



IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 7, 2021

THE SEASON OF LENT REPENTANCE, ALMSGIVING, AND SELF-DENIAL



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

We have now been able to attend Mass in person for the last two weeks. How wonderful that we stayed faithful and God has blessed us. Remember during this Lent to not only repent and fast but to give glory to God for all his blessings to us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

En semanas anteriores hemos visto cómo el tema de la alianza, en preparación para la alianza bautismal que se celebra en Semana Santa, ocupa un lugar importante en nuestro ciclo de lecturas de Cuaresma. La noción de una alianza como una relación entre dos partes lleva consigo la expectativa de la responsabilidad mutua y la fidelidad a los términos del pacto. Cuando Dios forjó la alianza con el pueblo judío en el monte Sinaí, se trataba de una promesa de la protección de Dios, y que siempre les permitiría el acceso familiar como Pueblo Escogido. Por su parte, el pueblo judío debería observar los requisitos de la ley, que se resumen aquí en los Diez Mandamientos. Para estar en una relación de pacto con el Señor Dios requiere una relación exclusiva, al igual que ser discípulo de Jesús – que expresamos ritualmente en el Bautismo– exige una total lealtad a Él y a ningún otro.

Desde hace dos semanas podemos asistir a la misa en persona. Que maravilloso que nos hayamos mantenido fieles y que Dios nos haya bendecido. Recuerden durante esta Cuaresma no sólo arrepentirse y ayunar sino dar gloria a Dios por todas sus bendiciones para nosotros.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Spanish)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Sat. Mar. 6th

8:00am Legión de María – Special Intention
5:00pm † Charlene Vera

Sun. Mar. 7th

9:00 am † Frank Jacobs
10:45 am † Jesus Peres
12:30 pm † Jose and Serenia Sarmiento
2:00pm † Charlene Vera
5:00 pm IHM Parishioners

Mon. Mar. 8th

8:00 am Trinidad C Garbonzos - Health

Tues. Mar. 9th

8:00 am Corazon S Mejia - Health

Wed. Mar. 10th

8:00 am † Dominador & Seferina Galban

Thurs. Mar. 11th

8:00 am † Luz Fabela Justiniani

Fri. Mar. 12th

8:00am Gloria Asuncion - Birthday



Baptisms for the Month of February

Aurea Kathryn Coley
Kai Raziel Langarica
Ella Anni McMaster
Augustine Alberto Ortega
Zachary Paul Paiz
Haper Deolinda Thurman
Bo James Waller
Addisyn Kate Wiley

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Kay Aviani, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Coopoe,, Louise Delia, Anita Camera, Richard Grimes, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Connie Healey *****

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If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	237:	2 Kgs 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30	Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Tuesday:	238:	Dn 3:25, 34-43 7bc, 8-9	Ps 25:4-5b, 6, Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	239:	Dt 4:1, 5-9 15-16, 19-20	Ps 147:12-13, Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	240:	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Friday:	241:	Hos 14:2-10 14, 17	Ps 81:6c-11b, Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	242:	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b
Sunday:	32:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10	Ps 137:1-6 Jn 3:14-21

Lectura

Primera lectura

Ex 17, 3-7

En aquellos días, el pueblo, torturado por la sed, fue a protestar contra Moisés, diciéndole: “¿Nos has hecho salir de Egipto para hacernos morir de sed a nosotros, a nuestros hijos y a nuestro ganado?” Moisés clamó al Señor y le dijo: “¿Qué puedo hacer con este pueblo? Sólo falta que me apedreen”. Respondió el Señor a Moisés: “Preséntate al pueblo, llevando contigo a algunos de los ancianos de Israel, toma en tu mano el cayado con que golpeaste el Nilo y vete. Yo estaré ante ti, sobre la peña, en Horeb. Golpea la peña y saldrá de ella agua para que beba el pueblo”.

Así lo hizo Moisés a la vista de los ancianos de Israel y puso por nombre a aquel lugar Masá y Meribá, por la rebelión de los hijos de Israel y porque habían tentado al Señor, diciendo: “¿Está o no está el Señor en medio de nosotros?”

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Señor, tu tienes palabras de vida eterna.

