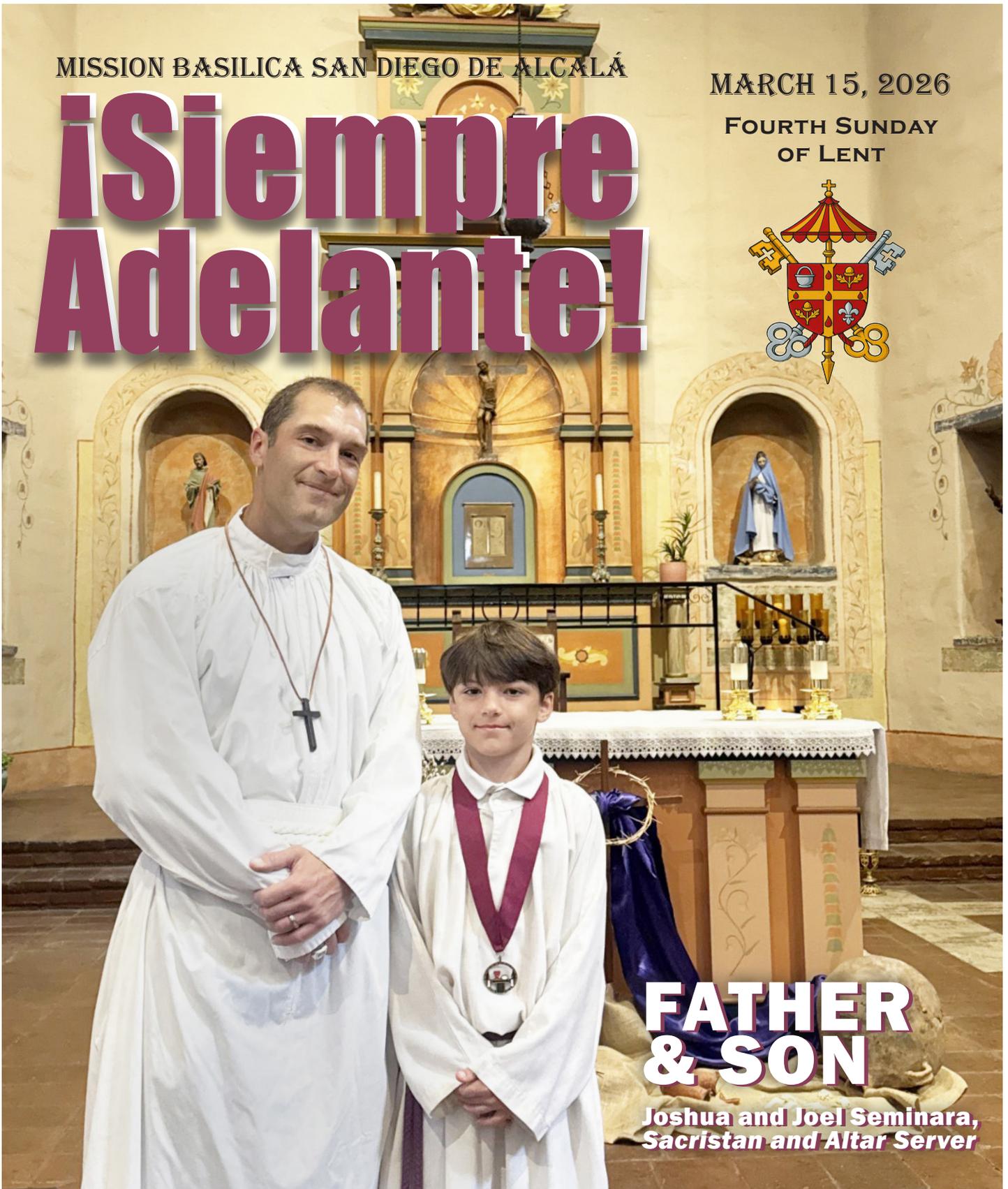


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MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

~FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT~

- 5:30 PM SAT †Margaret Rogoschewsky
- 7:30 AM †Stephen Alan Harney
- 9:00 AM †Joan Mary Ablor
- 9:00 AM (SFC) The Tony Flores Family
- 10:30 AM †Peter Ruocco
- 10:30 AM (SFC) For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 PM †Joseph Carter
- 5:30 PM (SFC) †Wesley Schibi

MONDAY, MARCH 16

~Lenten Weekday~

- 7:00 AM Intention of the Priest
- 5:30 PM The Leon Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

