



St. John of the Cross



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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Good News!

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FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday:

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM ~ English

6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM

Thurs.(Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Adoration

Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for **Confession** or **Anointing of the Sick**.

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs:

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship, Prayer, & Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.-7	8:00AM <i>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity</i> 6:00PM	† Gary Graham by Saturday Morning Prayer Group † Bea Graham by Graham Family † James & † Jeffrey Gwosdz by Their Family Prayers for healing for Brandon and Nicole Bunch by Michael & Sharon Bartosch
Sun.-8	7:30AM	† Homero Garcia by Carranza Family Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association
	11:00AM	† David Gaza by A.J. Gaza † John Mankin (1 year anniv.) by Ellie Mankin In thanksgiving for the life and health of Vincent R. Gordon by M. Galván and J. Gordon
	6:00PM	† Uriel Martinez Lopez by por Familia Becerril Resendiz † Diego Munoz por Anita Bazan Por la salud de Theresa Ortiz por Familia Conchas Las familias de la parroquia.
Mon.-9	8:00AM	† Fr. Michael Brenden Ashe (Birthday) by Nell Gwosdz and family For the healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch In celebration of Kathleen Garza's 80th birthday by Schneider Family
Tues.-10	8:00AM	For the healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch Birthday blessings for Brandon Bartosch by Michael & Sharon Bartosch More priestly vocations
Thurs.-12	6:00PM	Sanctity of family life
	6:30PM	Adoration
Fri.-13	8:00AM	† Bobby Allen Weis (Heavenly birthday) For the healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch
	6:00PM	Stations of the Cross—Knights of Columbus

Masses for March 14th and 15th

Sat.-14	6:00PM	† Jack Robinson (18th anniv.) by Jana Robinson Prayers for healing of Brandon and Nicole Bunch by Michael & Sharon Bartosch
	7:00PM—3:00AM	Adoration
Sun.-15	7:30AM	† Homero Garcia by Carranza Family † Adolph Skrobarczyk by Graham Family Living and Deceased Members of the Sociedad Guadaluapana
	11:00AM	† Jaso Benavidez by Janie Beltran † Pedro Reyna by Anita Bazan † Patrick Rios by Jesus Rios
	6:00PM	† Feliciano Borrego, Jr. (11 anniv.) Por Familia Borrego † Diego Munoz por Anita Bazan Las familias de la parroquia.

2025 Tax statements Church Donation Records ~

If you would like a statement of your 2025 donations for tax filing, please call the Parish Office. To save paper and postage, statements will only be provided upon request.



Ministry Schedule for Mass

Ministry Schedule

March 14—6:00PM—Lector: Raquel S. Jimenez
EM: Luis and Nora Romanos, Anita Bazan
Head Ushers: Carlos Alanis

March 15—7:30AM—Lector: Ed Ortiz
EM: Laura Gwosdz, Jose Isais, Margie Svetlik
Head Usher: Bart and Maria Miller

11:00AM—Lector: Dee DeLeon
EM: Jeri Alaniz, Diana DeAnda, Janie Flores, Karol Kocurek
Head Usher: Tinker Villarreal

6:00PM—Lector: Lizbeth Chavez
EM: Jesus Perez, Joachin Ordenez
Head Usher: Paulin Becerril



We are in need of more lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for all Masses. Please let the parish office know if you can help.

PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

J.D. Beeson, Art Forbes, Tyler Forbes, Angelica Frees, Cindy Lopez, Antonio Medrano, Oscar Ortiz, Jr., Camila Rose Ramos-Niño, James and Janice Wostal.



The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:

Theresa Laurienti, Ricki Rodriguez Choat, and Amanda Smithwick



Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Preston Holliday, Christopher Lauer II, Alayah Moore, Deborah Thomas

Army: Father Jim Craig, Madeleena Delaney, Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid, Eduardo Perales, Robert Ponce, Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, and Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, and Noah Vasquez



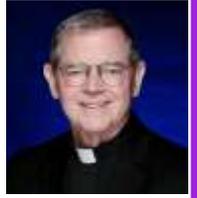
Please pray for our **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!**

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service.

1. Go to www.st-johnog.org
2. hover mouse on **ABOUT** tab
3. click on **'Active Military Prayer Request'**

A Note From Our Pastor

“And I will give them another heart and a new spirit I will put within them. From their bodies I will remove the hearts of stone, and give them hearts of flesh, so that they walk according to my statutes, taking care to keep my ordinances”. Ez 11:19



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

For the first three weeks of Lent, I replaced the Holy Water in the fonts at the entrances of the church doors with pebbles. For most of us when we enter the church, we place our hands in the Holy Water and bless ourselves not realizing what we are actually doing. During these weeks when your hands hit the stones in the fonts, it was a look of surprise and questions, “Where is the Holy Water? Why are there stones?”. Then there was a look of “Oh, I forgot! It is Lent!”. Here is a slightly better understanding for everybody.

Baptismal Fonts were at the main door of the church as Baptism is the Sacrament of Initiation (Entrance) into the Mystical Body of the Christ – the Church. It is at the door of the church that we rejected Sin, Satan, and Evil. And it is there at the door of the Church where we proclaimed and professed our Faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It was there at the Baptismal Font that our sins were washed away and our souls were first filled with grace and the Holy Spirit. In that pouring of water over our heads, we became a Child of God, Brother to Christ Jesus, and a Temple of the Holy Spirit. And it is at the door that we begin our journey toward Heaven and our journey toward the Altar and Holy Communion. Each time we enter the Church and place our hands in the Holy Water and then sign ourselves with the Cross, we are to remember those Baptismal Promises – rejecting Sin and Satan, and more importantly proclaiming once again Faith in God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit and right then we are asking once again for God’s grace and help in that journey begun at our Baptism. It is the very first prayer of our worship of God when we enter the Church. From the time of that Blessing of Holy Water, everything that we do in the church building should be part of our prayers for that day! Kneeling quietly and praying as we prepare for the Mass. (Not really a time for a lot of talking and catching up on the latest news from friends. A time for quiet as others prepare for the Mass.) The Eucharist / Mass does not start when the priest walks in, Mass starts for you with the Blessing of the Holy Water at the door of the church. That is the time we begin our worship, giving prayers of thanks to God for our blessings, and placing our petitions for help and graces before God.

The stones in the fonts are for us to remember that with each sin that we commit, a portion of heart turns hard like stone against God and our relationship with Him. How many stones would be in your heart right now? How many of them would be much larger than these pebble-size stones? Our hearts turn hard and to stone when we begin to only think of ourselves and what we want! This passage from Scripture is the basis for a person being mean or unforgiving; they are being “hard hearted”. Potter’s clay is soft and can be shaped into many different beautiful things, and that is the image that we use for ourselves being open to God’s grace and being shaped into the person and vocation God has for us. But when the clay dries out, it becomes hard and brittle. Our Baptism is the moment that the “clay” of our souls is wetted and made pliable by God’s grace and we begin to be formed “in His Will”. Each sin that we commit hardens a portion of the soul, and with enough sins we can become hard-hearted. Confession is the sacrament by which we remove those harden portions and seek the grace to be made pliable to God’s will again. Is my soul full of stones that need to be removed? Is my heart becoming hard-hearted?

I used the small pebble-size stones because there is space between them for water to enter the font. And there are spaces in your hearts and souls where God’s grace can enter into and make them pliable and soft to God’s Will. Each time we bless ourselves with Holy Water, we are asking for grace to help us remove the stones and to be filled with God’s loving presence. Each time you bless yourselves with the Holy Water, don’t do it because it is a mindless habit, but realize that it is my first prayer, “Take my sins away and make me once again your faithful disciple”.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Patrick

Deacon's Corner

We have arrived at the 3rd Sunday of Lent. We will be reading the Gospel of John for the next few weeks. John's Gospel is the last Gospel written, and that is significant, and I will try to point out the significance, in this meditation, in the confrontation of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. In the first place, the Gospel is "highly literary and symbolic." Introductory comments to the Gospel of John, New American Bible. Highly literary means that it is structured to lead to the conclusion that Jesus is the Messiah. We will get a glimpse at this truth in the conversation between the Samaritan woman and the Lord. The readings are from [Exodus 17:3-7](#); [Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#); [Romans 5:1-2, 5-8](#); [John 4:5-42](#). Additionally, this is the Gospel where the theology for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Penance is contained. The Gospel does not follow the Synoptic Gospels' scheme of miracles, the messianic secret, and the Resurrection. Both the Resurrection and the Pentecost are covered differently than in the Synoptic Gospels. It appears to me that John calls the miracles "signs" because he wants to emphasize the deeper meaning of Jesus' healings, and he wants them to lead to the one important conclusion that he is the Messiah. The conversations, sometimes known as "discourses" are intended to teach and convince the participants (beneficiaries of the healings and the authorities) that he is the "LORD" of Heaven and Earth. Let me point out just two passages to illustrate: Jesus: "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." Samaritan woman: "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: "Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one speaking with you.'" In Mark and

