

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, February 24 8AM

No Mass

Wednesday, February 25 8AM

†Bill Crowley

†Maria Anjeles Barcenas

Thursday, February 26 8AM

†Josephine Loria

Friday, February 27 6PM

†Frank Loria

†Deceased Members of Altar Society
Saturday, February 28 5PM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 1 9AM

†Peggy Lois Lehoski

†Demingo & Antonia Martinez

†Bernardo Saenz, Jr.

Sunday, March 1 11AM

†Juan Lopez †Sebastian Valdivia

†Flor Lugo Gonzalez

*Lord,
hear our
prayers.*



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

oremos por su familiar enfermo!

Ken & Sandra Anthony

Romualdo Campos

Victor & Carmen Cortez

Francisco DeLeon

Peewee Espitia

Hilda Flores

Rachel Flores

Moses Luna

David Martinez

Veronica Hopcus

Please contact the church office with questions.

Names will stay on the list for 2 months.

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Evangelina Ordoñez

Alan Mateo Pina

Adam Ruiz Sr.

Johnny Ruiz

Charles Fazzino

Patty Syzdek

Francisco Torres

Margaret Vaca

Lisa Yezak

Richard Lehoski



STATIONS of the CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 20 THRU MARCH 27, 2026 IN THE CHURCH

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
ON ALL
FRIDAY'S OF LENT
AFTER THE 6:00 PM MASS**

First Sunday of Lent

– We begin the season of Lent with Jesus going into the desert. We need to follow him into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life which comes with our Baptism. Now is the time to turn from distractions. Now is the time to remember and reverence our own dignity and the life and dignity of each person as God's beloved. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone. What is the fasting God desires for us this Lent?

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma –

Comenzamos la temporada de Cuaresma con Jesús yendo al desierto. Necesitamos seguirlo en el desierto del ayuno, la oración y la abstención para poder aprender de nuevo el modo de vida convenido que viene con nuestro bautismo. Ahora es el momento de dejar las distracciones. Ahora es el tiempo de recordar y reverenciar nuestra propia dignidad y la vida y dignidad de cada persona como amada del Señor. Ahora es el tiempo de dejar de lado cualquier cosa que nos distraiga de nuestra verdadera hambre y sed de Dios y su convenio de amor con toda la humanidad ¿Cuál es el ayuno que Dios desea de todos nosotros para esta Cuaresma?

The best prayer Catholics have is the Mass...

which is the greatest gift of all.

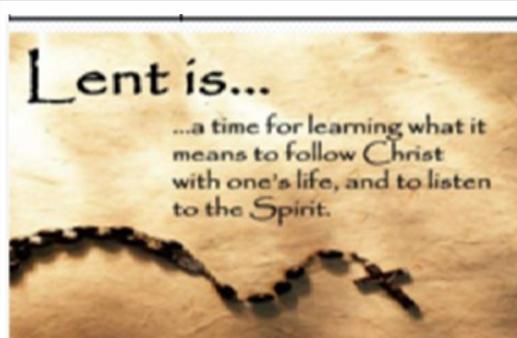


Sanctuary Candle in

Loving Memory of

†Jesse O'Bella Sr.

From Nicki O'Bella



Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 7-8, 2026

Amount Needed Weekly:	\$4,000.00
Actual Collection:	\$4,188.05
Above Weekly Collection:	\$188,05

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" [Mt. 4:10]

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent living stewardship and letting go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

"Thank you for your support and generosity!"

Lenten Reconciliation Service
Servicio de Confesiones de Cuaresma

SAVE THE DATE:

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 23:

Saint Polycarp

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 24:

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 25:

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 26:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 27:

Saint Gregory of Narek

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Sat., February 28:

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 1:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/

Mt 17:1-9



What is Lent?

This Lent, God is asking us to be perfect. He is asking us to be honest. He is asking us to stop postponing conversion. He is asking us to choose him again --- and not somebody. May we discover that losing our life for Christ is the only way we truly found it.

A Message from Pope Leo XIV –

The message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent emphasizes the importance of service, unity, and hope in Christ. He encourages the faithful to join the universal proclamation of peace, which is rooted in the peace of the risen Christ. This peace is described as unarmed, disarming, humble, and persevering, coming from God who loves us all unconditionally. Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent is a call to live in a way that reflects the peace of Christ, overcoming darkness and embracing light.

