

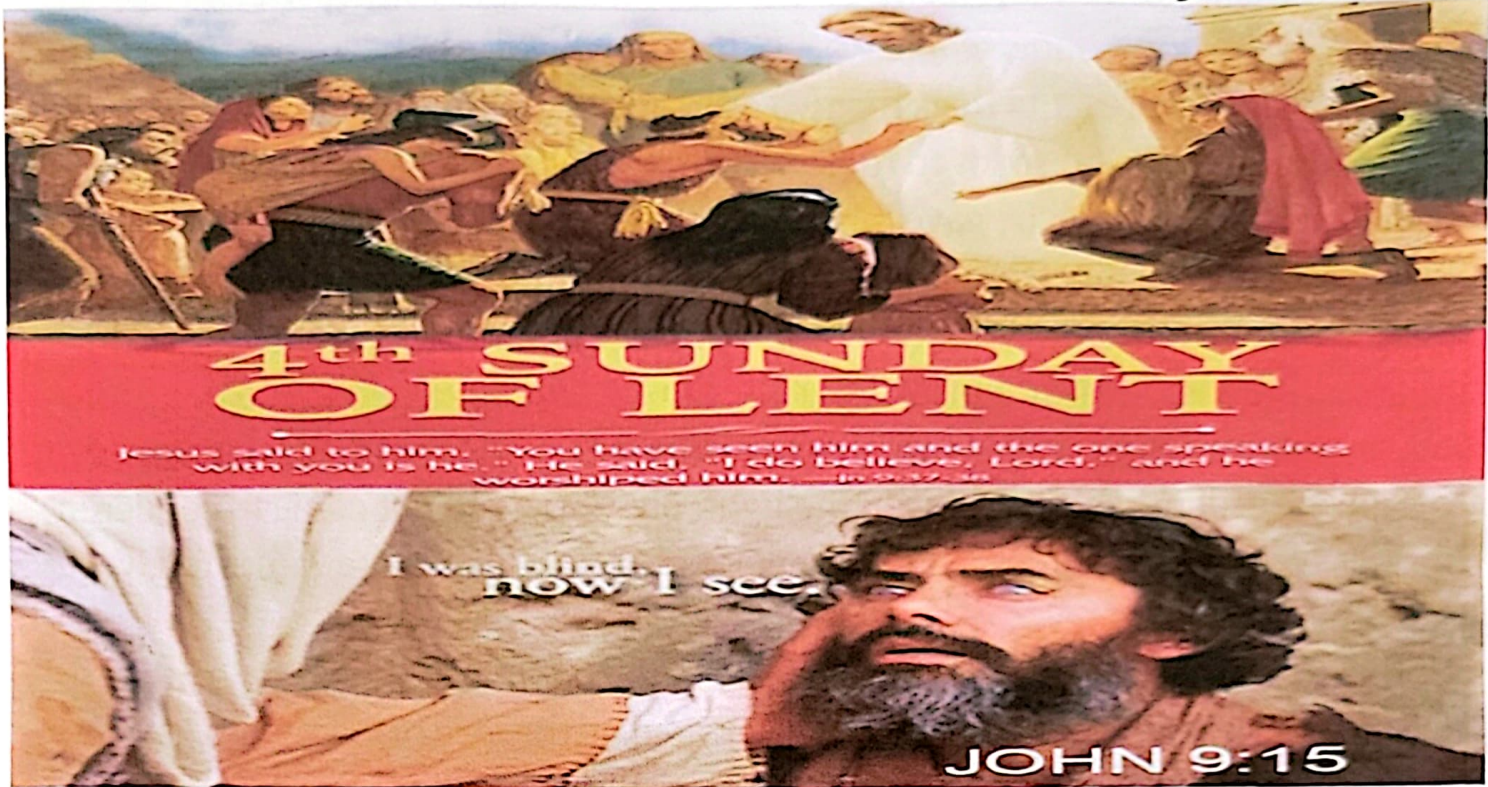
ST. GREGORY

SAN GREGORIO

Catholic Church /Iglesia Catolico 712 W Main St, Smithville, TN 37166

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Domingo 10 de Marzo, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

PARISH INFORMATION

Visit Our Website

Website:

www.saintgregoryscatholicchurch.com

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Correo electrónico:
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Parish Activities
Actividades parroquiales

Tuesday - Martes

Santo Rosario

holy Rosary

7:00 pm

Confession Times/ Sacramento de
Confesion

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE

SOLO CON CITA PREVIA

AL MENOS UNA SEMANA ANTES

Healing Mass
Misa de Sanacion

Wednesay /Miercoles
7:00 pm



MASS TIMES

Thursday/ Jueves
7:00 pm

Saturday/Sábado 7:00 pm

Sunday/Domingo

10:30 English

11 a.m Bilingual

Stations of the Cross

Estaciones de la cruz

Friday /viernes

7:00 pm

**OUR
CHURCH
STAFF**

Administrator/
Administrador:
Pastor

Emmanuel Dirichukwu
pastorsacc@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Monday- Thursday

