

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

MONDAY - Feb 23

7:00 am - Vern Steinman (d)
8:00 am - Alicia Sindelar (d)
5:30 pm - Eric Arizaga (int)

TUESDAY - Feb 24

7:00 am - Justin Lesh (d)
8:00 am - Henry Abram (d)
5:30 pm - Familia Garcia Ledezma (int)

WEDNESDAY - Feb 25

7:00 am - The Caranza Family (int)
8:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)
5:30 pm - Familia Arizaga Ledezma (int)

THURSDAY - Feb 26

7:00 am - Mark Anderson (d)
8:00 am - Matthew Nowell (d)
5:30 pm - Judie Huelsman (d)

FRIDAY - Feb 27

7:00 am - Lucy Adams (d)
8:00 am - Mary Van de Kamp (d)
5:30 pm - Mary Padilla (d)

SATURDAY - Feb 28

8:00 am - Pat Hilton (d)
4:30 pm - Mark Anderson (d)
7:00 pm - Familia Ledezma Arizaga (int)
Luis y Samuel Piña (d)

SUNDAY - Mar 1

7:30 am - Matthew Joseph Nowell (d)
9:00 am - Mark Anderson (d)
11:00 am - Christopher Kravetz (d)
1:00 pm - Hermila y Jose Manuel Villegas (d)
Espiridion y Cudberto (d)
5:00 pm - Paola Gonzalez (int)



PASTOR'S NOTES -
Fr. George G. Perez CJM - Pastor
First Sunday of Lent

On this First Sunday of Lent, we walk with Jesus into the desert. Notice something very important: it is the Spirit who leads Him there. The desert is not an accident. It is not punishment. It is preparation.

Many of us know what the desert feels like — times of dryness, temptation, struggle, uncertainty. Times when faith feels tested. This Gospel tells us that those moments are not signs that God has abandoned us. Sometimes, they are precisely where God is working most deeply.

Jesus fasts for forty days. He becomes hungry. He becomes weak. And it is in that weakness that the tempter comes. The enemy always speaks in subtle ways: “If you are the Son of God...” In other words: “Are you sure the Father loves you?”

Temptation often begins with doubt — doubt in God’s goodness, doubt in our identity as beloved sons and daughters.

Jesus does not enter into long arguments. He stands firmly on the Word of God. He trusts the Father. He refuses to grasp for comfort, applause, or power.

This is very consoling for us. Temptation itself is not sin. Even Jesus was tempted. What matters is where we turn when temptation comes.

Lent invites us to return to three simple things:

- * Prayer – to remember who we are.
- * Fasting – to learn that God alone satisfies.
- * Almsgiving – to break the grip of selfishness.

The desert strips away illusions. It reveals what truly lives in our hearts. And that can be uncomfortable. But it is also healing. Where Adam grasped, Jesus trusted. Where humanity doubted, Christ surrendered. And here is the beautiful truth: we do not walk the desert alone. The same Spirit who led Jesus leads us. The same Father who watched over Him watches over us. This Lent, do not be afraid of your weakness. Bring it to Christ. Let Him fight for you. Let His Word steady you. Let His love remind you that you are a beloved child of God. The desert is not the end of the story. Easter is. May this Lent be a quiet journey of trust, and may the Lord strengthen you in every trial.

Blessings to you this holy season.

2026 LENT PENANCE SERVICES

Thursday, February, 26, 6:30pm - Church of the Nativity
Monday, March 2, 7:00pm - St. Mary Star of the Sea
Tuesday, March 3, 1:00pm - Mission San Luis Rey
Tuesday March 3, 6:30pm - Mission San Luis Rey
Friday, March 13, 10:30am - St. Peter The Apostle
Friday, March 13, 6:00am - St. Peter The Apostle
Wednesday, March 18, 12:30pm - St. Francis Assisi
Wednesday, March 18, 6:30pm - St. Francis Assisi
Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm - St. John the Evangelist
Monday March 23, 7:00 pm - St. Thomas More
Tuesday, March 24, 7:00pm - St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday, March 25, 7:00pm - St. Patrick
Friday, March 27, 6:30pm - St. Marks
Monday, March 30, 6:30pm - St. Marks



A Lenten Eye-Opener

We welcome back Mike Patin who gave last year’s Lenten Parish Mission. Mike joins us this year for a one-night introduction to Lent. Begin Lent well as Mike opens our eyes to ways to make this Lent special. Of course, it will be mixed with his gifts of engagement and humor.

Sunday, February 22, at 6:30 pm in the church

Lent: Dreaded Desert or Gracious Gift

“Here we go again. Another 40 days of giving something up.” Suppose we took a second look at how God and the Church offered us so much more in this season of Lent. Be ready to laugh, be engaged, and see how this year, lent could be very different.



NOTAS DEL PÁRROCO –
P. George G. Pérez, CJM - Párroco -
1 Domingo de Cuaresma

En este Primer Domingo de Cuaresma, caminamos con Jesús hacia el desierto.

Notemos algo muy importante: es el Espíritu quien lo conduce allí. El desierto no es un accidente. No es un castigo. Es preparación.

