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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 /

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Good News!

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MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●

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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.-14	6:00AM	† Praxedis Jimenez by Raquel S. Jimenez and family † 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 † Matilda Rios by Her kids † 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.
Mon.-16	8:00AM	For the healing and health of Aimee Miers by Michael and Sharon Bartosch For Strong marriages
Tues.-17	8:00AM	† Enriqueta Puente by Her Loving Family For the healing and health of Aimee Miers by Michael and Sharon Bartosch
Thurs.-19	6:00PM	Strength of widows and widowers
<i>St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:30PM	Adoration
Fri.-20	8:00AM	Unwed mothers
	6:00PM	Stations of the Cross—Altar Society

Masses for March 21st and 22nd

Sat.-21	6:00PM	† Linda Corrales (Heavenly birthday) by Family Birthday blessings for Robert Silva and Mason Medrano by David and Terrie Silva For the honest person who returned a lost ATM card
Sun.-22	7:30AM	† Damien Ray Garcia by Veronica Garcia † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Murray Family
	11:00AM	† Adolfo Guevara (Heavenly birthday) by Janie Beltran
	6:00PM	† Antonio Martinez, † Andrew Martinez, † Teresa Diaz, † Jovita Vega, † Clemencia Gomez por Familia Gomez Martinez Las familias de la parroquia.



The sanctuary light is in memory of
Jasmine Gonzales
(Heavenly birthday)
by Her Grandparents

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 21—6:00PM—Lector: Norma Cornejo
EM: San Juanita Gaza, Nora Romanos, Sharry Stipp
Head Ushers: Pablo and Graciela Alaniz

March 22—7:30AM—Lector: Kimberly Tessanne
EM: Maria Miller, Luz Paiz, Volunteer
Head Usher: Gerald Murray, Lucille Klaevemann

11:00AM—Lector: Ernest Henderson
EM: Diana Aguilar, Maria Galvan-Gordon,
Karol Kocurek, Volunteer
Head Usher: Lonnie Rodriguez

6:00PM—Lector: Jose Isais
EM: Alvina Resendez, Paulin Becerril
Head Usher: Angel Isais

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 and Ricki Rodriguez Choat



Praying for our Military

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

Air Force: Vincent Gordon, 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
Ttree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and
Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, and Noah Vasquez



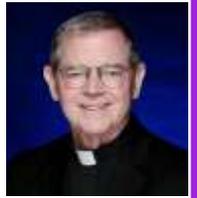
Please pray for our **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!**

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

A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



"I shall get up and go to my father, and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ... So, he got up and went back to his father.'" LK 15:18, 20

This is from Luke's Gospel and the Parable of the Lost - Prodigal Son. So often we focus on the mercy and kindness of the Father toward the younger lost prodigal son and toward the older resentful son. The story speaks of God's infinite mercy to the two erring sons. But the verses I selected are the son's thought to "get up and go back" to the father, and the son's action by which "he got up and went back" to the Father. There is the thought that is followed by action. Without the son's action of actually getting up and going back to the Father, the parable would be empty and totally lacking in merit. It is the son's first action "to get up and do it" that causes the father's response of "being filled with compassion and running out to the son to embrace him and kiss him." On Ash Wednesday and on the First Sunday of Lent, I asked everyone to make a Lenten Promise of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Those Lenten Promises are in the large glass container in front and right below the altar. These were your thoughts and prayers as you started the Season of Lent set before the Altar as your offerings and decisions to "get up" and to change your spiritual life. How have you been doing? Still in the thoughtful good intention phase, or have you progressed to the action phase of making it happen?

On this "Laetare Sunday" – the Rose Pink Fourth Sunday of Lent – we have reached the halfway point of Lent, and it is time to reflect and redouble down on our Lenten Promises. The Holy Water has returned to the Holy Water Fonts at the entrances of the Church to soften the hardness of our hearts and to be open to God's Grace to move our thoughts into actual actions in these Lenten weeks of Preparation for the Paschal Mysteries of Holy Week and Easter.

