I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20
**Lenten Reflection**

This season of Lent has been an unusual journey. As Ash Wednesday approached I was uncertain as to what commitments or fasting I would take on. I surrendered and believed that Jesus would lead me where I needed to be if I trusted in Him. I walked into the desert uncertain of what was to come, but thirsted to seek His heart and become more aware of His love. As I took my first few steps into Lent, instead of directing me from afar, Jesus came to meet me and journey with me.

As the weeks have passed, the Sunday readings allow us to ponder the heart of Christ and invite Him to be with us through the joys and hardships of life. As we reflect upon the Gospel this week, whether you hear of the woman caught in adultery or the raising of Lazarus, may we realize that Jesus is meeting us where we are at, in our deepest sorrows and our darkest moments of shame. In times of great distress, we can echo Martha’s longing by saying, “Lord if you’ve only been here this would’ve never happened!” But we discover in the story of Lazarus that Jesus hears us, He sees us as we are, and is moved to act in the midst of our troubles.

As Lent continues we must not be discouraged. God invites us into His heart in a way that does not exclusively begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter morning; His invitation is constantly available to us. Lent is an invitation into the desert as our hearts seek and thirst for something more. This invitation is more than just entering into the next season in the liturgical year, it is a personal invitation to return to the heart of Jesus so that we may come to know His unfailing love and mercy. Lent is an opportunity to say “yes” to God and to realize that we are imperfect humans in need of a Savior who meets us in the chaos, joys, and stress of life. God invites us not only to know about His sacrifice and love, but to experience it in our own lives, so that one day we may return to Him in trust and gratitude, saying “Jesus, you’ve been here all this time...”

Vanessa Serna,  
Youth Minister

---

The Diocese of Orange continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families. As we begin April, **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, the Diocese wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors, and their families, heal and find peace. If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee, volunteer, or clergy member, please contact the Diocesan Assistance Ministry Coordinator at (800) 364-3064 for help and support. [www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/](http://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/)
The RCIA program would like to introduce the following Elect & Candidates:

**Elect**

(Catechumen receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation)

- **Saurav Biswas** sponsored by Bob Pelky
- **Tasier Hilo** sponsored by America Braganza
- **Yenifer Ramirez** sponsored by Pat Koepke
- **Ashley Van Den Bosch** sponsored by Larry Michinock & Lillian Piper
- **Marty Weber** sponsored by David Meyers

**Candidates**

(Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church or completing Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist)

- **Christopher Davis** sponsored by Sharon Suffecool
- **Gary Dumas** sponsored by Johnathan Torres
- **Jack Earthman** sponsored by Andy Ruiz
- **Noah Hill** sponsored by Matt Essex
- **Payton Kubalsky** sponsored by Dave Koepke
- **Marcella Kubalsky** sponsored by Paige Tecca
- **Harriet Kubalsky** sponsored by Linda Schwab
- **Darrel Roberts** sponsored by Dwain Suffecool
- **Kristina Thomas** sponsored by Caitlin Collins
- **Charles Westbrooks** sponsored by John Wolter

*Not Pictured: Megan McGonical, sponsored by Jennifer Jo Leva*

**Please pray for these Elect and Candidates as they begin their final preparations to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.**

Also, cards are available in the office for these and the seven young people of our parish who are receiving their sacraments during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Please write a short note of welcome, congratulations and support. Please return your cards to the parish front office no later than Wednesday, 4-17-19. They will be placed in individual card boxes that will be given to the participants at the reception following the Easter Vigil. This is a special gift they will cherish.
**Holy Week**

**Holy Thursday**
8:30AM Morning Prayer
7PM Mass of the Lords Supper

**Good Friday**
8:30AM Morning Prayer
12PM Stations of the Cross
1PM Liturgy
7PM Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**
8:30AM Morning Prayer
8PM Easter Vigil

**Last Chance for Conessions During Lent**

**Parish Lenten Penance Services:**

- April 8 St. Edward, Dana Point, 7pm
- April 9 St. Catherine, Laguna Beach, 7pm
- April 10 O. L. Fatima, San Clemente, 7pm
- April 11 Corpus Christi, Aliso Viejo, 7pm

**Additional date for Confessions at St. Timothy: Saturday, April 13th at 10am**

**Become a Knight**

St. Timothy Knights of Columbus is having their Recruiting Drive after all the Masses on April 6-7 and 13-14 in the Courtyard - Stop by and say Hello! Since 1882 Knights have been leaders in charity and Catholic fraternity. Becoming a Knight will change your life and the life of your family. For questions or additional information contact either Terry Antonius, 280-7707 terryantonius@sbcglobal.net or John Wolter, 495-4057 jwolter10@outlook.com.

**Easter Lily Sale**

All Proceeds will go to the Intellectually Disabled & Camp Recreation

**Celebrate the Miracle of the Risen Lord with Beauty**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fresh Easter Lilies after all Masses on April 6, 7 and April 13, 14, 2019

Limited quantities: First come, first served.

