



**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY - Mar 9**

- 7:00 am - Mark Anderson (d)
- 8:00 am - Mary Anne George (d)
- 5:30 pm - Francisco Alvarez Mireles (d)

**TUESDAY - Mar 10**

- 7:00 am - Don Adams (d)
- 8:00 am - Matthew Nowell (d)
- 5:30 pm - Esperanza Alvarez Gonzalez (d)

**WEDNESDAY - Mar 11**

- 7:00 am - Doris Ellis (d)
- 8:00 am - Grace Vanderhagen (d)
- 5:30 pm - Camilo Enriquez (d)

**THURSDAY - Mar 12**

- 7:00 am - Catherine Belt (d)
- 8:00 am - John Anthony Bickel Jr. (d)
- 5:30 pm - Francisco Sanchez (d)

**FRIDAY - Mar 13**

- 7:00 am - Johnny Zanderson (d)
- 8:00 am - Grace Vanderhagen (d)
- 5:30 pm - Jose Castro (d)

**SATURDAY - Mar 14**

- 8:00 am - Carl Dillon (d)
- 4:30 pm - Steve Sanders (d)
- 7:00 pm - Nicandra Rodriguez (d)
- Silvia Rodriguez (d)

**SUNDAY - Mar 15**

- 7:30 am - Matthew Joseph Nowell (d)
- 9:00 am - Patricio Viernes M.D.
- 11:00 am - Marion & Al Piepmeyer (d)
- 1:00 pm - Alicia Cruz (d)
- Nidia Hernandez (d)
- 5:00 pm - Raul Leon Jr. (d)



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

As we enter the Third Week of Lent, the Church invites us to move from surface practices to **deep interior conversion**. By now, the initial enthusiasm of Ash Wednesday may have settled. Our fasting may feel ordinary, our resolutions tested, and our prayer perhaps distracted. Yet this is precisely where true Lenten growth begins—not in intensity of emotion, but in fidelity of heart.

Throughout this week’s readings, we hear a consistent call: *“Listen to my voice.”* God speaks not merely to inform us, but to transform us. Through the prophet Hosea, the Lord declares, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” The external practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—are holy and necessary. But without mercy, without love, they risk becoming empty rituals. The Lord wants our hearts. In the Gospel, we are reminded of the greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (cf. Mark 12:29–31). This is the measure of authentic Lenten observance. Are we becoming more patient? More forgiving? More attentive to those who suffer? Lent is not about spiritual performance; it is about deeper charity.

In a world that often seems to thirst for conflict and division, we are reminded of God’s urgent call to mercy and repentance. When nations posture for war and hearts harden in resentment, the Christian is called to be a witness of reconciliation. Lent teaches us that peace in the world begins with conversion in the human heart. We cannot control global tensions, but we can choose forgiveness over retaliation, prayer over hostility, and compassion over indifference.

We also encounter the parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:1–9). The tree has not borne fruit, and yet the gardener asks for more time. He will cultivate the soil, fertilize it, and give it another chance. This image reveals the tender patience of Christ. Perhaps we recognize ourselves in that tree—desiring to grow, yet slow to change. The good news is that the Lord does not give up on us. Lent itself is proof of His mercy. He continues to work the soil of our hearts.

This week challenges us to examine what may be preventing fruitfulness. Is it resentment we refuse to release? A habit we justify? A prayer life we neglect? Conversion is rarely dramatic; it is usually quiet and steady. It is choosing reconciliation when pride resists. It is turning away from distraction to give God a few intentional minutes each day. It is allowing grace to do its work. As we move closer to Holy Week, the cross stands before us. The Lord who calls us to repentance is the same Lord who stretches out His arms in love. He seeks not condemnation, but restoration. Let this week be a time of honest reflection and renewed resolve. May we ask for grace to listen more carefully, to love more generously, and to bear fruit that will last. Lent is not simply a season on the calendar—it is an invitation to become new.



- 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



**Easter Flowers for the Church**



Once again, this year, we welcome your donations to help pay for the flowers that will decorate our church for Easter. Those of you who receive your weekly envelopes from us will notice an envelope for Easter flowers. If you don’t receive envelopes, you can just write the names of your loved ones that you would like us to remember on a plain envelope. Include your donation and put it in any collection basket during Lent. Your loved one will be remembered during our Easter Masses.



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

Al entrar en la Tercera Semana de Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a pasar de prácticas externas a una **conversión interior profunda**. El entusiasmo del Miércoles de Ceniza quizá ya se ha calmado. Nuestro ayuno puede sentirse ordinario, nuestros propósitos puestos a prueba y nuestra oración a veces distraída. Sin embargo, es precisamente aquí donde comienza el verdadero crecimiento cuaresmal: no en la intensidad de la emoción, sino en la fidelidad del corazón.

A lo largo de las lecturas de esta semana escuchamos un llamado constante: *“Escuchen mi voz.”* Dios no habla solo para informarnos, sino para transformarnos. Por medio del profeta Oseas, el Señor declara: *“Misericordia quiero y no sacrificios.”* Las prácticas externas de la Cuaresma—la oración, el ayuno y la limosna—son santas y necesarias. Pero sin misericordia y sin amor, corren el riesgo de convertirse en ritos vacíos. El Señor quiere nuestro corazón.

En el Evangelio se nos recuerda el mandamiento principal: amar a Dios con todo el corazón, con toda el alma, con toda la mente y con todas las fuerzas, y amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos (cf. Marcos 12,29–31). Esta es la medida de una auténtica vivencia cuaresmal. ¿Estamos creciendo en paciencia? ¿Somos más capaces de perdonar? ¿Estamos más atentos al sufrimiento de los demás? La Cuaresma no es una actuación espiritual, sino un camino hacia una caridad más profunda.

En un mundo que a veces parece tener sed de conflicto y división, se nos recuerda el llamado urgente de Dios a la misericordia y al arrepentimiento. Cuando las naciones se preparan para la guerra y los corazones se endurecen por el resentimiento, el cristiano está llamado a ser testigo de reconciliación. La Cuaresma nos enseña que la paz en el mundo comienza con la conversión del corazón humano. Tal vez no podamos controlar las tensiones globales, pero sí podemos elegir el perdón en lugar de la venganza, la oración en lugar de la hostilidad y la compasión en lugar de la indiferencia.

También encontramos la parábola de la higuera estéril (Lucas 13,1–9). El árbol no ha dado fruto, y sin embargo el viñador pide más tiempo. Cavará alrededor y lo abonará, dándole otra oportunidad. Esta imagen revela la paciencia tierna de Cristo. Quizás nos reconozcamos en ese árbol—con deseos de crecer, pero lentos para cambiar. La buena noticia es que el Señor no se cansa de nosotros. La Cuaresma misma es prueba de su misericordia. Él sigue trabajando la tierra de nuestro corazón. Que esta semana sea un tiempo de reflexión sincera y de decisión renovada. Pidamos la gracia de escuchar con mayor atención, amar con mayor generosidad y dar frutos que permanezcan. La Cuaresma no es solo una temporada del calendario; es una invitación a ser renovados por la misericordia de Dios.



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**“Dame de beber”**  
**III Domingo de Cuaresma**

La Cuaresma normalmente la relacionamos con el desierto. Sin embargo, las lecturas de este domingo nos muestran cómo este tiempo de preparación para la Pascua también nos habla de manantiales inesperados. Desde la roca golpeada por Moisés, que escucharemos en la primera lectura, hasta el diálogo íntimo de Jesús con la samaritana en el Evangelio, descubrimos -junto a San Pablo- que la iniciativa de la salvación siempre es de Dios. Por ello, cabe preguntarnos: ¿Somos realmente conscientes de que el amor incondicional nos justifica, nos embellece interiormente y nos da el coraje necesario para abandonar viejas seguridades y nacer de nuevo en el Espíritu?



Fr. Angel Farrifia, O.P.

**Los Escrutinios**

Con el fin de inspirar en los elegidos el deseo de la purificación y de la redención de Cristo, se celebran tres escrutinios...para que una vez hayan reconocido las consecuencias del pecado, anhelan la redención en Jesucristo que nos libera de todo mal y del pecado y para que su espíritu se impregne del sentido de Cristo Redentor, que es Agua Viva (Evangelio de la Samaritana), la Luz del Mundo (Evangelio del Ciego de Nacimiento) y la Resurrección y la Vida (evangelio de la resurreccion de Lazaro).

Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos.  
 USCCB, Washington, D.C. 1991.

Hoy celebramos el Primer Escrutinio, oremos por nuestros elegidos para como la Samaritana, examinen su vida en presencia de Cristo, y reconozcan sus propios pecados.





