



Holy Rosary Church

A Century of Faithfulness through Mary's Fullness of Grace

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Friday for the Lenten Season, 6:00PM - Stations of the Cross; obligatory days of abstinence

March 10, 6:00PM - Penance Service

March 14 & 15: Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services

March 21, 2026, 9:00AM - 1PM (Saturday) - Parish Retreat with Fr. Larry Denis (St. Anthony Parochial Vicar). Please bring some food to share. Please sign up online or on the sign-up sheet provided.

Please send your contributions for the bulletin to s_almie@yahoo.com or to marycostales21@yahoo.com
Weekend mass: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM. Weekday mass: 7:00AM except on Tuesday (Fr. Jose's day off) Confessions by appointment; contact the office or Fr. Macoy. Parish office hours: Monday, Wednesday 9AM-12N, Friday 9AM-2PM

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well... A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ...Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." ...Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." (full text: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)

We are invited to bring our thirst to God.

In the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge our thirst and our need for God. Let us not mask it or hide it with distractions or goods which cannot ultimately satisfy. We are invited instead to bring our thirst to God and, like the Samaritan woman, simply ask: Lord, give me this water, the water which will make us never thirst again. (FAITH Catholic Subscriptions, 2026)

POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026

LISTENING, FASTING, AND CONVERSION OF HEART by Almie Lonzaga

As the Church has begun Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV calls the faithful to return God to the center of daily life through a renewed commitment to listening, fasting, and conversion of heart. In his message, "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion," the Holy Father writes: "Lent is a time in which the Church...invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." He reminds us that "every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit."

Listening is an Act of Love

The Pope first reflects on listening, which he calls "the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship." He points to God's revelation to Moses—"I have heard their cry" (Ex 3:7)—as the model of divine attentiveness. Even now, he says, God shares His heart with His people, and "listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality." Amid life's many voices, Sacred Scripture helps Christians discern the cries of those who suffer. The Pope emphasizes that "the condition of the poor is a cry that... constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."

Fasting with Humility

Turning to fasting, Pope Leo XIV describes it as an ancient discipline that opens the heart to God.

Because it involves the body, he explains, fasting "makes it easier to recognize what we 'hunger' for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance." It reveals our desires, orders our appetites, and keeps our thirst alive for justice. Drawing on St. Augustine, he writes: "This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity." For this reason, fasting must be lived in "faith and humility" and grounded in communion with the Lord, for "those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly." He notes that other forms of self-denial contribute to a more authentic Christian life, since "austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic."

Abstaining from Hurtful Words

At the heart of the Pope's message is an invitation to practice a fast of the tongue. He writes: "I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor." He urges believers to "disarm our language," avoiding harsh speech, rash judgment, slander, and gossip. Instead, he encourages kindness and respect in families, friendships, workplaces, and online interactions, so that "words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

"Disarm our language..."
- Pope Leo XIV

A Communal Path of Conversion

The Pope also emphasizes that Lent is a communal journey. Just as the people of God gathered in Scripture to hear the Law and renew their covenant, we too are called to walk together. Listening to God's Word and to "the cry of the poor and of the earth" deepens our relationships and strengthens our witness. True conversion, he says, also concerns "the quality of our relationships and dialogue," challenging us to recognize what truly guides our desires and how our communities respond to humanity's longing for justice and reconciliation.

Pope Leo XIV concludes his message with a prayerful appeal: "Let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us." He especially urges us to embrace a fasting that extends to speech, "so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others." He envisions communities where the suffering find welcome and where listening leads to paths of liberation, guiding us toward the building of a "civilization of love."

References:

Pope Leo XIV, Message for Lent 2026 — "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion." The Vatican, February 5, 2026, Memorial of Saint Agatha.

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INCOME SUMMARY 03/01/2026

Weekend Collection	\$2,064.00	Gift Shop	451.00
Building and Maintenance	445.00	Donation Box	7.00
Candles	231.00	Centennial Booklet	150.00
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	100.00	Centennial Tickets	2080.00
Mass Intentions	55.00		
TOTAL DEPOSIT		\$5,583.00	
ONLINE GIVING		\$70.00	