Segunda Lectura

Rm 5, 1-2. 5-8

Hermanos: Ya que hemos sido justificados por la fe, mantengámonos en paz con Dios, por mediación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por él hemos obtenido, con la fe, la entrada al mundo de la gracia, en el cual nos encontramos; por él, podemos gloriarnos de tener la esperanza de participar en la gloria de Dios. La esperanza no defrauda, porque Dios ha infundido su amor en nuestros corazones por medio del Espíritu Santo, que él mismo nos ha dado. En efecto, cuando todavía no teníamos fuerzas para salir del pecado, Cristo murió por los pecadores en el tiempo señalado. Difícilmente habrá alguien que quiera morir por un justo, aunque puede haber alguno que esté dispuesto a morir por una persona sumamente buena. Y la prueba de que Dios nos ama está en que Cristo murió por nosotros, cuando aún éramos pecadores.

Evangelio

Jn 2:13-25

Cuando se acercaba la Pascua de los judíos, Jesús llegó a Jerusalén y encontró en el templo a los vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas con sus mesas. Entonces hizo un látigo de cordeles y los echó del templo, con todo y sus ovejas y bueyes; a los cambistas les volcó las mesas y les tiró al suelo las monedas; y a los que vendían palomas les dijo: “Quiten todo de aquí y no conviertan en un mercado la casa de mi Padre”.

En ese momento, sus discípulos se acordaron de lo que estaba escrito: *El celo de tu casa me devora*.

Después intervinieron los judíos para preguntarle: “¿Qué señal nos das de que tienes autoridad para actuar así?” Jesús les respondió: “Destruyan este templo y en tres días lo reconstruiré”. Replicaron los judíos: “Cuarenta y seis años se ha llevado la construcción del templo, ¿y tú lo vas a levantar en tres días?”

Pero él hablaba del templo de su cuerpo. Por eso, cuando resucitó Jesús de entre los muertos, se acordaron sus discípulos de que había dicho aquello y creyeron en la Escritura y en las palabras que Jesús había dicho.

Mientras estuvo en Jerusalén para las fiestas de Pascua, muchos creyeron en él, al ver los prodigios que hacía. Pero Jesús no se fiaba de ellos, porque los conocía a todos y no necesitaba que nadie le descubriera lo que es el hombre, porque él sabía lo que hay en el hombre.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que habla por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

First Reading

Ex 17, 3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel (Saturday at 5:00pm)

Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,

you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water?"

Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband."

Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.'"

For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.

What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done.

Could he possibly be the Christ?"

They went out of the town and came to him.

Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."

But he said to them,

"I have food to eat of which you do not know."

So the disciples said to one another,

"Could someone have brought him something to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. (continued —>)

Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'?

I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'

I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Gospel (Sunday)

Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.* At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.
Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly
pray; and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Repent,
Return and
Renew

Español – Jueves 4 de Marzo, 7:00 pm – Presenter Dcn. Leland DeFrates
English – Thursday March 11th 7:00 pm – Presenter Dcn. Paul Abenoja

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Brentwood, CA, 2021

Please Help

We are in need of 6 volunteers per mass to help.

- Help with seeing all wear face masks properly during Mass

After mass:

- Wipe down pews
- Sanitize restrooms
- Wipe baskets
- Wipe door knobs
- Secure blue tape

Please contact George Verrett at:
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FAITH DIRECT

“People rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.”
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct’s eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week. No more envelopes to find before you go to Mass, no more scrambling thru your purse for your donation.

Visit www.faithdirect.net
and use our church code: **CA752**.

Thank you for your continued support. ➤

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry
For the weekend of March 14, 2021, 2021, please
bring Peanut butter and jelly. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 14 de marzo, 2021, por
favor traigan peanut butter and jelly. GRACIAS!!!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 14, 2021 - Easter Flowers
March 21, 2021 - Maintenance Fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

14 de marzo, 2021 - Flores para la Pascua
21 de marzo, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento

2021 Scholarships



Graduating High School Seniors and
Continuing College Students are reminded that
the 2021 High School and College scholarships
are available on the IHM Brentwood Website
or at the parish office. Scholarships are **due
by April 10, 2021**. A minimum of six High
School graduates and one continuing college
scholarships are available.