**Moms of Faith - St. Tim's**

**Strong Marriages for All Seasons**

Guest speaker Cara Morales, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Professional Clinical Counselor, will discuss the habits needed to build a strong relationship so you can weather the storms well together.

**Wednesday, April 10th, 7pm - 8:30pm**

 Fireside Room
St. Timothy Catholic Church
Childcare Provided, Please RSVP
CHECK OUT WHAT IS COMING UP IN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

MOTHER’S & FATHER’S DAY CARD FUNDRAISER:
The Youth Ministry at St. Timothy’s will be selling Mother’s and Father’s Day cards as a fundraiser to send teens our summer events: a week-long Catholic Summer camp in Big Bear, and a Steubenville Conference in NorCal. Cards are $5 each and consist of original cover artwork designed by talented teen artists from our parish. Donations are also welcome. Our goal is to raise a total of $4500, so please be generous in your support of our young people. Mother’s Day cards will be on sale after all of the Masses May 4-5, and in the front office after Memorial Day. Father’s Day cards will be on sale after all the Masses June 1-2, and in the front office thereafter. Thank you for your support!

CONFIRMATION:
Wednesday, 4/10: Year 2 Confirmation meeting from 7-9pm in the Hall. All Remaining Requirements Are Due!

Wednesday, 4/17: Year 1 Confirmation meeting from 7-9pm in the Hall. All Remaining Requirements Are Due!

Saturday, 4/27: Year 2 Confirmation Rehearsal, Ritual Mass & Dinner from 4-7pm in the Hall.
Sunday, 4/28: Year 1 Confirmation Ritual Mass at 5pm.

Saturday, 5/4: Year 2 Confirmation MASS at 5pm. Teens and sponsors meet at 4pm in the Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:
Sundays 4/7 & 4/14: Join us for a three-part series called “Unspoken” as we break open the Theology of the Body and talk about human dignity and sexuality, especially as it applies to technology, pornography and the hyper-sexualized culture we live in. This series is open to all high schoolers, especially those who desire life-giving relationships and a healthy relationship with technology. We hope to see you there!

Drop-In is every Thursday from 3-5pm in the Youth Room and is open to teens in high school. Come get help with homework, play pool or ping pong, eat food or just relax! FOLLOW US ON: INSTAGRAM: @sttimsysyouthministry // FACEBOOK: http://facebook.com/sttimsyouthministry // TWITTER & SNAPCHAT: @sttimsym

SPRING ALL-NIGHTER!:
Saturday, May 25 at 4:30pm – Sunday, May 26 at 7am: Come stay up all night at Church for a night filled with games, movies, fellowship, food, prayer and more! Cost is $25 per person, and forms are due May 14. Contact Vanessa Serna at vserna@st-timsr.org for more details.

SENIORS!:
Every year, we have a Senior Mass to honor our graduating Seniors. This year, that Mass is on Sunday, May 19th at 5pm. You will receive a special blessing, be recognized by the congregation, share what your plans after high school are and receive a special gift from the parish. Please RSVP via e-mail (mzemanek@st-timsr.org) if you are able to attend, and let us know what your plans after high school are: where you will be working or where you will be attending college and what your major will be. Please invite your families to this special Mass and know that we are praying for you!

YOUNG ADULTS:
THRIVE is every Thursday night from 7:30-9pm and is open to all Young Adults, 18+. Are you looking for a strong, consistent young adult community where you can meet new people and also enter into deeper prayer & learn about your faith? THRIVE is a weekly young adult ministry that seeks to build community and journey through Scripture, discuss our faith, and talk about current events, discussing how they all apply to our everyday faith lives. All are welcome and invited to come build solid relationships with one another in support as we seek to live out our Catholic faith in the world.
Who?  This retreat is open to all 6-8th graders (2019-20). It is hosted by Holy Trinity, St. Kilian, and Mission Basilica. All parishes are welcome.

Where?  Drop off and pick will be at Santiago Retreat Center 27912 Baker Canyon Rd. Silverado, CA 92676.

When?  June 19-20, 2019. Wednesday 10:00am-Thursday 12:00pm.

How Much?  $80 includes lodging, food, and t-shirt. Forms & payment are due by May 19th. After this date, it will $100. Registration deadline is June 5th.

How to Register?  There is an Online Registration Form. Contact Marya Wallace for the link, permission forms and information at mwallace@st-timsrc.org.

For more information, contact Marya Wallace: mwallace@st-timsrc.org or 949/495-4126

2019 VBS
June 24-28
9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Mass blessings on June 23 at
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Liturgies
Ages: 3 (by May 1) through 6th Grade
Cost:$65

Donations needed for VBS
Vacation Bible School is in need of the following items for building and decorating to transform the Hall into an African jungle.

- Plastic sheeting
- Old cardboard boxes (any size)
- Poster board (any shade of green)
- Tissue paper grass mats
- Foam core (any size)
- Carpet tubes
- Floral wire
- Bamboo fencing
- Raffia table skirts
- Paint stirrers
- Yard sticks

Please have items delivered to the Faith Formation Office by Friday, May 24th. Thank you!