Muchos de nosotros sabemos lo que se siente estar en el desierto: tiempos de sequedad, de tentación, de lucha, de incertidumbre. Momentos en los que la fe se siente puesta a prueba. Este Evangelio nos dice que esos momentos no son señales de que Dios nos ha abandonado. A veces, son precisamente los lugares donde Dios está obrando más profundamente.

Jesús ayuna durante cuarenta días. Tiene hambre. Se debilita. Y es en esa debilidad donde llega el tentador. El enemigo siempre habla de manera sutil: “Si eres el Hijo de Dios...” En otras palabras: “¿Estás seguro de que el Padre te ama?”

La tentación muchas veces comienza con la duda: duda de la bondad de Dios, duda de nuestra identidad como hijos e hijas amados.

Jesús no entra en largos argumentos. Se mantiene firme en la Palabra de Dios. Confía en el Padre. Se niega a buscar comodidad, aplauso o poder.

Esto es muy consolador para nosotros. La tentación en sí misma no es pecado. Incluso Jesús fue tentado. Lo que importa es hacia dónde nos volvemos cuando llega la tentación.

La Cuaresma nos invita a volver a tres cosas sencillas:

- * **Oración** – para recordar quiénes somos.
- * **Ayuno** – para aprender que solo Dios sacia.
- * **Limosna** – para romper el dominio del egoísmo.

El desierto quita las ilusiones. Revela lo que verdaderamente habita en nuestro corazón. Y eso puede ser incómodo. Pero también es sanador.

Donde Adán quiso apropiarse, Jesús confió. Donde la humanidad dudó, Cristo se entregó. Y aquí está la hermosa verdad: no caminamos solos por el desierto. El mismo Espíritu que condujo a Jesús nos conduce a nosotros. El mismo Padre que veló por Él, vela por nosotros.

En esta Cuaresma, no tengas miedo de tu debilidad. Llévala a Cristo. Deja que Él luche por ti. Deja que su Palabra te sostenga. Deja que su amor te recuerde que eres un hijo amado de Dios. El desierto no es el final de la historia. La Pascua lo es. Que esta Cuaresma sea un camino silencioso de confianza, y que el Señor te fortalezca en cada prueba.



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“No tentarás al Señor tu Dios”

Comenzamos la Cuaresma con el miércoles de Ceniza. Los 40 días previos a la Pascua. Un tiempo para ordenar y prepararnos para la conmemoración de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección del Señor. Un tiempo penitencial, un tiempo donde acentuar la necesidad de la conversión, y reconocer lo que nos separa de Dios, de los demás y de nosotros mismos... y tratar de poner los medios para cambiarlo, de modo que nuestra vida se parezca más a lo que debería ser según nuestra fe.

La cuaresma regresa cada año como una invitación. Regresa año a año con las preguntas que en tantos momentos del año arrinconamos y no tenemos tiempo a afrontar. Por ser un tiempo especialmente marcado para la introspección, nos trae la capacidad de volver a pasar por el corazón nuestros más profundos anhelos en la vida.

Las tentaciones del desierto que este Domingo escuchamos, nos ayuda a eso, a mirar con verdad y profundidad nuestra realidad débil que se ve tentada tantas veces en nuestra vida por una mentira: que la felicidad y la plenitud pueden alcanzarse al margen de Dios. Las tres tentaciones de Jesús, son las mismas tres que todo ser humano vive, cada cual a su modo, pero las tres mismas: el tener, el parecer y el poder.



Misa de unción de los enfermos el
martes 3 de marzo, a las 10:00am

habrá una misa bilingüe con el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos. Será concelebrada por nuestros sacerdotes eudistas y ofrece una oportunidad para que cualquier persona que esté enferma o padezca de una enfermedad crónica experimente la gracia sanadora y perdonadora de Dios.



St. Patrick's Dinner Dance,
Sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus,
will be held on
Saturday, March 14th
in the parish center.

The Knights will be on the patio selling tickets after all the Masses.

\$25.00 per person kids under 12 are free .
All proceeds from this dance will go to the **Mark Anderson Scholarship fund.**
Price includes entry and a great Irish dinner, entertainment, dancing.
Beverages will be sold separately.



There will be a bilingual Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on **Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 am.** It will be concelebrated by our Eudist priests and offers an opportunity for anyone who is ill or has a chronic condition to experience God's healing and forgiving grace.

Lent at St. Patrick Parish
Our Lenten brochure describes all the special activities for Lent and Holy Week. Pick up a copy in church or download a pdf copy on our website. At stpatrickcarlsbad.com

Knights Lenten Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for the Annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit Catholic Charities, St Patrick Parish Food Bank .

The food drive will last 4 weeks beginning **March 7** and ends **March 22, 2026.** The main donation station will be located by the front door of the Parish Hall, look for the Knights of Columbus pop up tent. Knights will be there to accept your donations of **non- perishable food items (except for glass containers)** along with cash/ checks before and after each Mass. Checks made payable to Catholic Charities.