This past week I had a parish wide mailing to all of the registered member families of our parish asking for your pledge to the "Our Living Church Capital Campaign." I want to thank all of the parishioners who have already been giving so generously by pledge, envelopes, and on-line donations. As of March 9, we currently have raised \$140,357.89. There are 86 families who have already made a pledge to the campaign, and 41 families have been making regular contributions without a formal pledge. In the letter I simply asked those who have pledged and those who regularly give to reaffirm your decision to the campaign for this year 2026. The letter is primarily to the 484 families who have not made a formal pledge. This campaign is for major critical and absolutely necessary repairs to our church and our parish buildings – the church's exterior stucco, the church's stained-glass windows repair, the new roof for the parish hall, and the parking lot repairs. For these repairs to be done there must be real commitment from all of the parish families. Bishop Mario Avilés has given us the Letter of Permission to Build, and the Master Plan Committee will be actively seeking the updated bids and beginning the process of contract approvals through the Diocesan Construction Office. The two necessary items that need to be in place for our Bishop to sign contracts are: 1) a deposit balance of \$332,500.00 (one-half of the \$665,000.00 cost of the projects) to be in our Diocesan D&L Savings Account; 2) a verifiable Capital Campaign pledge commitment of the parishioners to raise the balance of funds needed to pay for these projects over the next four to five years. The first threshold cash balance needed in our D&L Savings Account is \$185,000.00 for the signing of contracts for the work on the stucco and the stained-glass windows.

Our parish knows the need and the extreme urgency for these repairs and many parishioners have thought about how they might respond to our "Living Church Capital Campaign." This is the time for us, like the Prodigal Son, to move from thought into action. Before I can confidently go before the Diocesan Finance Council and the Diocesan D&L Loan Board at the end of March, I will need your concrete pledge of support for these projects to become a reality. Please respond to this especially important appeal from me as your pastor. "Get up and go"!

Please remember that during my eight years as your Pastor, I have each year made and fulfilled my pledge to the Building Fund Appeals and to the Capital Campaigns. I have already made my own pledge to this current Capital Campaign, and I ask you to make your pledge! This is for the love and support of our parish for the future!

"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." Mt 5:37

Asking for money and financial support of our parish community is often the hardest and most mis-understood reality of being a Pastor. If you have any questions, comments, or needed clarifications, please feel free to contact me directly on my personal cell phone 361-739-6853 or my direct email PastorOrangeGroveTX@gmail.com. Thank You.

Love and Prayers,

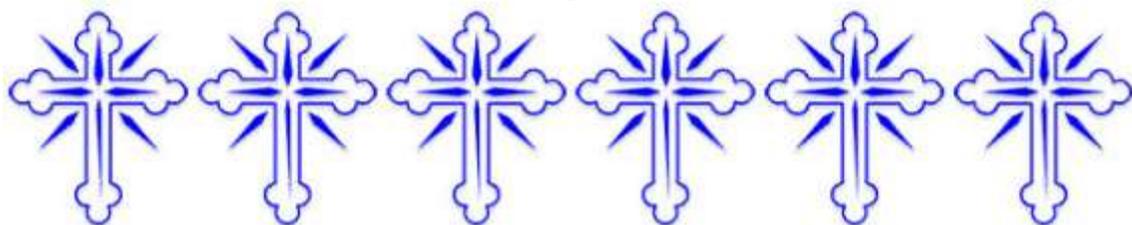
Fr. Patrick

Deacon's Corner

This is *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoicing.” It means the coming of the end of the harsh times that we are experiencing during Lent. The early church used to be more strict and more demanding. For example, before Vatican II, we used to have to fast until we received communion, and if it was at the 12 o’clock Mass, that was a little harder than it is today, one hour. And we abstained from meat every Friday of the year. And we had intermittent fasting on days called “ember” days—Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. So, we rejoice as we come to the end of our deprivations. We wear pink, which is a cross between purple and white. It’s not quite white yet, that will come on Holy Saturday night. Today’s readings come from 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8-14; and, John 9:1-41. I love this quote from Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” (Verse 7); and in Verse 13 he adds: “...the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.” (Verse 13). I think this is a prelude to the presence of the Holy Spirit in us and also the basis for the Paschal Mystery, of which we all participate in the sacramental life of the Church. We have to die to self (Cross) and live for God *and* others (Resurrection). Paul tells the Ephesians in today’s second reading that we must abandon the darkness and step into the light. That’s the Holy Spirit! It is interesting to see how John’s

