



*Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Partners in Faith Newsletter*  
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**Prayer of the Week**  
**(Third Sunday in Lent)**

Jesus, we remember today how you came to the well in Samaria feeling hungry and thirsty. When you asked the woman for a drink she not only gave you water, but also her heart. As we come to this table, we too are hungry and thirsty. We ask you to nourish our bodies and our hearts so that during this Lent we can grow in your love. Amen

**FRIDAY STATIONS**

This Friday, 1 April, the religious education teachers and staff are hosting the weekly soup and supper at the Parish Hall, following the Stations of the Cross in the church. Please bring your family and join us for stations at 5:30 pm and then a FREE meal of soup and bread in the parish hall immediately following the Stations. Deacon Leonard and Deacon Michael will be leading the stations and all of your children's teachers will be providing the food and serving at the meal. Bring your family for a great opportunity to break bread with others in your community!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

We are still looking for kids to sing in the Easter Choir! The children's choir is practicing for Easter on Mondays from 6:30-7:15 in the Choir room in the church office building. If you sang for Christmas, it is the same room you used then. The children who participated in the Christmas choir are invited to come to these practices as well as anyone else who can read and is interested in singing. Older children are most welcome to participate. The children's choir will sing for the 9 am Mass on Easter Sunday. If you are in town on Easter Sunday, please join us. Singing and leading the congregation in song is a way to participate in a wonderful ministry for the church. Please call Robin Casey at 898-5253 x 4 with any questions.

**CAN YOU ANSWER YOUR CHILD'S QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

God knows, we are not all experts in the details of the Catholic faith! For many of us, formal religious education ended with Confirmation. So how can we find information about our faith? **Talk to other adult Catholics, especially other parents.** Share with them your methods for sharing the faith with your children. **Ask a priest, deacon or religious.** Helping you to provide the correct information about our faith is part of the job of a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Deacon Michael is always available to answer your

questions and help you in any way possible. **Go to Mass and take your children.** The Mass is the central expression of the Catholic faith. Only by going can your children learn about the Mass. **Read the bible.** Use a Catholic commentary if you are studying by yourself. It can help you focus on the connection between the Scriptures and our Catholic teachings. Ask Father Juan or Deacon Michael for recommendations of a good commentary. If you want to interact with others, we have various bible study groups available to join. Just call the office for the latest information. **Volunteer at the parish.** Volunteering in a church setting gives you a better idea of the day to day operation of the church, which may affect your perception of the faith. **Attend a formal class.** Nativity has adult formation classes available as does the Archdiocese. If you are interested in a particular subject, contact Deacon Michael and he will help find a current class for you.

**TEEN BIBLE STUDY**

Ana-Alicia Armendariz is planning to lead this wonderful opportunity for teens, especially those in high school or graduating this year. Unfortunately, we still don't have any teens coming forward to join this group! Please take advantage of Ana-Alicia's deep faith and knowledge of scripture and our Church. Call 898-5253 x 1 to sign up for the fun!

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Peter Regalado came from a wealthy and pious family in Valladolid, Spain. At the age of 13, he entered the Conventual Franciscans. Shortly after his ordination, he was made superior of the friary in Aguilar. In 1442 he was appointed head of all the Spanish Franciscans in his reform group. Peter led by example. He had a special love for the poor and the sick. Miraculous stories are told about his charity to the poor. For example, the bread never seemed to run out as long as Peter had hungry people to feed. Throughout most of his life, Peter went hungry; he lived only on bread and water. Immediately after his death on March 31, 1456, his grave became a place of pilgrimage.

**Mass Schedule – Saturday – 5:30pm, Sunday – 7:30, 9 am, 1045 (Spanish) and 12:30pm**