Matthew, he strictly warns those healed not to tell anyone who he is. By the time John is written (some theologians say as late as 110 A.D.), the reality of Jesus and the persecution by Rome had convinced the world that he WAS the Messiah. And John makes an effort to propose that Jesus was both God and Man, a truth that the Synoptic Gospels do not clearly make. This is Chapter 4 of the Gospel, and when John writes "I am he" he is setting us up to understand the purpose of his crucifixion, i.e., claiming to be God himself--high treason or blasphemy in the eyes of the Sanhedrin. The identity of Jesus slowly progresses to compound the "offense." The Samaritan Woman is used by Jesus as an instrument of evangelization. Having become convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, she went to tell the entire town, and they believed because of her, and then they came to see the Lord, themselves, and they were more convinced. Faith comes to us through agents until we have a personal encounter with the Lord. A friend of mine told me recently that he had been invited to a retreat, and he got the message that he needed to attend the Mass regularly, and when he complied, he became convinced that the Mass is the best expression of our faith. It was a strong message, and he followed the inspiration, and he has now been faithful and more aware of the content of the Mass. That is what happens in Chapter 4 of John. Read Chapter 8 of John's Gospel for a clearer statement of Jesus' statement that he is the "I Am." Read today's gospel slowly and let it inspire you about how we can come to be more faithful. As you proceed you will see a process developing that leads to the Crucifixion. Next Sunday we will see the healing of the blind man, in Chapter 9, and John's chastisement of the Pharisees, which is mild when compared to Jesus' statements in Matthew 23. Continue to pray, to fast and to exercise the virtue of Charity. Find ways to express it.

Deacon Cavada

Stewardship of Treasure

Week #34	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
3/1/2026	Envelope Collection	\$ (6,017.88)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,077.00	\$ (6,040.88)	\$ 73,500.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 14,598.71	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 16,313.71	\$ 42,000.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 11,023.89	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (344.34)	\$ 9,279.55	\$ 49,000.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 19,604.72	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,647.66	\$ 19,552.38	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 184,052.38

Next weekend there will be a second collection to support the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Founded by the Catholic Bishops of the United States in 1943, the **Catholic Relief Services Collection** assists impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. **CRS** engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering people of the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



To access the St. John of the Cross online giving portal, scan the QR code. As always, feel free to contact the parish office if you need any assistance with setting up your online giving.



Parish Organizations

 **Attention all graduating seniors:** The **St. John of the Cross Joint** and the **Knights of Coumbus Scholarships** are now available in the church foyer, the parish office and the high school counselor's office.

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 13, 2026 @ 6PM

ALTAR SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 27 @ 6PM

Monthly processional - April 5 - Pam Herschap



ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

March 12-14—Ms. Jeri Alaniz, Mrs. Debra Cade, Mrs. Norma Cornejo, Mrs. Christi Cunningham, Ms. Delma Lopez

March 19-21—Mrs. Ninfa Hippensteal, Mrs. Margaret Hippensteal, Ms. Jessica Alejandro, Mrs. Maria Beltran, Ms. Jennifer Alejandro

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20 @ 6PM



Hostess grp # 3: Nora Romanos

Corporate Mass—March 15 @ 7:30AM

Rosary at 7:00AM

Leader: Norma Cornejo Offertory: Jeri Alaniz, Jolene Hackfeld, & Diane McBride

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe—by Frances Matheny & Maria Beltran

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: APRIL 7, 2026

CASA DE LUCY MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM



Case de Lucy Helping Hand Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Religious Education

No religious education classes on March 11 during spring break.

First Holy Communion Students: FHC Masses: Sunday, May 3 at 9AM and 2PM

2nd Reconciliation: Saturday, March 21 @ 9AM

(Parents must attend practice but are not required to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.)

Confirmation Mass: Wednesday, May 13, 6:00PM, at SJoC.

Works of Mercy

Loom Knitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distribution will be at 9AM at **SJoC** on on **Wednesday, March 11** and at **St. Francis** on **Saturday, March 14.**



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at **St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, April 2** and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, March 28.**



Upcoming Parish Events



St. John of the Cross Catholic Church
200 S. Metz, Orange Grove, TX

ANNUAL GUADALUPANA SOCIETY **BINGO FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, March 15, 2026 Parish Hall

Doors open at 11:45am for Concession Stand.