Gospel uses the “light” as an image to make us *see*. You will no doubt notice that the blind man in Chapter 9 of John and the blind Bartimaeus in Chapter 10 of Mark bear a resemblance. John’s rendition of the healing gives it a most significant meaning because he turns it into a discourse, where he involves the curious onlookers which include Pharisees and common folk. The light opens our eyes to faith. A refusal to accept the light leaves us blind. “We see, you say, yet your blindness remains...” he tells them. The other interesting thing about this reading is the ritual he *invented*: “...he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, ‘Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.’ So he went and washed, and came back able to see.” It is clear that it takes effort and compliance (we could substitute the word repentance here) to be able to come to the faith, and therefore, *see* the light of Christ. There is one other point I want to make. Blindness can be self-imposed. Sometimes we want to remain blind as long as we think we’re right. After seeing the miracle, the onlookers still doubted, even after the interviews with the parents and the blind man. All the onlookers could come up with to deny the importance of the event is to accuse Jesus of not observing the Sabbath. That’s self-imposed blindness—not seeing the good but identifying the evil. I hope your journey during this Lenten season (almost at an end) has been productive in terms of coming into the light.

Deacon Cavada



Stewardship of Treasure

Week #34	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
3/8/2026	Envelope Collection	\$ 1,602.12	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 802.12	\$ 75,600.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 21,743.76	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 21,927.76	\$ 43,200.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 25,581.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 4,195.11	\$ 28,376.11	\$ 50,400.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 48,926.88	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 6,879.11	\$ 51,105.99	\$ 169,200.00	\$ 190,051.49



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.

Please note that they have different deadlines.

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 19-21—Mrs. Ninfa Hippensteal, Mrs. Margaret Hippensteal, Ms. Jessica Alejandro, Mrs. Maria Beltran, Ms. Jennifer Alejandro
March 26-28—Mrs. Diana Aguilar, Mrs. Maria Robledo, Mrs. Adriana Mahoney, Mrs. Sandra Aguilar, Mrs. Gabi Cuellar

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

BBQ 1/2 Chicken plate fundraiser -

Sunday, April 26, 11:00AM—1:00PM

Plates are \$12 and come with pinto beans and potato salad.

DRIVE THRU with delivery to vehicle ONLY. Tickets are on sale now!



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

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 25** and at

St. Francis on **Saturday, April 11.**



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

PRIZES

Stanley cooler & cup



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"

PRIZES

Kids' fun and games basket
Kitchenware basket

PRIZES

\$200 Visa gift card

\$50 Visa gift card

\$50 Dillard's gift card

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 20—Altar Society

March 27—Casa de Lucy

Good Friday—April 3—Stations of the Cross
 English—3:00PM Spanish—5:00PM

Reconciliation

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)



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!



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



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



Diocesan News

Texas Education Freedom Accounts application DEADLINE IS NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 17

The application portal for Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) closes at 11:59 PM on Tuesday, March 17 — just one week away.

Eligible families may receive \$10,474 per student to cover educational expenses such as Catholic school tuition, supplies, uniforms, tutoring, and more. Students with qualifying special needs may receive up to \$30,000 with approved documentation. All families are encouraged to apply before the deadline.

Choose Catholic school — where your child will become who God calls them to be. For more information, visit www.ESACC.org.

To support families through this process, Catholic schools across the Diocese are hosting EFA Application Nights, designed to help parents with the application and required documentation.

Young Catholic adults are welcome to join the parish of St. John the Baptist for Family Holy Hour and Social on **Sunday, March 22**, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Confession is offered during Adoration. All are welcome to stay for fellowship and potluck in the parish hall after Adoration. Contact Angie Windnagle at St. John the Baptist for more information: awindnagle@sjbectx.org.

The Office of Young Adult Ministry will host the 3rd annual Virtual SEEK Conference on Saturday, March 28 at the TAMUCC Newman Center! It will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will include dinner, 2 conferences and small group discussions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and more. This conference is open to all young adults, college-age and young professionals. More details to follow.

The Andrew Dinner, an evening of discussion and dialogue about the life of a priest and the priestly vocation, will be at St. Pius X Catholic Church on Thursday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m. Young men interested in attending are asked to speak with their pastor.

Dear Padre,

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday MARCH 16 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 65:17–21 Jn 4:43–54	Thursday MARCH 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a	Saturday MARCH 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 11:18–20 Jn 7:40–53
Tuesday MARCH 17 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 47:1–9, 12 Jn 5:1–16	Friday MARCH 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Wis 2:1a, 12–22 Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30	Sunday MARCH 22 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Ez 37:12–14 Rom 8:8–11 Jn 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45
Wednesday MARCH 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 49:8–15 Jn 5:17–30		