

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church

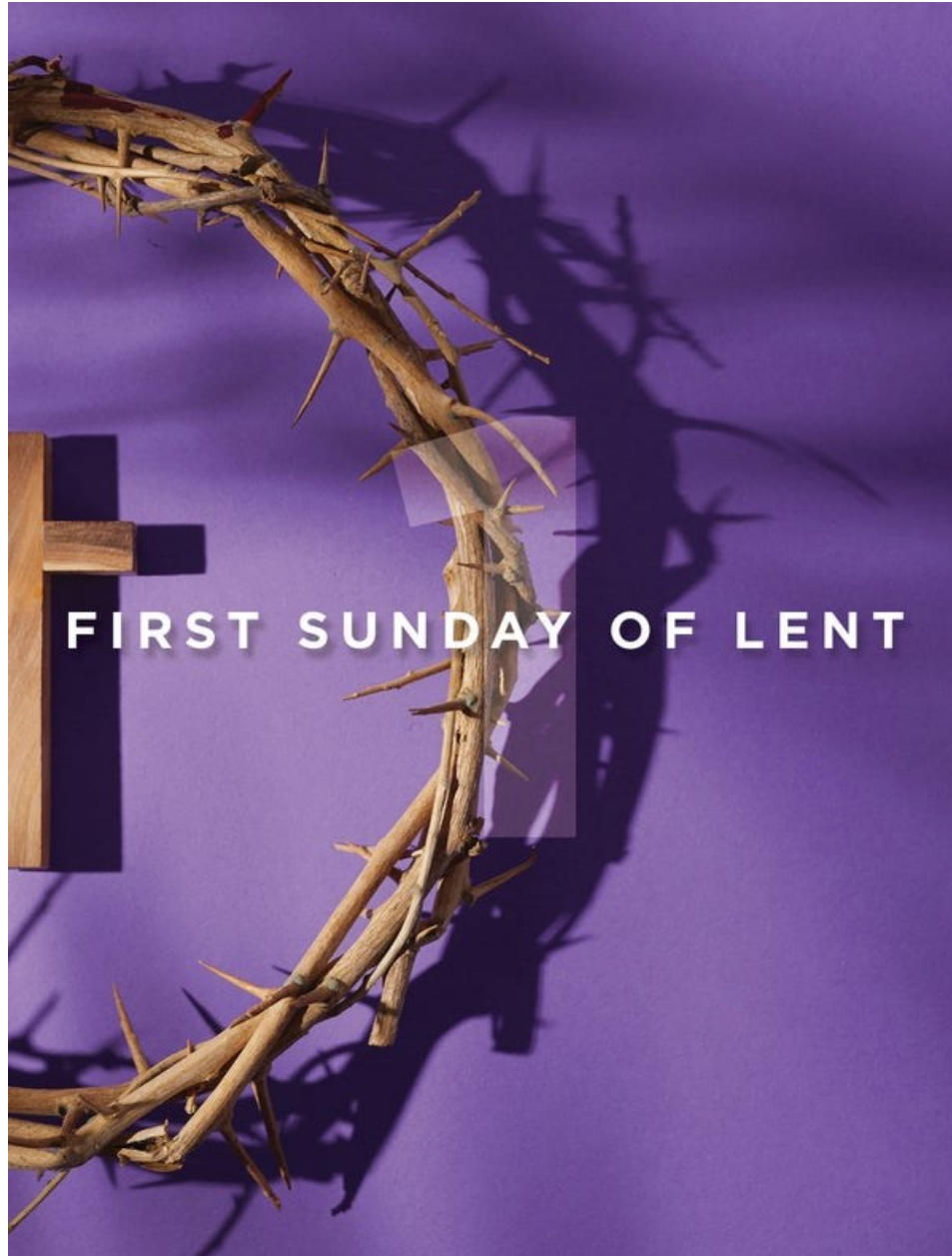
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1st Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026

Saturdays: Vigil English Mass 4:00pm—Sundays: 7:30am English Mass, 9:30am English Mass, 11:30am Spanish Mass & 2:00pm English Mass. Weekday English Mass 7:30am Monday-Saturday. Adoration on Fridays 8am-7pm; Confessions: Saturdays at 2:30pm or by appointment.

**Church is closed at 12 noon, Monday thru Thursday. On Fridays at 7:00pm.
La Iglesia cierra a las 12 mediodía lunes a jueves, los viernes a las 7pm.**



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Our Mission - We, as members of Our Lady of the Desert Church, through the guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary, are a community of believers in Jesus Christ, from whom we have the mission of making His Gospel alive in our parish and in the world. By living out His Gospel, we help to shape a society with greater respect for human life, economic and environmental justice, cultural diversity, and global solidarity, so that we will build a church where everyone feels welcome and through it will find happiness and salvation.

Nuestra Misión - Nosotros, como miembros de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Desierto, con la dirección de Nuestra Madre María, somos una comunidad de creencia en Jesús Cristo, que tenemos la misión de hacer su evangelio vivo en nuestra parroquia y en el mundo. Viviendo su evangelio, ayudamos a formar una sociedad con mayor respecto a la vida humana, a la economía y justicia al ambiente, diversidad cultural, y la solidaridad global, de modo que construyamos una iglesia donde todos se sientan bienvenidos con felicidad y salvación.

Can we overcome temptation like Jesus did?

Yes we can. But we need a new plan. We need a new plan to overcome sin and it will consist of 3 steps.

Step 1 We need Preparation: We cannot fight temptation on our own. Jesus was so madly in love with God he trusted completely in God's mercy and compassion. And through God's mercy and compassion he received the power of the Holy Spirit that gave him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. How can we do that? We need to fall madly in love with God. We can do it by receiving God's grace when we do acts of mercy—fasting, almsgiving, and praying.

We can do it by receiving God's grace when we receive the sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Confession. We saw how Jesus answered the devil 3 times by quoting Deuteronomy. That means we need to study and meditate on God's word to give us strength and to grow in our awareness of how the devil might tempt us. And we need to ask God to help us recognize when we are being tempted.

Step 2 We need to Commit to not sin: We have to commit ourselves and make it our goal to not sin.

Step 3 We need a Plan for Temptation: God always gives us an escape hatch. So sometimes the best thing we can do is to plan to run from temptation. We need to get away from the thing that is bringing us temptation. When we get on board a plane, the first thing we learn is where the emergency exits are. In the same way, we have to plan our emergency exits to escape temptation. We need to plan to avoid movies, books, magazines, friends, parties, alcohol, drugs, and web sites that put temptation into our mind.

In other words, we should also have a plan to resist temptation. How can we resist temptation? By keeping the eyes of our heart always fixed on Jesus. How can we do that?

Maybe we can learn something from a story about a dog. His master used to put a piece of meat on ground, and he would say to the dog, "Don't eat that." But the dog would run over and eat it. So he would hit the dog. After doing that several times, the dog finally got the message: eat meat, get hit. So the dog decided he would not eat the meat. How did he do that? He stopped looking at the meat. The dog felt if he looked at the meat, the temptation to disobey would be too great. So he stayed looking only at his master's face and never took his eyes off him.

That is the way temptation works. As long as we keep staring at it our desire will keep growing until we cannot resist it. Instead, we have to keep looking only at our master: Jesus Christ's face and never take our eyes off him—by fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

Podemos superar la tentación como lo hizo Jesús? Sí se puede. Pero necesitamos un plan nuevo. Necesitamos un plan nuevo para superar el pecado y va a tener 3 pasos.

Paso 1 Necesitamos Preparación: No podemos luchar contra la tentación por nuestra cuenta. Jesús estaba tan locamente enamorado de Dios que confiaba completamente en la misericordia y la compasión de Dios. Y a través de la misericordia y de la compasión de Dios, recibió el poder del Espíritu Santo que le dio la fuerza, la sabiduría, el valor, y el dominio de sí mismo. ¿Cómo podemos hacer lo mismo? Tenemos que caer locamente enamorados de Dios.

Podemos hacerlo cuando recibimos la gracia de Dios al hacer actos de misericordia—el ayuno, la limosna y la oración. Podemos hacerlo cuando recibimos la gracia de Dios al recibir los sacramentos, especialmente la Sagrada Comunión y la Confesión. Vimos cómo Jesús le respondió el diablo 3 veces citando el Deuteronomio. Eso significa que tenemos que estudiar y meditar en la Palabra de Dios para fortalecernos y alimentarnos para reconocer cómo el diablo nos puede tentar. Y tenemos que pedirle a Dios que nos ayude a reconocer la tentación.

Paso 2 Necesitamos comprometernos a no pecar: Tenemos que comprometernos y hacerlo nuestro objetivo no pecar.

Paso 3 Necesitamos un Plan para la Tentación: Dios siempre nos da una puerta de escape. Por eso a veces lo mejor que podemos hacer es planear para escaparnos de la tentación. Tenemos que alejarnos de lo que nos trae la tentación. Cuando bordamos un avión, lo primero que aprendemos es donde están las salidas de emergencia. De la misma manera, hay que planear las salidas de emergencia para escapar de la tentación. Hay que planear para evitar las películas, libros, revistas, amigos, fiestas, alcohol, drogas, y los sitios web que nos traen la tentación.

Es decir, también hay que tener un plan para resistir la tentación. ¿Cómo podemos resistir la tentación? Al mantener los ojos de nuestro corazón siempre fijos en Jesús. ¿Cómo podemos hacer eso?

Tal vez podamos aprender algo de la historia de un perro. Su maestro solía poner un pedazo de carne en el suelo, y le decía al perro: "No comas eso." Pero el perro saltaba corriendo y se lo tragaba. Así que le dio un manazo al perro. Después de hacerlo varias veces, por fin el perro entendió el mensaje: si como la carne, me dan un manazo. Así que el perro decidió que no iba a comer la carne. ¿Cómo lo hizo? Dejó de mirar a la carne. El perro pensó que, si miraba a la carne, la tentación de desobedecer sería demasiado grande. Así que se quedó mirando sólo a la cara de su maestro y no quitaba los ojos de encima.

Así funciona la tentación. Mientras seguimos mirándola, nuestro deseo sigue creciendo hasta que ya no podemos resistir. En vez, tenemos que quedarnos mirando solo la cara de nuestro maestro, Jesucristo sin quitar los ojos de encima—a través de el ayuno, la limosna y la oración.

We are thankful to our parishioners Matt, Mark & Paszkowski family for the work of assembling and designing the beautiful case holding St. Carlo Acutis relic. The relic, behind the Ambo, has a home in our Church.

May St. Carlo intercede on behalf of us all.

Agradecemos a nuestros feligreses Matt, Mark y la familia Paszkowski por el trabajo de ensamblaje y diseño de la hermosa vitrina que contiene la reliquia de San Carlo Acutis. La reliquia, ubicada detrás del ambón, ya tiene su casa en nuestra iglesia.

Que San Carlo interceda por todos nosotros.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21st, 4:00pm Vigil Mass:

John & Anne Cataneso †
Mark LaCivita †
Maximina Vidano †
Jarrel Wayne Dysynske †

Sunday, February 22nd, 7:30am Mass:

Marcelo Hernandez †
Irving Brandon (birthday)
Mary Jost (thanksgiving)
Tony Rodriguez (healing)
Erika & Marcos Ramos & family (health & harmony)
Rosa Arcilia (health & healing)

Sunday, February 22nd, 9:30am Mass:

Patrick Negrete †
Roraima Padilla †
Dee Wamble (healing)
Antonio De La O †
Fred De La O †
Judith McCall †
Val Spaulding (healing)
For all souls in purgatory

Domingo, 22 de febrero, 11:30am misa:

Consuelo Aguirre †
Por las almas en el purgatorio

Sunday, February 22nd, 2:00pm Mass:

Rey Martinez (protection, conversion & health)
Regina Duran (healing)
Olivia Hernandez †
Amanda & Carlos Velasquez †

Monday, February 23rd, 7:30am Mass:

Renato Padilla †
Irving Brandon (birthday)

Tuesday, February 24th, 7:30am Mass:

Wednesday, February 25th, 7:30am:

Thursday, February 26th, 7:30am Mass:

Friday, February 27th, 7:30am Mass:

Paola Diaz (birthday)

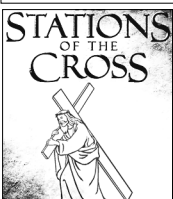
Saturday, February 28th, 7:30am Mass:

Hector Carpio †
Teresita Torrejos †

Mass intentions are \$10.00. You can call the office or drop your request in the mail slot of the office door a week ahead to appear in the bulletin.

Las intenciones son \$10.00.

Llame a la oficina o dejar su solicitud en la ventanita de la puerta de la Oficina **una semana antes para que salga en el boletín.**



Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

Vía Crucis a las 7:00pm los viernes durante la Cuaresma

Ministries

Adoration Fridays 8am-7pm: Arcelia Diaz 760 784-1840

Alpha: Tom Strand 760 242-4463

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Schafer 760 508-9872

Bible Study: (Wednesdays) Jim Chambers 760 242-8310

Bible Study (Thursdays): Margaret Curran
margaret@curraninc.com

Catholic Daughters: Regent Lorena Meza, 760 617-7816,
meetings 2nd Sat. of the month 11:15am

Choir Directors:

Wendy Durke (4:00pm Sat. English Vigil Mass)

Stephen Arment (7:30am English Mass)

Christina Rohrbaugh (9:30am English Mass)

Ramiro Alvizures (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Rhonert Pascual (2:00pm English Mass)

Dance/Exercise Senior Class: Cicy Rosado 760 219-6022

Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Tina Wilson 818 631-8462 V/Text

Emmaus Spiritual Accompaniment: Anne Bremser,
(760) 985-7664 or atbremser@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Mendoza 760 242-4427,
Spanish: Jesus & Norma Martinez 909 261-9742/909 265-6387

Finance Council: Steve Curran, Sylvia Uranda & Cheryl Oakleaf

Flowers (Church- Altar): Ortencia 714 737-2224

Food Pantry: 760 242-5544, Wed. & Thurs., 9am-11:30am

Knights of Columbus: Art Negrete 760 881-0686

Lectors: Steve Tyrrell 909-224-1500, sttyrrell@gmail.com;
Spanish: Sylvia Felix 909 709-3316

Life Teen: Chris Hoover (760) 792-0731

Linen Ministry: Flo 760-887-1117

Marriage Preparation Classes:

English- Tom & Ilene Gilmore 760 490-4568,

Spanish- Patrick & Lisette Lopez 626 626-1960

OL of Fatima Blue Army Prayer Group: 8:30am,

1st Saturday in Church, Maryellen 760 885-9290

Prayer Line: Cynthia May (682) 970-4115

Pro-Life: MaryAnn Carroll 760 508-2390

SCRIP: Buy after Sunday Mass or Pre-order in the Office

Senior Pot-luck Luncheon Gilda Vincent 760 961-8830

Serra Club High Desert: Diane Seixas 760 596-1333

Sunday Scripture Study: Tuesdays 10am,

Peggy Perring-Mulligan 760 961-2617

Ushers: Robert Wilson 909 695-2020 (Head of Ushers)

Ralph Knipstein (4pm Vigil Mass)

Patrick A. Lopez (7:30am Mass)

Flo Donaldson & Roger Perez (9:30am Mass)

Jose Fernandez (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Robert Cardenas (2:00pm Mass)

Narcotics Anonymous — Call David 760 979-9192,
7:00pm Mondays in the Ministry Building

A.A. Alcoholics Anonymous — Call Nick 760 900-8290,
5:30pm Tuesdays in the Ministry Building

A.C.A Adult Children of Alcoholics - Call Liz 760 242-8310
Mondays 6pm & Thursdays 10am in the Ministry Building

CEA H.O.W Compulsive Eaters - Call Liz 760 242-8310
Saturdays 9:30am in the Ministry Building

Blessing Mass**Sunday March 8th – 9:30 A.M. Mass**

For Children and Adults with Exceptional Needs

Any questions or interest in participating in this mass

Contact Bob Johnson (760) 486-3798

All are Welcome!

Hosted by Knights of Columbus



We PRAY for ALL our brothers & sisters!
¡Rezamos por TODOS nuestros hermanos y hermanas!

Rosa Arcilia, Rich Phillips, Jim Huegel, Diane Marasco, AB Brand, Debbie Brice, Diane Cipriano, George & Karla McCague, Sue Cirillo, Ruth York, Barbra Dillman, Robert Dillman, Chris Pullen, Steve & Sue Rossen, Bernadette Hinshaw, Louise & Gary Smith, Fr. Paul Smith, C.R., Ramon Salvatierra & Family, Richard Avalos & Ophelia Salvatierra, Joseph Fierro & Family, Erick Vidana, Monique Avalos & Kids, Santos Family, Gil Lopez, Andeson Family, Mari Krampach, Deb Huff, Sandra Perrault, Joseph M. Senteno, Richard D. Senteno, Senteno Family, Henry Burt, Nicole Cantu, George & Leilani Sullivan, Olivia Potter, Emily Chapa & Family, Nellie Alvarado & grandchildren, Richard & Carmen Franco & Family, Florian Domino, Rey Martinez, Eddie & Ana Caro, Deysi Flores & Kids, Santos Family, Zykia Padmore, Rose Anderson, Araceli Burrell, Jesse Astorga & Family, Mariano Lopez, Mark Marasco, Nancy LaCivita, Rocio Gonzalez, Johnny Jacob Gonzalez, Ulissus Herrera, Silvia, Irma, Elsa, Rene, Alex, Anthony, Eric, Hans, Victor & Leonor, Maria Luisa, Nando & Yaddy De Leon.

Are You Being Called?

Do you have questions about the priesthood or just want to learn more about what being a priest is like?

Call or Visit the Vocations Office

12716 Oriole Ave.

Grand Terrace, CA 92313

909.783.1305

vocations@sbdiocese.org




 HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

A program specially designed for troubled marriages, Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience and a series of 12 presentations offered within the three months following the weekend phase.

Ralph & Monica Martinez (English)

losangeles@helpourmarriage.org

Registration: (909) 900-5465


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RETROUVAILLE
 UN SALVAVIDAS PARA TU MATRIMONIO

- Spanish

Refugio and Irma Chavez (Español)

(951) 688-9219

Online Giving is available visit our website: oldccav.org click on the Online Giving link and complete registration. You manage your own account. Convenient, Secure & Confidential.

You may call Tech OSV at 1 800 348-2886, option 2, for assistance.

*If you register for Online Giving, check with the office if you are registered to the Church. **It is a different registration.** Parish registration form can be printed from our website or stop by the office.*

Weekly Collection: February (7) 8, 2025

Plate: \$5,240.18

Envelopes: \$6,581.00

Online Giving: \$5,737.00

2026 Diocesan Development Fund
Campaign Progress

Diocese Goal: \$84,000.00

Gifts Received: \$1,865.00

Donors: 10 As of: Feb 11, 2026

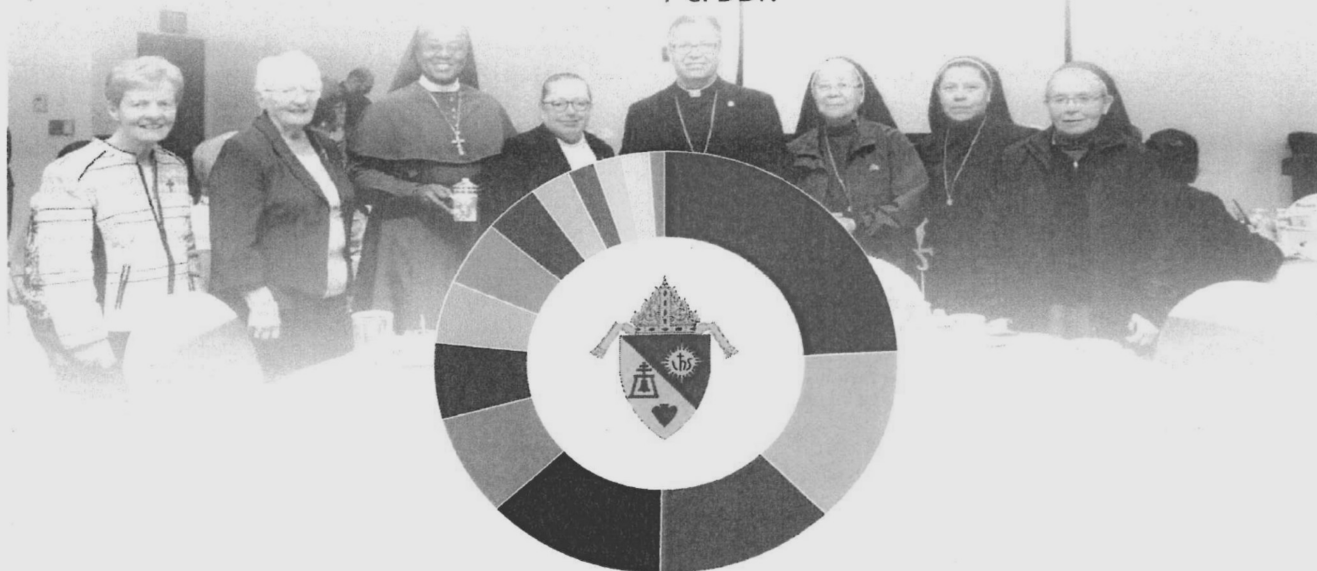
2nd Collection for DDF on March 7th & 8th

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YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION / SUS DONACIONES EN ACCIÓN

Our goal for the 2026 DDF is \$5.17 million. Together, we will expand our outreach programs, support those in need, and strengthen the spiritual foundation of our community through the DDF.

Nuestra meta para el DDF 2026 es \$5,17 millones. Juntos ampliaremos nuestros programas de servicio, apoyaremos a los necesitados y fortaleceremos el cimiento espiritual de nuestra comunidad mediante el DDF.



● **25%** Seminarian Education Expense
Costo para la Educación de Seminaristas

● **14%** Special Ministry Chaplains
Capellanes de Ministerio Especial

● **13%** Catholic Charities
Caridades Católicas

● **13%** Ministry Formation Institute
Instituto de Formación para los Ministerios

● **8%** Office of Life, Dignity & Justice
Oficina de Pastoral por la Vida,
Dignidad y Justicia

● **6%** Office Of Child & Youth Protection
Oficina para la protección de niños y jóvenes

● **5%** Office of Vocations
Oficina de Vocaciones

● **5%** Office of Ministry with Young Catholics
Oficina de Pastoral con Jóvenes Católicos

● **4%** Office of Catechetical Ministry
Oficina para el Ministerio de la Catequesis

● **3%** Office for Deacons
Oficina para Diáconos

● **2%** Campus Ministry
Pastoral Universitaria

● **2%** Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
Catedral de Nuestra Señora del Rosario

● **2%** Office of Social Concerns
Oficina de Pastoral Social

● **1%** Office of Marriage and Family Life
Oficina de Pastoral Matrimonial y Familiar

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

—Luke 10:27

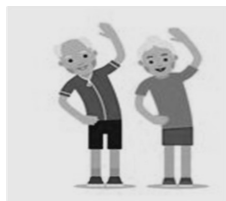
«Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas y con toda tu mente; y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo».

—Lucas 10:27

SERRA CLUB OF THE HIGH DESERT Frist Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for 40 days of prayer and fasting. Are you (or someone you may know) open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state life God has prepared for you (or him)? Considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Join the Serra Club of the High Desert to help promote and pray for vocations? Call Diana Seixas at (760) 596-1333 or email Diana at dianaseixas@aol.com. Our next meeting is on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 2:00pm before the 4 pm Mass.



*Dance/Senior Exercise Class
at the Ministry Building:
For more information Call
Cicy at 760 219-6022*

**Got questions
about life**

Alpha

Try ALPHA
760-242-4463

#TryAlpha
alphausa.org

Do you have questions about life? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure, no follow up.

Some comments of people who attended Alpha are, "I was always Catholic, but I lost my path through the years. I have come back to Christ, it showed me how much I truly need Jesus and others prayers." Alpha will start on March 5, 2026 at Our Lady of the Desert in the Hall. Each Alpha session begins at 6:30 PM with dinner, followed by an informative video, and a time for friendly conversation where you can share your thoughts. Alpha is particularly beneficial for those who aren't going to church. So please invite family members, friends, or co-workers who aren't practicing their faith. Registration forms are at the Alpha table in the concourse. For more information call Tom Strand at 760-242-4463.

LIFETEEN SHOE DRIVE

Just have fun cleaning out your closets to gather your gently used shoes (pairs only, no holes or tears) to donate & place them in bags to drop off in the Church Concourse in front of the Men's Bathroom by the Recycling area! We need to collect 4,000 pairs of shoes to meet our goal!

160 bags × 25 pairs of shoes = Our Goal of 4000 pairs!

We can do it together with the everyone's support!



Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Lecturas de la semana del 22 de febrero 2026

Domingo: Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17/Rom 5, 12-19 o 5, 12. 17-19/Mt 4, 1-11

Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46
Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6, 7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32

Jueves: Est C, 12. 14-16. 23-25/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8/Mt 7, 7-12

Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26

Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Lent • Matthew 4:1-11



PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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MISSION

I will say "No" when I am tempted to do something bad.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

retreat

FEBRUARY 28, 2026
9:00am—1:00pm

8:30am: HOSPITALITY
9:00am — 12:00pm: SESSIONS
10:30am: BREAK
12:00am—1:00pm: LUNCH

Catholic Daughters Corner

Court Our Lady of La Salette, #2499

February:

Valentines Tea; For women of the parish and CDA members

March:

See's Candy Sale

April:

Baby Shower; Blessing Call For Life
Pregnancy Center

