

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, February 17 8AM
†Bill Crowley

Wednesday, February 18 8AM
†Johnny Patranella
†Michael John Salazar

Wednesday, February 18 6:30PM
All the Children of the World

Thursday, February 19 8AM
†Josie Oliver

Friday, February 20 6PM
†Zach Garrison

Saturday, February 21 5PM
Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, February 22 9AM
†Carol Syzdek †Leo Syzdek
†Carolyn Jean Lehoski

Sunday, February 22 11AM
†Juan Lopez †Sebastian Valdivia
†Pedro Cisneros



Sanctuary Candle
in Loving Memory
of †**Monica Jones**
From Emmett
Aguirre

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 16:

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17:

**The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order**

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18:

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6,
16-18 (219)

Thursday, February 19:

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 20:

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Sat., February 21:

Saint Peter Damian

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 22:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22)

*Lord,
hear our
prayers.*



**We pray for our sick
parishioner's!
Si usted desea que**

oremos por su familiar enfermo!

Ken & Sandra Anthony	Evangelina Ordoñez
Romualdo Campos	Alan Mateo Pina
Victor & Carmen Cortez	Adam Ruiz Sr.
Francisco DeLeon	Johnny Ruiz
Peewee Espitia	Charles Fazzino
Hilda Flores	Patty Syzdek
Rachel Flores	Francisco Torres
Moses Luna	Margaret Vaca
David Martinez	Lisa Yezak
Veronica Hopcus	Richard Lehoski

Please contact the church office with questions.
Names will stay on the list for 2 months.
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*Altar Floers In
loving Memory of
†**Birl Russell**
From John &
Susanna*



PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES-

For the eternal repose of the soul of

†**Michelle O'Bella,**

a parishioner St. Mary's Church.
Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord.
Let perpetual light shine upon Her.
May she rest in peace.



**Stewardship of Treasure Report
February 8, 2026**

Amount Needed Weekly:	\$4,000.00
Actual Collection:	\$5,077.00
World & Home Missions:	\$1,055.15
Above Weekly Collection:	\$1,077.00

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." [Mt 5:20]

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, not stewardship. They used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner at the church entrance or on the parking lot is an example of being a **modern-day Pharisee.**

"Thank you for your support and generosity!"



**Mass Times:
8:00 English, 6:30pm Bilingual**

FRIDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 20 THRU MARCH 27, 2026 IN THE CHURCH

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN ALL THE FRI-
DAY'S OF LENT AFTER THE 6:00 PM MASS**

**Lenten Reconciliation Service
Servicio de Confesiones de Cuaresma**

SAVE THE DATE:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God's infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbor. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – En este último domingo antes de la Cuaresma nuestras lecturas nos hacen recordar los mandamientos. La infinita sabiduría de Dios nos ha dado leyes que nos posibilitan vivir una vida buena y justa. Ya que entraremos en la Cuaresma más tarde esta semana, hoy es una buena oportunidad para preguntarnos si somos fieles a los mandamientos, especialmente al mandamiento supremo de amar a Dios y al prójimo. Reflexionemos sobre esto mientras nos preparamos a recibir al Señor en la Eucaristía

**The best prayer Catholics have is the
Mass...
which is the greatest gift of all.**

WHAT IS LENT?



What is Lent? -- Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

¿Qué es Cuaresma? – La Cuaresma es un período de 40 días de oración, ayuno y limosna que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina al atardecer del Jueves Santo. Es un período de preparación para celebrar la Resurrección del Señor en Pascua. Durante la Cuaresma, buscamos al Señor en la oración mediante la lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras; servimos dando limosna; y practicamos el autocontrol mediante el ayuno. Estamos llamados no solo a abstenernos de los lujos durante la Cuaresma, sino también a una verdadera conversión interior del corazón, al tratar de seguir más fielmente la voluntad de Cristo. Recordamos las aguas del bautismo en las que también fuimos bautizados en la muerte de Cristo, morimos al pecado y al mal, y comenzamos una nueva vida en Cristo.

¿POR QUÉ LAS CENIZAS? EL SIGNIFICADO DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

- Las cenizas se utilizaban como signo de arrepentimiento en el Antiguo Testamento.
- Las cenizas son un signo público de nuestra intención de morir a los deseos mundanos y vivir en Cristo.
- Las cenizas simbolizan el dolor, en este caso el dolor por nuestros pecados. Mientras nuestras frentes son marcadas, el sacerdote dice: "Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás".
- Las cenizas provienen de las palmas bendecidas utilizadas en la celebración del Domingo de Ramos del año anterior.

WHY THE ASHES? THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY

- Ashes were used as a sign of repentance in the Old Testament
- Ashes are a public sign of our intent to die to our worldly desires and live in Christ
- Ashes symbolize grief, in this case grief for our sins
- As our foreheads are marked, the priest says: "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return."
- The Ashes come from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration the previous year.



LENT -- The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. The Church uses ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is dedicated to honoring the lifelong commitment made by couples in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. We congratulate the following couples who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2025!

EL DÍA MUNDIAL DEL MATRIMONIO está dedicado para celebrar el compromiso del Sagrado Sacramento del Matrimonio. ¡Felicidades a estas parejas que celebraron aniversarios especiales en el 2025!



A Message from Bishop Daniel E. García

The season of Lent is the 40 days from **Ash Wednesday** [Feb. 18] to the evening of **Holy Thursday** [April 2] during which we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Lent is an opportunity for us to step back and examine our lives in relationship to God and to our sisters and brothers in Christ. During this Lenten season, I pray that we pause, take a deep breath and allow God to transform our hearts, so that we may acknowledge how important we are to one another, work to rebuild trust and strive to love one another despite our differences.

- **Bishop Daniel E. García**

Un Mensaje del Obispo Daniel E. García

La temporada de Cuaresma son los 40 días que van desde el **Miércoles de Ceniza** [18 de febrero] hasta la noche del **Jueves Santo** [2 de abril] durante los cuales nos preparamos para la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo. La Cuaresma es una oportunidad para nosotros para detenemos y examinar nuestras vidas en relación con Dios y nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, oro por que hagamos una pausa, respiremos profundo, y permitamos a Dios transformar nuestros corazones, para que podamos reconocer qué importantes somos unos para los otros, por que trabajemos para reconstruir la confianza, y luchemos por amarnos mutuamente a pesar de nuestras diferencias.

- **Monseñor Daniel García**