BINGO starts at 12:45pm

Participate in our Sweets Auction & 50/50 Raffle

6 On Bingo Book: \$35.00 for 20 games

Plus FREE door prize ticket with book purchase

"Cash and Credit Cards accepted"

SJoC Altar Society's **Silent Auction &** **Vendors' Arts/Crafts Fair**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

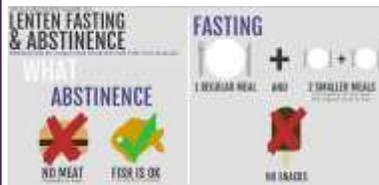


There will be unique gifts and crafts.

If you have items to donate to the Silent Auction or are interested in selling your crafts, candles, jewelry, snacks, pastries, snow cones, roasted corn, etc.

Please contact the Parish Office. (\$10.00/booth)

Lent



Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Abstinence on Fridays during Lent ~ Those ages 14+ are required to abstain from eating meat every Friday during Lent.

Fasting on Good Friday ~ Though Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are not holy days of obligation, fasting is required. Those ages 18-59 should limit themselves to no more than one meal that day.



Parish organizations will lead the **Stations of the Cross at 6PM on Fridays** during Lent.

March 13—Knights of Columbus

March 20—Altar Society

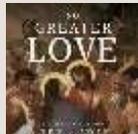
March 27—Casa de Lucy

Good Friday—April 3—Stations of the Cross

English—3:00PM

Spanish—5:00PM

No Greater Love, a bible study from Ascension, will walk through the last hours of Jesus Christ's life here on Earth. Walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary.



Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historic context will shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death

No Greater Love will meet Tuesdays, from 6:15PM-7:30PM, in the parish hall through March 31.

Reconciliation

Confession cleanses the soul.

"Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again!"- St. Padre Pio.

Confessions are offered every Thursday and Sunday at 5:30PM and Saturday at 5:00PM.

Our Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, from 6PM—8PM. Four visiting priests will be available for confession.

An extra opportunity for confession will be offered on Holy Thursday from 8:30PM—9:30PM.

Prepare for Easter Sunday! Don't wait until the end of Lent!

Matthew cautions us, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)



Holy Thursday—April 2

Holy Thursday Rehearsal for altar servers @ 5:30PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7PM

Washing of the Feet
Rededication of Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Procession
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration Shifts on Holy Thursday

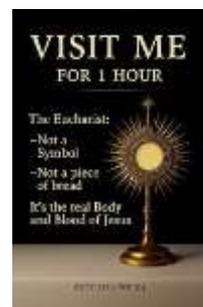
8PM-9PM: Altar Society
9PM—10PM: Soc. Guadalupanas
10PM—11PM: Altar Servers & Youth
11:00PM—12:00AM: KCs



Night of Adoration ~ Saturday, March 14, 2026

Come spend some time with Jesus this Lent.

- 6:00PM—Mass in English
- 7:00PM—Rosary in English by Liza Ochoa
- 8:00PM—Adoration in English
- 9:00PM—Rosary in English by Anita Bazan
- 10:00PM—Adoration with piano in Spanish
- 11:00PM—Silent contemplation
- 12:00AM—Rosary in Spanish by Maria Ordóñez
- 1:00AM—Praise with choir in Spanish
- 2:00AM—Silent contemplation
- 3:00AM—Chaplet of Divine Mercy



Adoration is every Thursday from 7PM—8PM.

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE ~ Almsgiving is one of the pillars of Lent. Please support our "40 Cans for Lent" food drive to stock our St. John of the Cross Food Pantry.

Items most needed are canned meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, SPAM), canned chili, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, rice, boxed cereal, and snack bars.

All nonperishable items may be placed in the wicker baskets in the church foyer or brought to the parish office beginning through Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." (Matthew 25:35-40)



Singing is praying twice!

All are invited to **Choir Practice for the Triduum Masses—Monday, March 30, at 7PM.**

Bring a friend or an instrument!



Good Friday Service (bilingual) @ 7:00PM

Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday, April 4 @ 8:00PM
Altar Server practice for Easter Vigil @ 10:00AM

Easter Sunday Mass, April 5
Regular Mass times



Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ●



CATHOLIC

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



MARCO IACOBUCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025



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