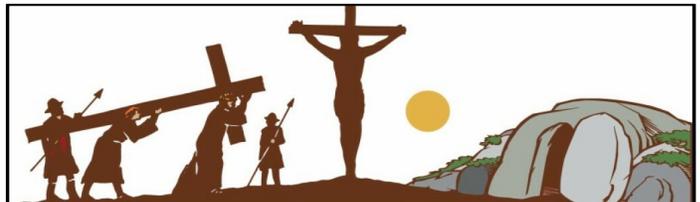
For your convenience scan the QR code on the flyer to make a monetary donation online.

Knights will be available to help with any heavy items or answer any questions.

Below is a list of most requested items. As always, **ANY** donation is appreciated.

Your community appreciates your participation and generosity!
Vivat Jesus!

- * Disposable diapers sizes 4 and 5
- * Baby wipes
- * Non-perishable canned foods
- * Packaged rice and beans
- * Trail Mix
- * Yogurt cups (unrefrigerated)
- * Fruit cups
- * Juice boxes
- * Mini- raisin boxes
- * Bottled water



See our Lenten brochure to find the times for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

Pilgrimage to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, July 27-Aug 3, 2026:

In anticipation of the 500th year anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego, join Bishop Michael Pham, Bishop Felipe Pulido and Bishop Ramon Bejarano as they reunite to lead a delegation from both the diocese of San Diego and the diocese of Monterey! The trip is 8 days/7 nights with stops in Tlaxcala, Puebla, and Mexico City. The all-inclusive cost is \$2,290 departing from Tijuana, BC. The pilgrimage will have guides available in English and Spanish. For further information, email info@trinitours.com.



Soup Suppers Are Delicious!
Dear parishioners & friends:
Join us for delicious homemade soup & dessert in the parish hall starting at **4:30 - 6pm every Thursday.**
This Week **Thursday Feb 26th**
We will feature **Pasta Y Fagioli Soup with bread & dessert!**
No cost to join us for food, conversation & music!



Religious Education & Family Ministry
(Prek - 8th grade)

First Sunday of Lent

At the beginning of each Lenten Season, we hear the gospel message that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit. For forty days Jesus fasts and prays. Then the devil approaches him, tempting Jesus three times to reach for power, control, and glory. Jesus refuses to be lured by false promises. Instead, he defends himself with the word of God. Confident in God's protection and faithfulness Jesus rebukes the devil's attempts. Like Jesus, we can trust in God's goodness and love to sustain us as we go through temptations. The goal is not "self-help" but growth in faith.

Adults: What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with temptations?

Children: What helps you do the right thing when you are tempted to do something wrong?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to trust in God to give us strength.

Weekly Classes

Sunday Classes: Feb 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Monday Classes: Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Tuesday classes: Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Please contact us for faith formation classes for children in preschool through 8th grade, including sacramental preparation for students in public school. You can reach us at mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com or 760-729-8442.

Blessings, *Margit Dornisch - Office for Religious Education and Family Ministry*



Pope Leo:

"For Lent, fast from words that hurt others, disarm language, avoid rash judgment, refrain from speaking ill of those who can't defend themselves. Let's cultivate kindness, respect in our families, friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in parishes."

The 3 Temptations of Jesus

in Matthew 4:1-11

Let's examine the 3 Temptations of Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11. They are:

I. The Pull of Pleasure (4:1-4)

- A. Feed on God's Word
- B. Fight with God's Word

II. The Pride of Presumption (4:5-7)

- A. Twist not God's Truth
- B. Trust God's Timing

III. The Power of Position (4:8-11)

- A. Worship God Alone
- B. Walk in God's way

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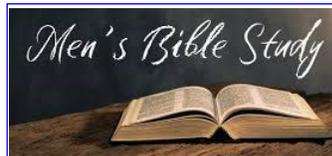


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First Sunday of Lent - Year A

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17

A prayer for mercy

Second Reading

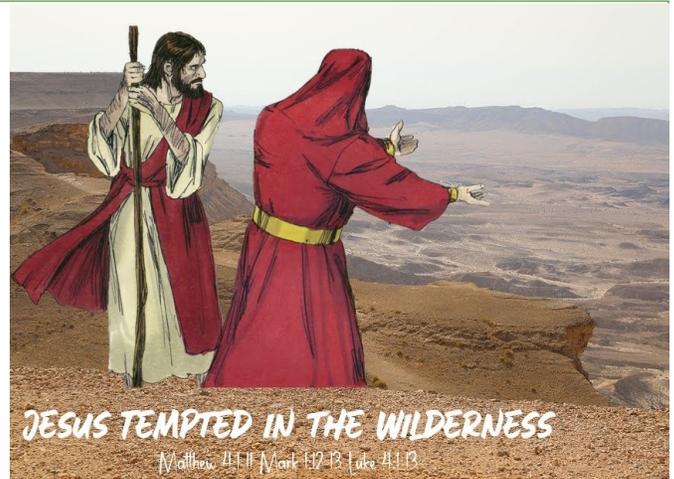
Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5:12,17-19)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.



Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

