



THE JUST MAN IS A LIGHT IN DARKNESS TO THE UPRIGHT

In a world that often feels dark, God uses good people as His lamps. Darkness can mean many things—confusion, sin, injustice, fear, loneliness, and suffering. Light means guidance, truth, love, and hope. A just person is someone who walks with God, lives honestly, loves others, and tries to do what is right even when it is not easy. God makes such a person a lamp for others. Think for a moment about a power cut at night. The whole house becomes dark. Even a small candle becomes very precious. Everyone's eyes go toward that little flame. It does not remove all the darkness, but it helps you walk without falling. In the same way, a just person may not change the whole world, but they become a light for the people around them—at home, in the parish, at the workplace, in society. The world today is experiencing many kinds of darkness: violence, broken families, dishonesty, addictions, hatred on social media, lies presented as truth. Many people do not know which direction to go. In such moments, God does not only send angels from heaven. Very often He sends good men and women—parents who love faithfully, priests who serve quietly, teachers who form consciences, youth who say no to wrong things, and elders who live with faith and patience. Their lives preach louder than any words. A just man or woman is not a perfect person. The Bible does not say the perfect man, but the just man. A just person falls, but gets up again. A just person sins, but repents. A just person listens to God and allows Him to shape the heart. The difference is this: instead of spreading darkness through anger, gossip, pride, or selfishness, they spread light through forgiveness, generosity, humility, and truth. Let us take a simple example. In traffic at night, reflectors and headlights keep accidents from happening. If one driver switches off his light, he is not only endangering himself but also others. In the same way, when we switch off the light of faith—when we stop praying, stop loving, stop caring—we not only damage ourselves but also others who look toward us may stumble. Parents are lights for children. Priests and religious are lights for the faithful. Christian workers are lights in their offices. Students are lights in their schools. When we live justly, others see the road more clearly. So dear friends today the Lord is asking each of us a question: Am I spreading light or darkness? Do my words heal or hurt? Do my choices bring others closer to God or push them away? Do I complain and criticize all the time, or do I try to be hopeful? It is easy to curse the darkness; it is harder and holier to light a small candle. So today let us ask for the grace to be just men and women—people who walk with God. Even if nobody praises us, even if others misunderstand, God sees. And through your quiet faithfulness, someone else will find direction. A child may gain courage. A sinner may return. A lonely person may feel loved. That is what it means: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Amen.
Fr. Joseph Puthen

Saturday, February 14

5:00 p.m. † Brianna Guerra & Danielle Garza-Ruiz by Tim & Raydell Boerjan
† Iva Louie Howell by Jesse Howell & family
† Eraclio Salinas by St. Anne's Altar Society

Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Maria Elena Rodriguez by the family
† Humberto Abrego by Ricky & Dolores Ramirez
† Brian Garza (birthday) & Olivia Abrego by the family
11:15 a.m. † Naida Vela (anniv) by the family
† Roy Anthony Mora (anniv) by the family
† Flavio Garza, III (birthday) by the family
† Bryan Rey Garza by the family
† Carlota Garcia (23rd anniv) by Ana Lisa Vela & family

Monday, February 16

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. †

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 a.m. †
12:05 p.m. † Marco A. Zuniga by Tim & Raydell Boerjan
6:00 p.m. † Rudy Soliz, Jr. (11th anniv) by the family

Thursday, February 19

7:00 a.m. †
12:05 p.m. † Eraclio Salinas by Cheryl Charles & family

Friday, February 20

7:00 a.m. †
12:05 p.m. †

Saturday, February 21

5:00 p.m. † J.R. Sanchez (birthday) & Ramiro Sanchez, Jr. (17th anniv) by the family
† Oscar Ramon (anniv) by the family

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Guadalupe R. Vasquez (17th anniv) & Homero Vasquez, Sr. (13th anniv) by the family
11:15 a.m. † Manuela Lopez by the family
† David & Esperanza Longoria by Edna Balderas & Martha Ruiz
† Raymundo Salazar on the 1st anniversary by the family
† JoAnn Vela (3rd anniv) by the family

**Altar Society Schedule
For the Month of February:
have the privilege of cleaning the sanctuary:
Anna G., Socorro S., Margie T.; Nora H.
Cleaning the side altars:
Inez G.**

Parish Tithes and Offerings Feb 7 & 8

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3966.22

Online Giving: \$1580.00

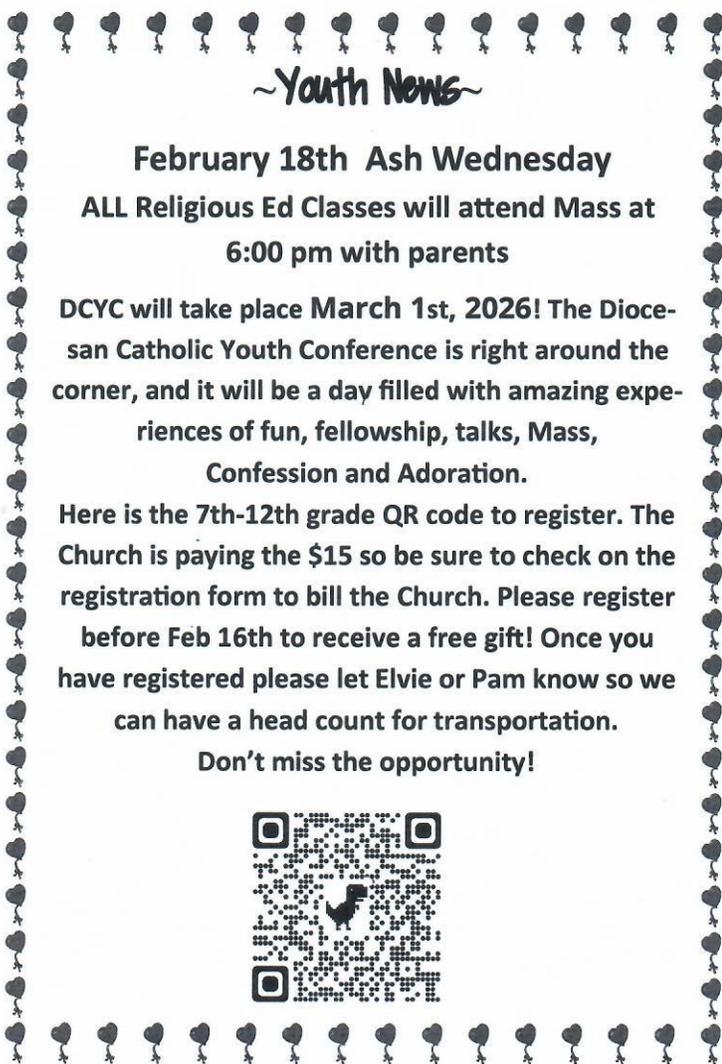
St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$327.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- Feb 17 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting: 7:00 pm
Parish Hall
- Feb 18 Ash Wednesday—12:05 Masses will start for Lent
- Feb 20 CDA Lenten Retreat



~Youth News~

February 18th Ash Wednesday

**ALL Religious Ed Classes will attend Mass at
6:00 pm with parents**

DCYC will take place March 1st, 2026! The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference is right around the corner, and it will be a day filled with amazing experiences of fun, fellowship, talks, Mass, Confession and Adoration.

Here is the 7th-12th grade QR code to register. The Church is paying the \$15 so be sure to check on the registration form to bill the Church. Please register before Feb 16th to receive a free gift! Once you have registered please let Elvie or Pam know so we can have a head count for transportation.

Don't miss the opportunity!



Inside, Outside

By Melanie Rigney

But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles. . .

Mark 7:20

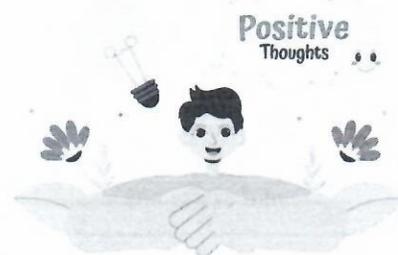
It is so much easier to focus on what we put into our bodies. Maybe it is moderation or abstinence from alcohol. Or a limited amount of calories, saturated fats, carbohydrates, caffeine and all the rest, depending on medical recommendations or our own common sense. (Not that I haven't been awake at midnight from time to time because I drank coffee too late in the afternoon. Maybe you've been there too!) It takes much more self-control, self-monitoring and self-restraint to abstain from some of the evils Jesus lists in Wednesday's Gospel reading: evil thoughts, greed, malice, deceit, arrogance and folly.

