

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, March 3 8AM
†Bill Crowley

Wednesday, March 4 8AM
†Gloria Aguirre †Pilar Aguirre
†Monica Jones

Thursday, March 5 8AM
†Sonny Stratta

Friday, March 6 6PM
†Frances F. Reistino

Saturday, March 7 5PM
Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, March 8 9AM
†Louise Lewis
†Charlie & Lena Scarpinato
†Sam & Lena Corpora

Sunday, March 8 11AM
†Juan Lopez †Sebastian Valdivia
†Isabel Cardenas



**ALTAR
CARE FOR
MARCH
:
COOKIE
GONZALES**

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 2:
Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3:
Saint Katharine Drexel
Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 4:
Saint Casimir
Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5:
Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 6:
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat., March 7:
Saints Perpetua and Felicity,
Martyrs
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

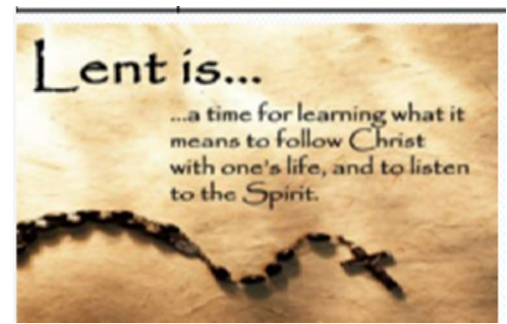
Sunday, March 8:
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
/Jn 4:5-42



**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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NOTE: During these 40 days, we first of all repent. If we've not been to confession for a long time, or have serious sin on our souls, we prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We wake up and no longer take the risk of not being with God forever...in a word, Hell. We see how the seven deadly sins have wounded us. Remember 'pale gas'? (**Pride, anger, lust, envy, gluttony, avarice, sloth**)



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



**Stewardship of Treasure Report
February 21-22, 2026**

Amount Needed Weekly:	\$4,000.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$2,356.00
Actual Collection:	\$4,439.21
Above Weekly Collection:	\$439.21

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." [Gen. 12:1]

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show His stewards a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

"Thank you for your support and generosity!"

Second Sunday of Lent –

Today we hear the account of Jesus' transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of his closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become different people, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma –

Hoy escuchamos el relato de la transfiguración de Jesús cuando súbitamente resplandeció como el sol ante sus discípulos más íntimos, los cuales cayeron en tierra pasmados. En este segundo domingo de Cuaresma nos percatamos de que todavía tenemos la oportunidad de transformar nuestra vida, de convertirnos en una persona diferente, de resplandecer como el sol y asombrar a las personas más cercanas a nosotros. Que esta celebración de la Eucaristía nos dé la fortaleza para transfigurar nuestra vida y hacerla más conforme con la vida del Señor

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



QUIERES AYUNAR ESTA CUARESMA

[En las palabras de Papa Francisco]

- Ayuna de palabras hirientes y di palabras amables
- Ayuna de la tristeza y llénate de gratitud
- Ayuna de la ira y llénate de paciencia
- Ayuna del pesimismo y llénate de esperanza
- Ayuna de la preocupación y ten confianza en Dios.
- Ayuna de las quejas y contempla la simplicidad
- Ayuna de las presiones y ora más
- Ayuna de la amargura y llénate tu corazón con la alegría
- Ayuna del egoísmo y se compasivo con otros
- Ayuna del rencor y reconcíliate
- Ayuna de las palabras y quédate en silencio para que puedas oír.



• **POPE LEO: Message for Lent, 2026: Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion:**

- Refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor.
- Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities.
- Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others.
- Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

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.

A Message from Bishop Daniel E. Garcia -- Lent draws us into the desert with Christ. It's a sacred season — one that gives us the chance to slow down, reflect, and grow closer to Him. During these forty days, the Church invites us to focus on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through **prayer**, we make space for God in our daily lives. When we commit to praying each day, even in small ways, our hearts begin to open. In those quiet moments, we learn to listen more carefully and to trust that God is with us, guiding us every step of the journey.

Fasting helps us practice self-discipline and reminds us that our deepest hunger is not for food, but for God. By letting go of what we don't truly need, we create room in our hearts for generosity. It is there where **almsgiving** emerges, calling us to acts of kindness, compassion, and service. What we give up can become a gift for someone else, and in serving those in need, we meet Christ Himself. Lent is a beautiful time to renew our commitment to return to prayer, to seek forgiveness, and to open ourselves once again to the transforming love of God.

Brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit walk with us throughout this Lenten season. Renewed by prayer, fasting, charity, and the sacraments, may we grow closer to Christ and become peacemakers and a light to all people. - **Bishop Daniel E. Garcia**

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA CUARESMA 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.



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.