Lunes - Jueves

8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

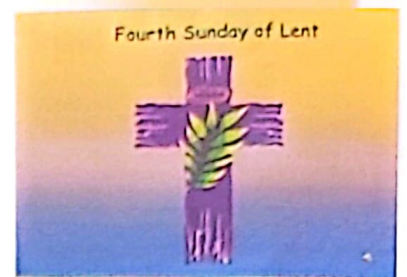
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Reflections



Darkness makes us uneasy. Light, on the other hand, gives us security. In the dark we don't know where we are. In the light we can find a way. In a few lines, the Gospel presents to us the two great mysteries of our history. On the one hand, "God so loved the world." Undeservedly, he gave us what we loved most. Even more, he gave himself to give us life. Christ came into the world to illuminate our existence, And in contrast, "light came into the world, and men loved darkness more than light." We don't quite realize what this love of God means, immense, gratuitous, disinterested, a love to the extreme. God's infinite love meets the drama of our freedom that sometimes chooses evil, darkness, even though we ardently desire to be in the light. But Christ did not come to condemn but to save us. He becomes a light in a world darkened by sin, he wants to give meaning to our journey..

Working in the truth is the best way to live in the light. And to work in truth is to live in love. To allow ourselves to be penetrated by the love of God "who gave his only begotten Son", and to seek to reciprocate his self-giving.

La oscuridad nos inquieta. La luz, en cambio, nos da seguridad.

En la oscuridad no sabemos dónde estamos. En la luz podemos encontrar un camino.

En pocas líneas, el Evangelio nos presenta los dos grandes misterios de nuestra historia. Por un lado, "tanto amó Dios al mundo". Sin que lo mereciéramos, nos entregó lo más amado. Aún más, se entregó a sí mismo para darnos la vida. Cristo vino al mundo para iluminar nuestra existencia.

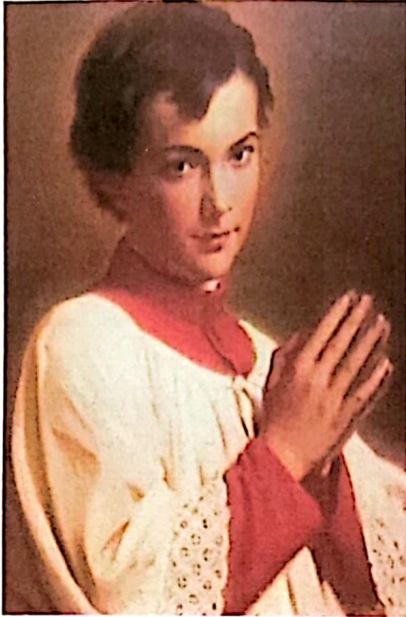
Y en contraste, "vino la luz al mundo y los hombres amaron más las tinieblas que la luz". No acabamos de darnos cuenta de lo que significa este amor de Dios, inmenso, gratuito, desinteresado, un amor hasta el extremo.

El infinito amor de Dios se encuentra con el drama de nuestra libertad que a veces elige el mal, la oscuridad, aún a pesar de desear ardientemente estar en la luz. Pero precisamente, Cristo no ha venido para condenar sino para salvarnos. Viene a ser luz en un mundo entenebrecido por el pecado, quiere dar sentido a nuestro caminar.

Obrar en la verdad es la mejor manera de vivir en la luz. Y obrar en la verdad es vivir en amor. Dejarnos penetrar por el amor de Dios "que entregó a su Hijo unigénito", y buscar

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St. Dominic Savio Santo Domingo Savio



Saint Dominic Savio was an Italian student of John Bosco. He was studying to be a priest when he became ill and died at the age of 14, possibly from pleurisy. He was noted for his piety and devotion to the Catholic faith, and was canonized a saint by Pope Pius the 12th in 1954.

On 2 April 1842 in the village of Riva, 2 miles from the town of Chieri, in Piedmont, northern Italy, a son was born to Carlo and Brigitta Savio. He was given the name Domenico at baptism. The name Domenico means "of the Lord" and the surname Savio means "wise". His parents had ten children in all. His father was a blacksmith and his mother, a seamstress. They were poor, hardworking and pious. When he was two years old, his parents returned to their native place at Murialdo on the outskirts of Castelnuovo d'Asti and from where they had gone to Riva in 1841. His parents took great care to give him a Christian upbringing.

By the age of four, Dominic was able to pray by himself and was occasionally found in solitude, praying. John Bosco records that Savio's parents recollect how he used to help his mother around the house, welcome his father home, say his prayers without being reminded, (even reminding others when they forgot) and say Grace at mealtimes unflinchingly.