Un Mensaje del Papa León XIV

-- El mensaje del Papa León XIV para la Cuaresma destaca la importancia del servicio, la unidad y la esperanza en Cristo. Anima a los fieles a unirse a la proclamación universal de la paz, que tiene sus raíces en la paz de Cristo resucitado. Esta paz se describe como desarmada, desarmadora, humilde y perseverante, procedente de Dios, que nos ama a todos incondicionalmente. El mensaje del papa León XIV para la Cuaresma es una llamada a vivir de manera que refleje la paz de Cristo, superando la oscuridad y abrazando la luz.

Fasting is not for God to notice us, as Isaiah says. Fasting is meant to open our hearts to notice the needs of our neighbor. What kind of fasting are you doing for Lent? God tells us through prophet Isaiah the lesson that we are to share our bread with the hungry, to shelter the oppressed and the homeless, and not to turn our backs on anyone. To be concerned about others, to be aware of their needs—that takes real self-denial. If we are concerned only with our own convenience, our own comfort, our own rights, or even our own perfection, we will never follow the teaching of Jesus Christ. His teaching requires that we go out of ourselves to love and care for others. While we fast from certain things, it is time to feast on other things:

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are obligatory days of **FASTING** and **ABSTINENCE** for Catholics. In addition, **FRIDAYS DURING LENT** are obligatory days of **ABSTINENCE**.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on **FASTING** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning **ABSTINENCE** from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA CUARESIMAL 2026

El **MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA** y el **VIERNES SANTO** son días obligatorios de **AYUNO** y **ABSTINENCIA** para los católicos. Además, los **VIERNES DE CUARESMA** son días obligatorios de **ABSTINENCIA**.

Para los miembros de la Iglesia de rito latino, las normas de **AYUNO** son obligatorias desde la edad de 18 años hasta los 59. Cuando se ayuna, es permitido comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa.

Las normas sobre la **ABSTINENCIA** de carne aplican a los miembros de la iglesia católica de rito latino desde los 14 años en adelante.

La Disciplina de Cuaresma trae una relación íntima con Dios y con los demás

- El ayuno no es para que Dios nos note, como dice Isaías. El ayuno está destinado a abrir nuestros corazones para notar las necesidades de nuestro prójimo. ¿Qué tipo de ayuno estás haciendo? Dios nos dice a través del profeta Isaías que debemos compartir nuestro pan con los hambrientos, proteger a los oprimidos y las personas sin hogar, y no darle la espalda a nadie.
- Preocuparse por los demás, ser consciente de sus necesidades, eso requiere una verdadera abnegación. Si solo nos preocupa nuestra propia conveniencia, nuestra propia comodidad, nuestros propios derechos o incluso nuestra propia perfección, nunca seguiremos las enseñanzas de Jesucristo. Su enseñanza requiere que salgamos de nosotros mismos para amar y cuidar a los demás. Mientras ayunamos de ciertas cosas, es hora de pensar también en estos ayunos.

Do you want to fast this Lent? [In the words of Pope Francis]

1. **Fast from harmful/hurtful words and say kind words.**
2. **Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**
3. **Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**
4. **Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**
5. **Fast from worries and have trust in God.**
6. **Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**
7. **Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**
8. **Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.**
9. **Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**
10. **Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**
11. **Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**



Confirmación 2026 -- El Sacramento de la Confirmación se celebrará el **sábado 23 de mayo a las 5:00 P.M.** Por favor, mantengan a nuestros jóvenes en sus oraciones mientras completan su iniciación en la Iglesia Católica.

THANK YOU -- Last Jan. 30 – Feb 1, our High School students embarked on an exciting journey to Waco for the annual DCYC 2026. On behalf of St. Mary's Church, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible youth team, chaperones and donors who played a vital role in leading our youth through the DCYC. Special thanks to John Anthony, our Coordinator, Remi & Claudia Pina, Evangelina & Pablo Hernandez, Andrea Campos and our driver Patrick Berlan. Lastly, I would like to thank our donors and sponsors who help us financially, so that our youth can participate in this year's DCYC 2026: St. Mary's Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Allen Samuels Chevrolet, Ama's Mexican Restaurant, Corn Collison, MARS. Trading, San Jose Haulers, Southstar Bank, Mutuo Inc. Richard Lehoski, Prosperity Bank, Custom "S" LLC. Thank you for your donations and support! We couldn't have done it without you. [Fr. Ramon]