**ST. PATRICK'S**  
*Dinner Dance*

*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.*

**Knights Lenten Food Drive**



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

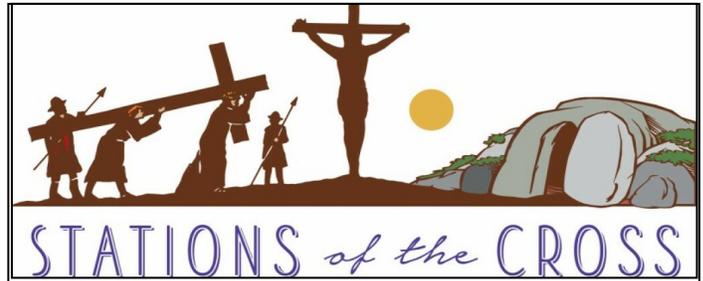
The food drive will last 4 weeks and has begun on **March 7** and ends **March 22, 2026**. The main donation station will be located by the front door of the Parish Hall, look for the Knights of Columbus pop up tent. Knights will be there to accept your donations of **non- perishable food items (except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

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.

**Lent at St. Patrick Parish**  
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**Religious Education & Family Ministry**  
(Prek - 8th grade)

**Weekly Classes**

Sunday Classes: March 8, 15, 22 & 29

Monday Classes: March 9, 16, 23 & 30

Tuesday classes: March 10, 17, & 24

Stations of the Cross for Families – this Friday, March 13.

On **Fridays in March** we will offer Stations of the Cross for families from 4:00pm – 4:30pm in church. All are invited. Bring the whole family. Booklets will be provided. Come and pray with other families as we walk from Station to Station remembering the passion of our Lord.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

This Sunday we hear the encounter between Jesus and the Woman at the Well. Tired from his journey Jesus sits down at a well. There he approaches a woman for some water. The story takes place in Samaria where Jesus is a foreigner. The Samaritan woman is hesitant at first but soon engages with Jesus in a faith conversation. As Jesus reveals himself more and more to her, the woman begins to see Jesus differently. She understands him to be the Messiah and finally tells her whole village about Jesus. In the end, she is so convincing that many Samaritans come to believe in Jesus.

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus helped you become stronger?

Children: For what do you need to ask Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, reveal yourself to us as the living water.

Please contact us for faith formation classes for children in preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, including sacramental preparation for students in public school. You can reach us at [mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com](mailto:mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com) or 760-729-8442. Blessings, *Margit Dornisch - Office for Religious Education and Family Ministry*



The ladies of the **Altar Society** will be on the church patio this weekend selling tickets for their raffle baskets to be given away at their Easter Boutique the weekend of March 21st and 22nd.

Once again we have a Padre Basket with 4 Field Level Tickets to a Padre Game donated by Bill & Cathy Scripps. We also have a basket with 2 restaurant gift cards, Vigilucci's for \$150.00 and Nick's on State Street for \$150.00. Look for our table on the church patio after Mass to purchase your tickets.



**Pope Leo XIV Speaks about Attack on Iran**

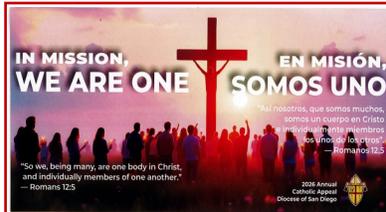
Pope Leo XIV appealed for nations to recall their moral responsibility to seek peace, as violence escalates in the Middle East after the US and Israel carry out airstrikes on Iran. Speaking at the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV expressed “deep concern”

over recent events in the Middle East and Iran.

“Stability and peace are not built with mutual threats, nor with weapons, which sow destruction, pain, and death, but only through a reasonable, authentic, and responsible dialogue,” he said.

The Pope warned of an immense tragedy if violence escalates out of control. “Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of enormous proportions,” he said, “I address to the parties involved a heartfelt appeal to assume the moral responsibility to stop the spiral of violence before it becomes an irreparable abyss!”

Pope Leo prayed that nations may return to dialogue in order to seek peace. “May diplomacy recover its role and may the good of peoples be promoted, peoples who long for peaceful coexistence founded on justice. And let us continue to pray for peace.”



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**“In Mission, We Are One”**

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## *Third Sunday of Lent – Year A*

### **First Reading**

*Exodus 17:3-7*

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

### **Second Reading**

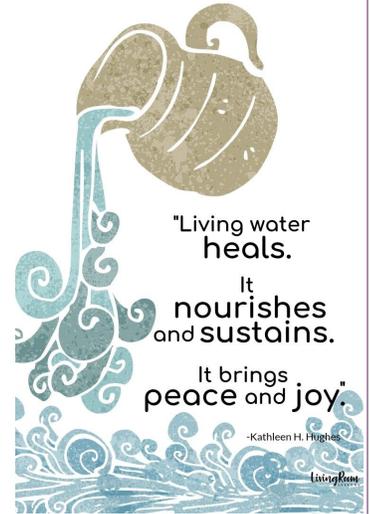
*Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 4:5-42*

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.



### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.