At that time, it was customary for children to receive their First Communion at the age of twelve. (Pope Pius X would later lower this age to seven). After initial hesitation, and subsequent consultation with other priests, the parish priest agreed to permit Dominic to receive his First Communion at the age of seven, since he knew the catechism and understood something of the Eucharist. He spent much time praying and reading in preparation, asking his mother's forgiveness for anything he might have done to displease her and then went to church. In his biography of Dominic Savio, John Bosco devotes a chapter to tell of Dominic's First Communion. He says that several years later, whenever he talked of the day of his First Communion, he said with joy: "That was the happiest and most wonderful day of my life." John Bosco records that on the day of his First Communion, Dominic made some promises which he wrote in a "little book", and re-read them many times. John Bosco once looked through Dominic's book, and he quotes from it the promises that he made.

Resolutions made by me, Dominic Savio, in the year 1849, on the day of my First Communion, at the age of seven.

1. I will go to Confession often, and as frequently to Holy Communion as my confessor allows.
2. I wish to sanctify the Sundays and festivals in a special manner.
3. My friends shall be Jesus and Mary.
4. Death rather than sin.

Domingo nació el 2 de abril de 1842 en la provincia de Turín, en el norte de Italia, en una familia humilde pero al mismo tiempo muy fervorosa. Ya desde tierna edad decidió imitar fielmente a Jesús, alejándose de cuanto lo pudiera alejar de El. A los 7 años hizo su primera comunión y a los 12 entró en el Oratorio de San Juan Bosco. Bajo la dirección personal del gran santo salesiano se convirtió en tabernáculo del Señor y en modelo y ejemplo de amor a Dio para los demás. Fue un verdadero apóstol y misionero de Jesús, con la simple presencia de su vida.

Los que lo conocieron en vida dicen que no era pequeño de estatura, pero si delgado, casi débil. Prefería escuchar que hablar. Era humilde y respetuoso de todos y tenía una habilidad natural para apaciguar las discusiones y peleas, que en aquella edad entre sus compañeros, a veces brotaban casi naturalmente.

Su único interés era Dios y como hacer que los demás concentrasen sus energías en servirle mejor a El. Lo que le faltaba en fuerza física la recuperaba en alteza moral, en fortaleza de corazón y en aceptación de la voluntad de Dios cualquiera que esta fuese. Domingo murió a tan sólo 15 años de edad. Era el 9 de marzo de 1857. Su Santidad Pío XII lo canonizó en el 1954. Exactamente 50 años atrás.



Baptism:

Please contact

the Parish office about the birth of your child.

Reconciliation:

Wednesdays 4:30-5:00

Saturdays at 3:30-4:00

and by appointment.

Marriage:

Please contact the Parish office at least 4 months in advance for information and scheduling

Anointing of the Sick and homebound:

Please contact the Parish Office for information on our Ministry of Care.



If you are a new parishioner, you are invited to stop by or telephone

the parish office to register and let us know how we may be of service to you.

If you have not received weekly offering envelopes, please call the church office (615) 697-9545

If you have new information, such as a change of address or phone numbers, or if you are moving from the parish, please call the Parish office at (615) 697-9545



Sunday/ Domingo
9:30AM

Please send bulletin changes, ads or announcements 2 weeks ahead to:

Intenalsgcc@gmail.com or visit parish office.



**Por la Salud de los Enfermos
For the Health of the Sick**

- * **Guadalupe Bazaldua**
- * **Luis Manuel Avila**



**Prayer Requests - Petición de Oración
Por el Eterno descanso de todas las animas del Purgatorio**

*Ofrecemos esta Santa Misa por el Eterno Descanso de
We offer this Holy Mass for the eternal rest of:*

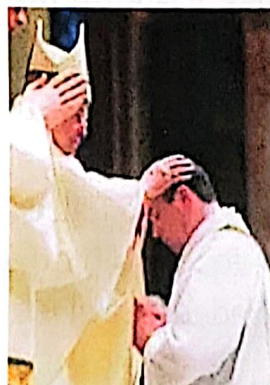


Por favor recuerde a estas personas durante su tiempo de oración personal esta semana.

Please remember these persons during your personal prayer time this week.

- * **Keinth Thomas McConnon**
- * **Francisco Jantes**
- * **Francisca Torres**
- * **Jose Soto**
- * **Petra Cortes**
- * **Rafael Santos**
- * **Jose Soto**
- * **Carlos Santos**
- * **Edmundo Iyescas**
- * **Margarita Nunez**
- * **Joaquin Caballero**
- * **Jorge Barajas**
- * **Manuel Marente**

A Prayer for Vacations :



God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen