

# *Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church*

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**\*Office Open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Closed on Fridays\***

*5th Sunday of Lent — March 17, 2024*

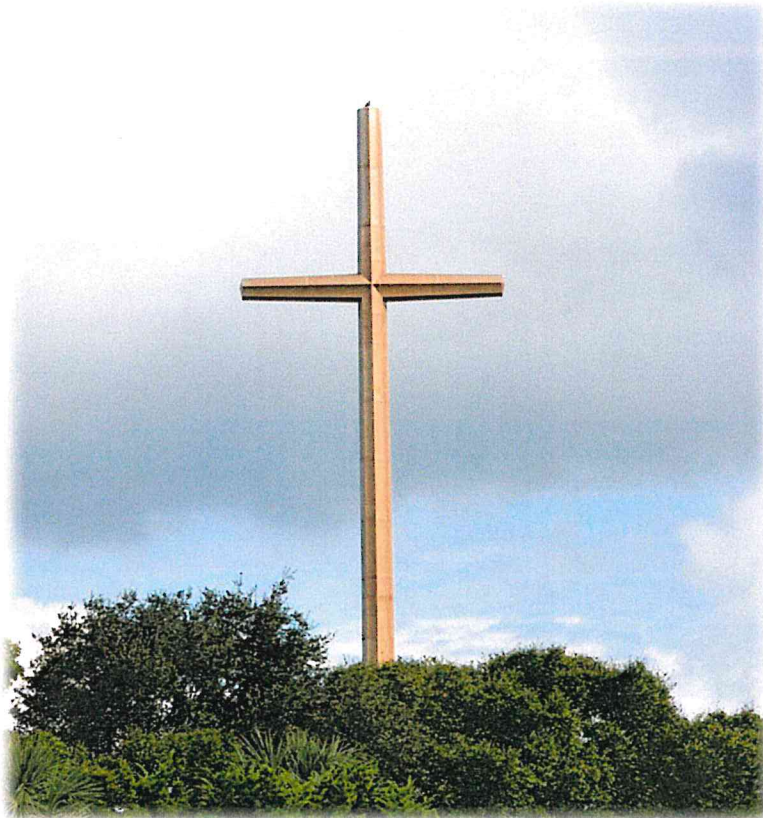
Saturdays: Vigil English Mass 4:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am English Mass, 9:30am English Mass,  
11:30am Spanish Mass & 2:00pm English Mass

Weekday English Masses 7:30am Monday-Saturday.

Spanish weekday Mass on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

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 respeto 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.



We are Lazarus. This is our story. It is a love story between God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and us. It is also a story about what happens when we allow Jesus to raise us from death to a new life—from death caused by sin to a new life caused by Jesus Christ. The new life is the beginning of our resurrection into eternal life. And in our newly resurrected life—our life, suffering and death take on whole new meaning—to glorify God and Jesus Christ.

The truth is, the Son of God will be glorified by his suffering and death on the cross. And the Son of God will be glorified by our own suffering and death. We just have to allow Jesus to raise us into a new life of believing and trusting in him even when we suffer and even when we die. In this way we will live in Jesus and Jesus will be glorified in us.

That is what happened to Martha. Even in her grief, she kept believing and trusting in Jesus. She said: "But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." In other words, "I trust in you, even though I cannot see or understand what is going to happen." In one breath she said: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." In other words, "yes Lord, I give you my heart. I believe in you. I trust completely in you." It's like us saying: I trust in you God, even though my marriage is falling apart. I trust in you Jesus even though I am dying from this disease. I trust in you Holy Spirit even though I do not know how I am going to pay the rent this month. When we can say that; Jesus Christ will be glorified in us.

That means this is our love story. It anticipates Jesus' death and resurrection. And Jesus' death and resurrection is a love story between God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and us. When Jesus decided to go back to Judea, the disciples got worried "[They] were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" But Jesus wasn't afraid. His love for Lazarus, Martha, Mary, and us, was all that mattered. He showed us. When Jesus saw Mary and Lazarus' friends weeping, he became angry and sad. He was angry because of the suffering sin and death brought to humanity. But he was also sad, and he began to cry because he felt their sadness and pain. He felt their sadness and pain not only because he was human, but because he was divine. God feels our sadness and suffering and suffers with us, because God made us in his image and God loves us so much. But Jesus' love for Lazarus and for us, went way beyond weeping. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He said "take away the stone," "untie him and let him go." The bonds of death were broken. It was a preview of what Jesus was going to do for you and me—because He loves us so much.

Somos Lázaros. Esta es nuestra historia. Es una historia de amor entre Dios, Jesucristo, el Espíritu Santo y nosotros. También es una historia que demuestra lo que pasa si permitimos que Jesús nos resucite de la muerte a una vida nueva --de la muerte por causa del pecado a una vida nueva por causa de Cristo. La vida nueva es el principio de nuestra resurrección a la vida eterna. Y en nuestra vida nueva resucitada—la vida, el sufrimiento y la muerte tienen un nuevo significado—es glorificar a Dios y a Jesucristo.

La verdad es que el Hijo de Dios va a ser glorificado por el sufrimiento y la muerte en la cruz. Y el Hijo de Dios va a ser glorificado por nuestro propio sufrimiento y muerte.

Sólo tenemos que dejar que Jesús nos resucite a una nueva vida de creer y confiar en él hasta cuando sufrimos y hasta cuando morimos. De esa manera vamos a vivir en Jesús y Jesús se va glorificar en nosotros.

Eso es lo que pasó con Marta. Hasta en su dolor, seguía creyendo y confiando en Jesús. Ella dijo: "Pero aún ahora estoy segura de que Dios te concederá cuanto le pidas." Es decir, "Yo confío en ti, aunque no puedo ver ni entender lo que va a suceder."

En solo un suspiro, dijo: "Sí, Señor. Creo firmemente que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo." Es decir, "Sí Señor, te doy mi corazón. Yo creo en ti. Confío completamente en ti."

Es como si decimos: yo confío en ti Dios, a pesar de que mi matrimonio se está desmoronando. Confío en ti Jesús aunque me estoy muriendo de esta enfermedad. Confío en ti Espíritu Santo, aunque no sé cómo voy a pagar la renta este mes. Cuando podemos decir eso; Jesucristo va a ser glorificado en nosotros.

Eso quiere decir que esta es nuestra historia de amor. Se anticipa a la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Y la muerte y resurrección de Jesús es una historia de amor entre Dios, Jesucristo, el Espíritu Santo y nosotros. Cuando Jesús decidió regresar a Judea, los discípulos se preocuparon. "Maestro, hace poco que los judíos querían apedrearte, ¿y tú quieres volver allá?" Pero Jesús no tuvo miedo. Su amor para Lázaros, Marta, María y para nosotros, era todo lo que importaba. Él lo mostró. Cuando Jesús, vio a María y sus amigos llorando, se enojó y se puso triste. Se enojó por el sufrimiento que el pecado y la muerte traen a la humanidad. Pero también se puso triste y empezó a llorar porque sintió la tristeza y dolor. Sintió la tristeza y dolor, no sólo porque él era humano, sino porque era divino. Dios siente nuestra tristeza y el sufrimiento y sufre con nosotros, porque Dios nos hizo a su imagen y Dios nos ama tanto. Pero el amor de Jesús por Lázaros y por nosotros, fue mucho más allá que lagrimas. Jesús resucitó a Lázaros de la muerte. Dijo: "Quiten la piedra", "desátelo, para que pueda andar." Se rompieron los lazos de la muerte. Fue un avance de lo que Jesús iba a hacer por ti y por mí—porque nos ama tanto.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 16th, 4:00pm Vigil Mass:**

**Sunday, March 17th, 7:30am Mass:**

Karen Heinzman †

Ryan Vasquez †

John Dickey †

**Sunday, March 17th, 9:30am Mass:**

Leo Daniel Pedraza †

Beverly Gibbs †

James J. Friedhof & Dennis Friedhof †

Steve Schafer †

Alice Moore (saftey & healing)

**Domingo, 17 de marzo, 11:30am misa:**

Bertha Molina Cervantez †

Diacono Simon Pimentel †

Matilde Aispuro †

Matilde Rodriguez †

**Sunday, March 17th, 2:00pm Mass**

Jacob Germoso †

Rey Martinez (healing & protection)

Tony & Celeste Merino (33rd Wedding Anniversary)

**Monday, March 18th, 7:30am Mass:**

Bertha Molina Cervantez †

Eleuterio "Jerry" Mendoza †

Doug Vankampen (birthday)

**Tuesday, March 19th, 7:30am Mass:**

Bertha Molina Cervantez †

Lucy Bonello †

Bernardina Vidamo †

Jigg Santos Balinbir †

**Wednesday, March 20th, 7:30am Mass:**

Susan Tront (healing)

**Miércoles, 20 de marzo, misa 7:00pm:**

Victoriano Aceve Ibarra †

**Thursday, March 21st, 7:30am Mass:**

Ambar Varela (birthday)

Karen Heinzman †

**Friday, March 22nd, 7:30am Mass:**

Amanda & Carlos Velasquez †

Miguel Angel Alcantar Mungia †

**Saturday, March 23rd, 7:30am Mass:**

Alicia Astorga (birthday)

**Sunday Readings**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

**Weekly Readings**

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62,

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2nd Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16,

Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95,Gospel:John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9, Gospel: John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13, Gospel: John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28, Gospel: John 11:45-57

**Ministries**

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

***Alpha:*** Tom Strand 760 242-4463

***Altar Servers:*** Evelyn Hernandez 760 680-1963

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

***Bible Study (Thursdays):*** Margaret Curran

margaret@curraninc.com

***Boy Scouts:*** Joe Bertola (760) 486-4575

***Catholic Daughters:*** Gina Greear, Regent, 760.963.5571

***Choir Directors:*** Stephen Arment (7:30am English Mass)

John Tonyan (9:30am English Mass)

Ramiro Alvizures (11:30am Spanish Mass)

John Koss (2:00pm English Mass)

Terry Constant (4pm Sat. English Vigil Mass)

***Dance Class:*** Cicy Rosado 760 219-6022

***Emmaus Spiritual Accompaniment:*** Anne Bremser,

(760) 985-7664 or atbremser@gmail.com

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Spanish: Maria E. Novahom 760 242-4505

***Finance Council:*** Steve Curran, Sylvia Uranda,

Cheryl Oakleaf & Carol Delong

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

***Hearing Impaired:*** Linda Hardy 760 964-1089 V/VRS

***Knights of Columbus:*** Tony Forcinel 760 954-5323

***Lectors:*** Steve Tyrrell 909-224-1500, sttyrrell@gmail.com;

Spanish: Maria Franco 760 964-7639

***Life Teen:*** Maggie (909)619-9452 or Zoie (760) 985-3977

***Linen Ministry:*** Flo Donaldson 760-887-1117

***Prayer Group:*** Tuesdays 7pm, Dennis Blackford

760 490-6091

***Prayer Line:*** Cynthia May (682) 970-4115

***Pro-Life:*** MaryAnn Carroll 760 508-2390

***SCRIP:*** Ralph Knipstein 760 553-5774, prstein50@aol.com

***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)

Ismael Gomez & 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

***Mondays is the deadline to email bulletin articles & announcements to imelda.s@oldccav.org***

*Los lunes el día de enviar artículos para el boletín y solicitudes de anuncios por correo electrónico a imelda.s@oldccav.org*

Our Lady of the Desert Church  
**January 2024**  
 Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

**Revenue:**

Contributions, donations, On-line giving,	
<u>Stole fees, Scrip sales...</u>	<u>\$151,473.59</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$151,473.59</b>

**Expenses:****Personnel:**

Salary and Wages, Health Insurance,	
Payroll fees, Taxes, Pension, retreats...	\$49,302.68

**Professional & Program Expense:**

IT & Computer Services, Textbooks/instructional,	
Technology Software, Payroll fees, bookkeeping...	\$1,454.00

**Liturgical Expense:**

Altar Bread, Wine, Candles, Pascal & Votive	
Candles, Missals, Oil, Liturgical supplies...	\$2,099.88

**General Administration & Aid Expense:**

Office Supplies, Paper, Postage, Contribution	
Envelopes, Printing, Hospitality/Meals, Scrip,	
Online Fees, License, Permits, Dues, Bank Fees...	\$8,012.11

**Facilities Expense:**

<b>(Church, Hall, Ministry Building, Office &amp; Rectory)</b>	
Gas, Electricity, Water, Trash, Property Taxes,	
Property/Earthquake Insurance, Security Alarm,	
Pest Control, Phone/Internet, Repairs/Maintenance,	
Janitorial services & supplies...	\$34,804.39

San Bernardino Diocese Monthly Assessment...	\$14,833.00
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Parish assessments specifically help support Diocese Ministry work.

Depreciation Expense...	\$7,215.16
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Depreciation expense is a non-cash expense that represents the amount of depreciation, or cost of an asset. The intent of this charge is to gradually reduce the carrying amount of fixed assets as their value is consumed over time. Depreciation expense is a cost of an asset that has been depreciated for a single period, and shows how much of the asset's value has been used up.

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$117,721.22</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)...</b>	<b>\$33,752.37</b>



**We PRAY for all our  
 brothers & sisters!**  
*¡Rezamos por todos nuestros  
 hermanos y hermanas!*

Marcelino Tun, Richard Avalos, Ophelia Salvatierra, Monique & Leonard Avalos, Aliana & Titus Avalos, Mia Salvatierra, Fierro Family, Zykia Padmore, Erick & Patty Vidana, Gil Lopez, Geni Weerts, Mary Watts, Alex, Anthony, Eric, Hans, Victor & Leonor, Nando & Yaddy De Leon, Lauren & Connor McCafferty, Meagan & Matt McCafferty, William J. McCafferty, Ron Zura, Anthony Zura, Daniel Zura. Susan Tront & Family, Don & Rose Tucle, Edward Mazenko, Anna Ingenito, Gloria Bott, Sandre Wallen, Rose Graziano, Martha aenz, Rosemary Patterson, Ginger Carta, Joyce Villigan, Helen Siciliano, Karen Moore, Dorothy Russell, Mary Spaulding, Kay Blessing, Adoph Baca, Lorraine Bishop, Lou Stine, Charlotte Haight, Rey Martinez, Steve Ros-sen, Gilbert Arroyo Sr., Mike Coscenza, Sue Cirillo, George & Carla McCague, Dan & Diane Cipriano, Ruth York, Damien Decker, George Sullivan, Flank Hogancamp, Fr. Paul Smith, C.R., Kay McGee, Diane Marasco, Maxine Robles, Patricia Tarango, Carlos & Lori Rivera, Ignacio Venegas, Alejandra Venegas, Rafael Venegas, Myrna Kline, Tum Van Kampen, Sydney At-wood, Jenna Shattles, Jennifer Shattles, Maria Vargas, Russell Freehling, Carol Delong, Richard MacPherson, Helen Sullivan, Mary White, Colleen Giles, Alice Moore, Gayle Oles, Rich Atiwood, Gary Alt & Family, Dannis Guardado, Manuel Zepeda, Frank Zepeda, Flor Guardado, Christian Pena Guardado, Blanca Guardado, Oscar Guardado.

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**It is 2 different registrations.**

**Weekly Collection: March (9) 10, 2023**

Plate: \$4,594.72

Envelopes: \$8,350.00

Online Giving: \$5,185.00

**2024 Diocesan Development Fund**

Diocese Goal: \$84,200.00

Gifts Received: \$9,148.00

Donors: 52 As of: March 9, 2024

**Mail donations to:**

2024 DDF Annual Appeal

P.O. Box 11029

San Bernardino, CA 92423

**Lecturas del domingo**

1ª Lectura: Jeremías 31,31-34

2da Lectura: Hebreos 5:7-9

Evangelio: Juan 12:20-33

**Lecturas de la semana**

Lunes: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62,

Evangelio: Juan 8:1-11

Martes: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16,

Evangelio: Mateo 1:16, 18-21, 24

Miércoles: Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95,

Evangelio: Juan 8:31-42

Jueves: Génesis 17:3-9, Evangelio: Juan 8:51-59

Viernes: Jeremías 20:10-13, Evangelio: Juan 10:31-42

Sábado: Ezequiel 37:21-28, Evangelio: Juan 11:45-57



**2024 Lent, Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

Stations of the Cross every Friday starting February 16th & ending March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

**Palm Sunday—March 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Regular Mass Schedule

**Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NO 7:30am Mass**

7:00pm Bilingual Mass

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NO 7:30am Mass**

12 Noon English Passion Service

3:00pm Servicio de la Pasión en Español

7:00pm English Passion Service

**Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**NO 7:30am Mass**

**NO 2:30 Confessions**

**NO 4pm Vigil Mass**

8:00pm Bilingual Mass

**Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord,**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30am am English Mass

9:30am English Mass with sign language in Church

**9:45am English Mass in Hall**

11:30am Spanish Mass in Church

**11:45am Spanish Mass in Hall**

**NO 2:00pm Mass**

Church Office Closed Good Friday & Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2024 Lenten Penance Services**

St. Junipero Serra, Phelan:

Monday, March 18th at 7:00pm

St. Joan of Arc, Victorville:

Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm

Holy Family, Hesperia:

Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 pm

**Cycle A readings for the Elect preparing for  
Sacrament of Initiation**

The deep tradition of the church directs us to use the Year A readings, even in the liturgical years B & C- when we have the Elect preparing for initiation. The Year A readings are read during Lent's third, fourth, and fifth Sundays. The purpose of the readings during this time is to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright strong, and good. The goal of these readings is for the Elect as they draw nearer to baptism and we must remember that for the Elect, this will be the only time in their lives that they will hear these particular gospels as Elect. Since we, as a community, are blessed to have these Elect (formerly catechumens) coming into the Church this year, and standing in solidarity with them, we use these Cycle A readings regardless of the cycle we are currently in, Cycle B for Example this year.

**First Communion and  
Confirmation Dates**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a reminder, please note the following dates for First Communicants – Second Year:

**Location: Church**

First Reconciliation: May 21 at 6 PM

First Communion: June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM

Confirmation: May 15 @ 6 PM With Sponsor

**Retreats– Location in Parish Hall**

Confirmation 1<sup>st</sup> year- 4 PM- 5 PM- Thursday, April 24

Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> year- 10 AM – 6 PM- Friday, April 26

Confessions after Retreat for 2<sup>nd</sup> year – 6 PM on Friday, April 26

If you have any further questions, please contact Sylvia or Jeanette at the parish office at 760 242.5819. God bless,  
Sylvia Fath  
Director of Faith Formation





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Last Sunday we celebrated Laetare Sunday, here is a brief explanation on its significance for us: **Mission of Light Column Lenten Excerpts for 2024: Saint Andrew's Daily Missal. The Ancient everlasting Fourth Sunday of Advent:** ...the Christian people best raise their song of joy, "Laetare", (Introit, Epistle) on account of the victory won by our Lord on the cross at Jerusalem, ...It is for this reason, that formerly on this day, it was the custom...in the Church solemnly to bless a rose, the queen of flowers...heaven is usually represented by a garden beautiful with flowers. For this blessing, rose-colored vestments were used, and on this day a priest may celebrate Mass and Office in vestments of this color. Hence this custom was extended to the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete or "rejoicing" Sunday which, coming in the middle of Advent, stimulates us with a holy joy, to continue with courage our toilsome preparation for the coming of the Lord. And in its turn Laetare, also "rejoicing" Sunday, is a halting place in the midst of the Lenten observance. Here...our hope, the Church sends a ray of light upon our souls to stir us up to persevere in the struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil, until the great feast of Easter is reached. Introit: Isaias lxvi. 10, 11. Rejoice (Laetare), O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow...Collect: Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds justly deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved. [Collect=a short prayer having direct reference to the feast of the day; *oratio ad Collectam=the prayer at the assembly.*] **The Catechism of the Council of Trent's Sermon Program** states the following subjects are drawn from the Epistle and the Gospel for the **Fourth Sunday of Lent: DOGMATIC SUBJECT:** The Matter, Form, and Rites of the Holy Eucharist. (John 6:11) **MORAL SUBJECT:** The obligation of Receiving Holy Communion. (John 6:11)

*My Imitation of Christ, Thomas a Kempis: Book 3, Chapter 6, The Proof of a True Lover:* Christ: ...A valiant lover stands his ground in temptation, and yields not to the crafty persuasions of the enemy. As he is pleased with me in prosperity, so I displease him not when I send adversity.  
 2. A prudent lover considers not so much the gift of the lover as the love of the giver. He looks more at the good will than the value, and prizes his Beloved above all His gifts. A generous lover rests not in the gift, but in Me above every gift....That good and delightful affection, which thou sometimes perceivest, is the effect of present grace and a certain foretaste of thy heavenly country, but thou must not rely too much upon it, because it goes and comes. But to fight against the evil motions of the mind which arise, and to despise the suggestions of the devil, is a sign of virtue and of great merit. 4. Know that the old enemy strives by all means to hinder thy desire after good and to divert thee from every devout exercise, namely, from the veneration of the saints, from the pious meditation of My passion, from the profitable remembrance of thy sins, from keeping a guard upon thine own heart and from a firm purpose in advancing in virtue. He suggests to thee many evil thoughts that he may weary thee from prayer and the reading of devout books. He is displeased with humble confession, and if he could he would cause thee to omit communion. Give no credit to him, value him not, although he often lays his deceitful snares in thy way. Charge him with it when he suggests wicked and unclean things, and say to him: Begone, unclean spirit; be ashamed, miserable wretch; thou art very filthy indeed to suggest such things as these to me...

5. Fight like a good soldier, and if sometimes thou faltest through frailty rise up again with greater strength than before, confiding in My abundant grace, but take great care thou yield not to any vain complacency and pride. Through this many are led into error and sometimes fall into incurable blindness. Let this fall of the proud, who foolishly rely on their own strength, serve thee for a warning and keep thee always humble.

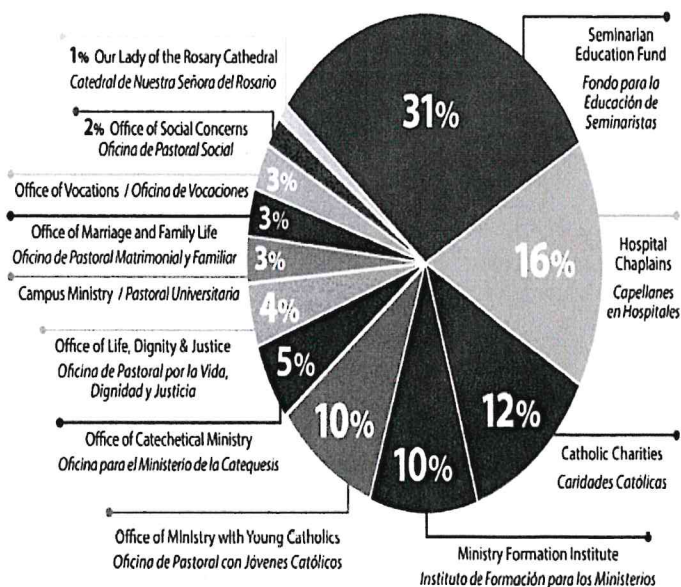
*My fellow parishioners, we came up short on our 2023 DDF goal by \$5,155.47, which we now have to pay to the Diocese of San Bernardino. I pray that we will try a little harder this year to meet our 2024 DDF goal so we will not have to pay more money. We will have a 2nd collection for 2024 DDF on March 16 and 17. If you would like more information on 2024 DDF, call the Office of Mission Advancement, Diocese of San Bernardino, (909) 475-5460 or Email: [missionadvancement@sbdiocese.org](mailto:missionadvancement@sbdiocese.org)*

*Mis queridos feligreses, quedamos cortos en nuestra meta del 2023 DDF por \$5,155.47 que ahora tenemos que pagar a la Diócesis de San Bernardino. Ruego que este año nos esforcemos un poco más para alcanzar nuestra meta del 2024 DDF para no tener que pagar más dinero. Tendremos una segunda colecta para el DDF 2024 el 16 y 17 de marzo. Si desea más información sobre el 2024 DDF, llame a la Oficina de Avance Misional, Diócesis de San Bernardino, (909) 475-5460 o envíe un correo electrónico: [Missionadvancement@sbdiocese.org](mailto:Missionadvancement@sbdiocese.org)  
 Thank you/Gracias,  
 Fr. Del Haroldson, C.R., Pastor*

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Our goal for the 2024 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 2024 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.





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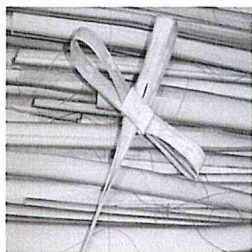
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**Queridos feligreses, el ministerio del Encuentro Matrimonial los invita a apoyar a nuestra parroquia en su venta anual de palmas que será el día 24 de marzo antes y después de todas las misas. El Encuentro Matrimonial tendrá mesas afuera de las puertas de la iglesia ofreciendo hermosas palmas por una donación de \$10. Les recordamos que lo colectado en este fin de semana será para ayuda de la iglesia y ministerio. Por cuestiones de seguridad, con mucho respeto les pedimos se abstengan de comprar sus palmas de los vendedores no autorizados. Gracias por su colaboración, y que Dios los bendiga.**

Dear Parishioners, The Encuentro Matrimonial ministry invites you to support our parish in its Palm Sunday sale, on March 24th before and after all Masses. Encuentro Matrimonial will offer beautiful hand made palms, for a donation of \$10. We remind you that the funds collected are to support our church and ministry. For security reasons and with much respect we ask all of you to abstain from getting your palms from unauthorized outside vendors. Thank you again for your support and God Bless you!



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