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. This Lent, let's focus on cleaning up, with the Lord's help, the interior thoughts that defile us and grieve him.

Prayer:

Jesus, as we approach Lent, I ask you to help me cast aside my interior thoughts that injure me and displease you.

Amen.



Prayer on Ash Wednesday

Merciful God,

You called us forth from the dust of the earth;
You claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days
Bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through
the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.

May our fasting be hunger for justice;

Our alms, a making of peace;

Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,

For in his Cross you proclaim your love forever and ever.

Amen.

February 18

Ash Wednesday Schedule

St. Anne Mission—Communion Service @ 6:30 pm
Sacred Heart—Mass @ 7:00 am; 12:05 pm; 6:00 pm
During Lent there will be Mass at 12:05 on:
Tue, Wed, Thu, and Fri.

CDA Lenten Women's Retreat

The Catholic Daughters will be hosting a Lenten Women's Retreat on Friday, February 20, 2026. If you have never attended, this is YOUR year. It is a beautiful meditational spiritual time for YOU! Starts at 6:00 till 9:00 pm. There will be sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church. There is no charge.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Family of the Month

Marty and Josie Cabrera



VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Feb 14-Feb 21 Janie Cantu
 Feb 21-Feb 28 Lisa Molina
 Feb 28-Mar 7 Dora Garza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Feb 15-Feb 22 Enedelia Saenz
 Feb 22-Feb 28 Lucy Flint
 Feb 28-Mar 7 Gloria Richardson

11:15 a.m. Mass

Feb 15-Feb 22 Gilbert & Dominique Alegria
 Feb 22-Feb 28 Rick & Cindy Salinas
 Feb 28-Mar 7 Carlos & Elvie Salinas

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Feb 15-Feb 22 Pete Rodriguez
 Feb 22-Feb 28 Dora Barrera
 Feb 28-Mar 7 Connie Perez

Prayers Before Mass

Schedule for Saturdays at 4:25 pm



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 STATIONS 28
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Lent 1st Week
 Lent 2nd Week
 Lent 3rd Week STATIONS

February Devotion: The Holy Family

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of February has been primarily associated with the holy Family, probably due to the feast of Our Lord's presentation at the temple, celebrated on February 2. At the very outset of Christ's work on earth, God showed the world a family in which, as Pope Leo XIII teaches, "all men might behold a perfect model of domestic life, and of all virtue and holiness." The harmony, unity, and holiness which characterized this holy Family make it the model for all Christian families.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help us ever to follow the example of Your holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with Saint Joseph may come to meet us, and we may be worthy to be received by You into the everlasting joys of heaven. You live and reign forever. Amen.



Feb 15-28



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is burning for:
Anne Negri & Shorty Solomon, Jr.

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Guadalupe Chapel is burning for:

Basilio & Florinda Narvaez

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Schoenstatt Chapel is burning for:

Albert Galvan

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in **St. Anne Mission** is burning for:

By the family



Prayer Blanket Ministry



This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given to everyone on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:

2-15-26

Jason Baldez
 Sally Arredondo
 Mari Villa
 Tony Garza, III
 Ofelia Agular
 Belia Gutierrez
 Irma Phelps

2-8-26

Albert Villarreal
 Diana Barrera
 Yoli & Jesus Longoria
 Lily Garcia
 Nori Garcia
 Jason Alegria
 Adrian Reyes

2-1-26

Margaret Solomon Story
 Carol Carpenter
 Jim Bryant
 Imelda Cantu
 Agueda A. Garza
 Javier Carrizales
 Joyce Martinez
 Odon Perez

1-25-26

Joel Mora
 Bel Rivera
 Leona Hill
 Albesa Gonzalez
 Gloria Guerra