

## DAILY READINGS



### Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

**Sunday** Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12;  
Lk 13:1-9  
**Monday** Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday** Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday** Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28:34  
**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
**Next Sunday** Jos 5:9a,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;  
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

## MARCH 16 & MARCH 17, 2019

Envelopes .....\$1,761.00  
Children's.....\$ 161.25  
Holy Day .....\$ 7.00  
Loose ..... \$1,334.24  
Total.....\$3,263.49

## Breakfast

### MONTHLY BREAKFAST

**April 7th** after all Masses.  
English & Spanish food available.

### GLUTEN FREE HOST

#### NOW AVAILABLE

Please let Father know if you are in need of  
Gluten Free Host  
10 - 15 minutes before Mass starts.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**March 26 - NO CLASSES** - Religious Education / *CATEQUESIS* - RCIA (Spanish) 6:00-7:30pm  
**March 27** - Prayer Group - *GRUPO DE ORACIÓN* 6:00 PM – 7:00PM / Choir Practice  
**March 28** - Cleaning of the Church - *Limpieza del templo* 5:30 PM  
**March 29** - Youth Group - Grupo de jovenes 6:00-8:00pm /  
Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Bilingüe/Bilingual (Iglesia/Church)

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Tuesday, March 26, 2019

8:00 am - No Mass

### Wednesday, March 27, 2019

8:00 am - No Mass

### Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:00 am - No Mass

### Friday, March 29, 2019

8:00 am - No Mass

### Saturday, March 30, 2019

4:00 pm - No Mass

### Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 am - Jose Perez - by Family  
9:30 am - President Donald Trump -  
by Connie Havlovick  
11:15 am - The People of Saint Patrick

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS FAVOR DE ORAR POR NUESTROS FELIGRESES

**Homebound:** Delores Flanagan,  
Eloise Jones, Maxine Rush

*If you know of anyone that is homebound,  
please let the office know.*



### NO WEEKDAY MASS

March 25th - 30th

# Saint Patrick Parish

**My Home, Your Home, Our Home!**  
**All are Welcome.**

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## PARISH DIRECTORY & SACRAMENTS

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**OFFICE PHONE:** 815-965-9539

**OFFICE FAX:** 815-965-0086

**DAILY MASS:** Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am in the Chapel

**WEEKEND MASS:** Saturday: 4:00 pm (English)  
Sunday: 9:30 am (English)  
8:00 am & 11:15 am (Spanish)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 8:30 am - Noon

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday afternoon from 3:30 pm - 3:50  
pm and after 8:00 am week day Masses

**WEBSITE:** stpatrickrockford.org.

**CHURCH EMAIL:** stpatrickrockford@gmail.com

**CCD CLASSES:** Tuesday 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made with  
Father Jhakson. *A minimum of 6 months preparation is required.*  
*Call Parish Office for appointment.*

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call Parish Office to  
arrange to receive this Sacrament.

**BAPTISM:** (English) please call the Parish Office to make  
arrangements for the Preparation Classes and date with  
Deacon Jovie Reyes.

**BAUTISMO ESPAÑOL** Segundos y Cuartos Sábados de cada  
Mes. Las pláticas pre-bautismales serán el primer sábado de  
cada mes a las 5 pm en el centro parroquial. Donación de

## PARISH STAFF

**Parochial Administrator:** Fr.Jhakson Garcia M.  
**Deacon:** Jovie Reyes  
**Secretary/Business Manager:** Brenda Weigelt  
**C.R.E.** Maria Norma Magana  
**Music Director:** Maria Alderson - English,  
Jose Luis Favela & Humberto Roman - Spanish  
**Sacristan:** Mary Giliberti (Weekday Masses)  
**Youth Ministry:** Azucena Gutierrez

**“Why should it exhaust the soil?”**  
**“¿Para qué ocupa la tierra inútilmente?”**

**MARCH 24, 2019 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

## From the Desk of Father Jhakson

Brothers and sisters, last Sunday I spoke about the importance of prayer and participating in the meditation of the “Via Crucis” (Stations of the Cross) as a moment of encounter with God. This week I want to share about the second aspect of preparation in Lent: fasting.

Fasting is one of the practices of piety that takes place during this time of Lent. Along with prayer and charity (alms), are the weapons we have to live better this time of conversion. But, what is the value of fasting for us? What is the point of letting go or depriving us of something that, in itself, can be useful and good for our sustenance?

Sacred Scripture is full of passages where the people are invited to fast, as a way to configure our life to all that God wants from us.

The meaning behind this action is based on having as objective to do the will of the Father God, true spiritual food for all of us. It is not simply an external act, or compliance with a mandatory rule. Fasting, from the spiritual life, helps us in two areas. On the one hand, it is the way to train our will to give up good things, so that in due course we can reject bad things. On the other hand, it exerts a mysterious action, which allows the soul to open itself in a particular way to the grace and presence of God.

When we voluntarily renounce something in relation to our appetites (eating, drinking) we educate our will to receive orders from us and not from our passions, it is the way of being owners of ourselves. This practice helps us to be people capable of renouncing and directing our will to God, always seeking to avoid what can separate us from Him.

Let's make this time of Lent a Holy time, where we are closer to God, dominating our passions and placing God first, above what the world offers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Jhakson



Hermanos y hermanas, el domingo pasado les hablé sobre la importancia de la oración y participar en la meditación del Vía crucis como momento de encuentro con Dios. Esta semana quiero compartir sobre el segundo aspecto de preparación en la Cuaresma: el ayuno.