Italian Catholic Federation Spring Fundraiser

The ICF needs your help in raising funds for the
upcoming scholarship program. We are selling See's
Candy for distribution before Easter. Please help us
help High School and College students achieve their
goals in colleges of their choice.

Order sheets can be downloaded from the IHM
Website, picked up in the church vestibule, or can be
e-mailed to you! Final date to order will be March 9th,
with distribution to be at the parish office on March
27 & 28 9AM-3PM.

Contact: Pat Rebollar, 925-679-7481 or
rebolmom@aol.com

Alt Contact: Linda Kortuem, 925-625-4131



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Corn Beef and Cabbage
Saturday March 13th

Serving 5-7pm Drive thru only
Pre order from church office until March 8
\$15.00 per order
Family Bundle of 5 orders for \$60.00
(**must show receipt**)

Come Support IHM



FISH FRY IS HERE!

Come early - 4-7pm - or until sold out.
Drive through only. Fish only, chips, cole
slaw and drink (soda or water). Adult dinners
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Chris Romero at 925-642-8782.

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+ Confessions / Confesiones

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Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes
7:30AM

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Wednesday/Miércoles
8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Friday/Viernes
8:30AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia

Anointing of the Sick Unción de los Enfermos

Home Communion Comunión a los Enfermos

Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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Requiere por lo menos 6 meses de preparación

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Q: Many years ago the Church decided that Catholics could eat meat on Fridays outside Lent. As I remember, there was a slight catch: We were to give up something else.

I and probably many others soon forgot about the "something else." Are we in danger of neglecting the sacrificial aspect of following Jesus? We never hear anything about this from the pulpit.

A: On Feb. 17, 1966, Pope Paul VI issued *Poenitemini*, an apostolic constitution that established Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of fast and abstinence worldwide and allowed conferences of bishops to establish other days and/or practices. Nine months later, the U.S. bishops issued a statement urging Catholics to observe all Fridays as a penitential day but without the obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays outside Lent; that statement is available at usccb.org. The bishops pointed out that Christians can claim no exception from being sinners and can claim no exemption from the obligation to do penance.

This could mean abstaining from something or it could involve engaging in some work of mercy, such as visiting the sick or working in a soup kitchen, at a homeless shelter or with a similar group. Sections 1434 through 1439 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* address the many forms of penance in the Christian life.

Pope Benedict XVI's 2012 Lenten message was based on Hebrews 10:24, "**Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.**" Doing penance is part of our living truthfully before God and in relation to other people.



Palmas de venta en la plaza que han preparado nuestros jóvenes para la recaudación de fondos para la **Jornada Mundial de la Juventud**. Sábado 27 de Marzo de 3:00pm a 7:00pm y Domingo Marzo 28 de 8:00am a 3:00pm.

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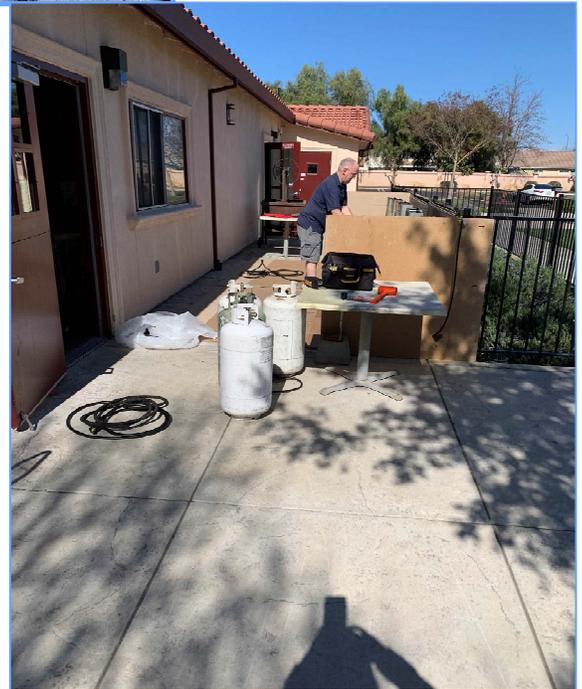


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