For more information contact Andrea Marian at amarian@st-timsrc.org or (949) 495-4126.

Safe and caring environment with warm, nurturing childcare ministers.

Childcare FUN available during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Liturgies

Offered to 1 and 2 year old, (confident walkers) and select Faith Formation events for ages 1-10.

For more information, contact Marya Wallace at mwallace@st-timsrc.org
Children’s Faith Formation is joining other Catholic faith communities throughout the state to provide support to uniting children with their incarcerated mother and father. These children are innocent victims who long to see their parents. The Get On The Bus activity drive hopes you are able to donate supplies to make the children’s one day a year visit more enjoyable. Get On The Bus’ greatest need is Board Games which provides bonding opportunities for the children and their parents. The games must be new and some examples are Connect 4, Trouble, Guess Who, Scrabble Jr., Jenga, etc. Any board game that looks like family fun! The program would also benefit from donations of small toys, McDonald’s gift cards and money donations. Collection bins are available in the Faith Formation Office until April 19.

Thank you for your generosity to those who bear so many burdens, “I was in prison and you visited me.” Mt. 25:37

For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 495-4126.

### Children’s Faith Formation Schedule of Classes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Schedule</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sun.</td>
<td>9:00 - 10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Tiny Tims</td>
<td>4/7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:00 - Noon</td>
<td>Tiny Tims</td>
<td>4/7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues.</td>
<td>4:00 - 5:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>4/9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5:45 - 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>4/9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5:45 - 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>R.O.C.K.</td>
<td>4/9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed.</td>
<td>5:00 - 6:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>4/10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri.</td>
<td>6:30 - 8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>C.L.U.B. 6-7-8</td>
<td>4/12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun.</td>
<td>9:00 - 10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Tiny Tims</td>
<td>4/14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:00 - Noon</td>
<td>Tiny Tims</td>
<td>4/14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues.</td>
<td>4:00 - 5:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>4/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5:45 - 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>4/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5:45 - 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>R.O.C.K.</td>
<td>4/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed.</td>
<td>5:00 - 6:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Elementary</td>
<td>4/17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions 949/495-4126

---

The Elementary Faith Formation classes had the opportunity to pray The Stations (or "Way") of the Cross. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a devotional prayer to help us recall the tremendous love of Jesus Christ as He suffered and died for our salvation and to deepen our love for Jesus and all God’s people.

Final days for Elementary Faith Formation Classes and May Crowning will be Tuesday, May 14 & Wednesday, May 15.
Pastoral Services Appeal Update as of February 28

Currently:

- Our parishion share of the overall diocesan goal is $155,000
- 308 households have given a gift/made a pledge (12% of the parish)
- They have given/pledged $228,906
- Once the fair share is paid and sent to the diocese, our parish keeps the rest

What are we going to do with the money we raise?

- 10% will be given to a parish in need here in Orange County
- We will re-carpet the church after 20 years of wear and tear
- We will refurbish the pews, adding kneelers to them

What now?

- All parishioners are encouraged, invited, and challenged to participate!
- Please fill out the PSA pledge/gift envelope and return it
- Last year there were 540 households that participated; can we get more this year?

Thanks to those who have already given…you encourage all of us to do the same!
THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Care for God’s Creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) Pope Francis’ historic encyclical Laudato Si was the first papal encyclical devoted entirely to care of our planet. Theologian David Cloutier has identified four main themes in the document: “Everything is connected to everything else.” The human family is one, and it has a common home.

“The environmental crisis is fundamentally a spiritual crisis.” The challenge is not only scientific or technological. The crisis is rooted in our relationship with God.

“Technical solutions aren’t enough; we need new and different lifestyles.” With less than 5% of the world’s population, the United States consumes about 25% of its resources. It is a lifestyle that reflects a “throwaway culture.”

“We need to love the earth as a sister or as we do our own homes.” The Pope says, “Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.”

How Can We Make a Difference?

There are many practical things we can do as suggested by the Catholic Climate Covenant (and by our utility companies!) such as being more energy efficient, adjusting thermostats, adjusting driving routines to conserve gas, recycling more and using less water.

But perhaps as people of faith we need to ask the larger questions of ourselves:

Do I believe that I am connected to all humanity as a family, even to those who are different from me in age, race, or in economic, educational, or social status? How do my daily actions and words reflect my beliefs?

What is my lifestyle and what are the things I deem necessary for happiness? Am I tempted or ensnared by consumerism? Am I secretly condescending in how I view or give to those less fortunate? What are my criteria for “success”?

Do I truly see the earth “as a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise”? Do I truly treasure and protect God’s creation in all its multifaceted forms and creatures or do I see it as something to be controlled and used for my convenience?

And how has the environmental crisis become a spiritual crisis?

And what does it tell us about our relationship with God?

(by Bill Kramer and Sally Hotchkiss)