El ayuno es una de las prácticas de piedad que se realizan durante este tiempo de Cuaresma. Junto a la oración y la caridad (limosna), son las armas que tenemos para vivir mejor este tiempo de conversión. Pero, ¿Cuál es el valor que tiene para nosotros ayunar? ¿Qué sentido tiene desprendernos o privarnos de algo que en sí mismo puede resultar útil y bueno para nuestro sustento?

La Sagrada escritura está llena de pasajes donde se invita al pueblo a Ayunar, como vía para configurar nuestra vida a todo lo que Dios quiere de nosotros.

El sentido que encubre esta acción se basa en tener como objetivo hacer la voluntad del Padre Dios, verdadero alimento espiritual para todos nosotros. No se trata simplemente de un acto externo, o el cumplimiento de una norma con carácter obligatorio. El Ayuno, desde la vida espiritual, nos ayuda en dos áreas. Por un lado, es la forma de entrenar nuestra voluntad en renunciar a cosas buenas, para en su momento poder rechazar las malas. Por otro lado, ejerce una acción misteriosa, que permite al alma abrirse de una manera particular a la gracia y a la presencia de Dios.

Cuando renunciamos voluntariamente a algo en relación con nuestros apetitos (comer, beber) educamos a nuestra voluntad a recibir órdenes de nosotros y no de nuestras pasiones, es la forma de ser dueños de nosotros mismos. Esta práctica nos ayuda a ser personas capaces de renunciar y dirigir nuestra voluntad a Dios, buscando siempre evitar lo que pueda separarnos de Él.

Hagamos de este tiempo de Cuaresma, un tiempo Santo, donde estemos más cerca de Dios, dominando nuestras pasiones y colocando a Dios en primer lugar, por encima de aquello que el mundo nos ofrece.

En Cristo,  
Fr. Jhakson

## MANDATORY "2019 YOUTH RETREAT" FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

This event will take place on **April 19th & 20th** at St. Patrick Church. Application with fee deadline is **April 5th, 2019**. Application are available at the office.

### EVENTO MANDATORIO PARA ESTUDIANTES DE CONFIRMACIÓN,

Pascua juvenil 2019 que se ilevará a cabo el **19 y 20 de abril** en la parroquia de San Patricio.

Por favor regresar la aplicación junto con el pago de la cuota antes del 5 de

## JOB OPENING

Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Rockford is looking for a Religious Education Administrative Assistant.

This full-time position with benefits supports the Religious Education Office. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic, is proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite products as well as QuickBooks and is familiar with various social media sites. The job requires a team oriented individual with organizational skills, attention to detail and excellent communication skills. Interested candidates should send resumes to Kris Mimier at [kmimier@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:kmimier@rockforddiocese.org).

## ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

If you would like to learn more about All Saints Catholic Academy, please contact us for a personalized tour at 815-962-8515. All Saints Catholic Aca offers a faith filled, rigorous, academic experience and also values the importance of seeing the world through Christ's eyes. We offer a preschool program for 3 and 4 year old children, as well as kindergarten through eighth grade at 409 North First Street, Rockford. Call Today!

## NINTH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

The Ninth Annual Trivia Night to benefit the Rockford Area Retreat and Refresh Stroke Camps will be held **Saturday, April 6th** at St. James Parish Hall, 428 N. Second St. from 5:00 - 10:00 PM.

The trivia completion will consist of 7 rounds of 10 questions each for a total of 70 trivia questions. It's a great opportunity to get a group together and challenge yourselves or defend your title if you were one of our top teams last year. The evening begins with social hour at 5:00 PM. All raffle sales will be open at this time. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM followed by the trivia completion beginning at 7:00 PM. A cash bar will be available. There will be great raffles and silent auctions as well as lots of door prizes. Cash or checks only please. Reserve your table of 8 for \$200 or individual seats for \$25 each which includes a light dinner and a beverage. Phone Jen Butler at 815-222-4481 to reserve your spot.

## VOCATIONS CORNER Fr. Sean Grismer

"This Sunday's first reading is the encounter between God and Moses. Notice that this wasn't some happen-chance meeting or a "coincidence." God knew where Moses was going to be and chose to meet him there. And my guess is that when sees the the flaming bush he does not think "oh this is the normal way God shows himself to me." No in fact it says that Moses says to himself "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight." So God intrigued Moses to Him by a healthy curiosity. Then when Moses approaches God, God calls out to him. Moses response is simply "Here I am." It begs the speaker to continue. See how God doesn't chit-chat with Moses? He gets straight to the point "I have heard the cry of my people and I intend to save them through you." In other words, I am sending you on mission and this is who you are- my Deliverer. Moses at first objects but to no avail because the Lord keeps reminding him of His desire to save His people.

Look when it comes to our calling, God will often cut out the "chit-chat." He has people to save and He is calling you to partner with Him in that saving work. He speaks past our objections and object we often will, but He deeply wants to work with us so that He can save us and others through us. That is the beauty of God- He shares His redeeming works (yes, one sacrifice) but through His children He brings about the redemptive work of Christ. So continuing in this Lenten season, ask Him "Lord, what would you have me do? Here I am, speak, your servant- is listening." Then actually listen"