Not Available at time of publication

10:30 A.M. Not Available at time of publication

LECTORS8:30 A.M. Victor Gutierrez
Sean Little
10:30 A.M. Kaitlin Lusk
James Burns**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**8:30 A.M. Jimmy Maes (Captain - R)
Mary Shockley - R
Lee Smith - L
Robert Timmons - L
10:30 A.M. John Schonberger - R)
Katie Haynes-Burns - R
Paul Ellis – L
Suzanne Ellis - L**CHURCH CLEANING**

February 6 – *Julia Robertson, Beni Dampier, Leticia Garcia

ALTAR LINENS

February – Tammy Little & Rhonda Jesko

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**Retirement Ranch Tina Majkrzak
Clovis Healthcare The Candelaria's
Sr. Resident Center Marcy Kos
Home Route One Teresa Weeks**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Sacred Heart has a group of "Prayer Warriors" who will seek God's Intervention on your behalf. All it takes is a phone call to Jeanne Kriegshauser at (575) 762-9214 or Mary Shockley at (575) 763-0953, and they will set prayer in motion.

**NEXT WEEKS GOSPEL READING***Luke 5:1-11***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.