~St. Patrick, Bishop~

- 7:00 AM †Joaquin Salazar
- 5:30 PM †Sid and †Rita Williams

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

~Lenten Weekday~

- 7:00 AM †Angela McCarron
- 5:30 PM The Shiu Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

~ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY~

- 7:00 AM Naomi Ann Smullen
- 5:30 PM †Marco A. Aguilar

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

~Lenten Weekday~

- 7:00 AM †Lillian B. Tagliaferri
- 5:30 PM The Serai Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

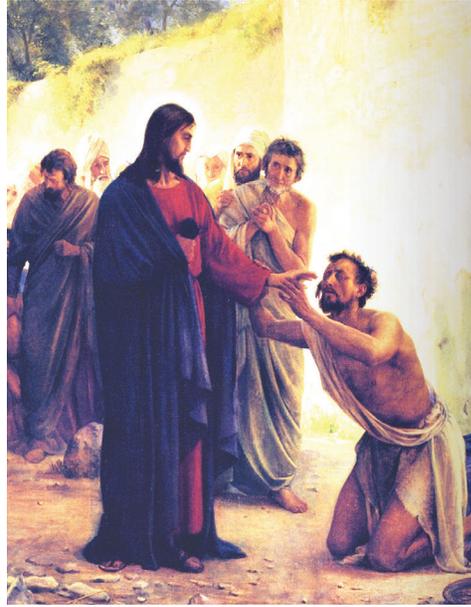
~Lenten Weekday~

NO MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

~FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT~

- 5:30 PM SAT †Marianne Andrezza
- 7:30 AM Chona
- 9:00 AM †George Harry Burningham, Jr.
- 9:00 AM (SFC) †Anthony Panettiere
- 10:30 AM †Jose and †Margarita Yañez
- 10:30 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest
- 12:00 PM †Gus DiTrollo
- 5:30 PM (SFC) For the People of the Parish



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- 5:30 PM Saturday - Mission Church
- 7:30 AM Sunday - Mission Church
- 9:00 AM St. Francis Chapel (Contemporary Music Group every other week) and Mission Church
- 10:30 AM St. Francis Chapel (Spanish) and Mission Church
- 12:00 PM Mission Church (Mission Choir)
- 5:30 PM St. Francis Chapel

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 7:00 am & 5:30 pm in the Mission Church

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00 am in the Mission Church

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

See bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the Mission Church or by appointment.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month, 7:30 to 11:35 am and 6:00 to 6:35 pm in the Mission Church

¡Siempre Adelante! is inspired by our founder, St. Junipero Serra, whose desire to serve was expressed in his motto: Always Forward!

Bulletin submissions must be requested a week or more prior to the desired Sunday. Please send requests via email to **Anthony Tarantino** at atarantino@missionsandiego.org. All submissions are subject to approval.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Online: <https://bible.usccb.org>

Once You Were Darkness

BY ALICE CAMILLE



If the church didn't give us Lent, we'd probably have to invent it. We might even spare some compassion for those who don't have

an annual season for reflection on themes as human as they are forbidding: desert, thirst, the need for rescue, darkness, suffering, and death. These shadowy components of our experience can't be avoided and must be acknowledged, maybe even befriended. They are companion pieces to another set of liturgical themes we commemorate in winter: anticipation, hope, light, joy, and birth. We celebrate that other season with eagerness and the dancing mood of festival. We observe this present season more carefully, tentatively, on tiptoe. Song and carol are for Advent; Lent seems a time deliberately carved out of silence.

This week we consider the dark valley that paradoxically finds us without

fear. With Psalm 23 as our map we descend into a darkness—that is, in the startling phrase from Ephesians, ourselves. We are not in darkness; we are darkness—until we become light by sharing in the life of Christ.

I don't think many of us need to be convinced of our darkness. We know we miss the mark of love so clearly defined in biblical teaching. We don't have to review the catalog of our thoughts very far back to find one that makes us ashamed. We're also keenly aware of the cultural gloom that wraps us on all sides and seeks to penetrate our outlook: cynicism, the rhetoric of suspicion, hostility toward those who are "other," or a mere but spiritually fatal indifference. How can we escape this darkness and step into the warming, redeeming light?

Simply, seek Jesus. We come into the presence of the only man whose very spit is a blessing instead of a curse. Jesus turns mud into medicine, the meal on the table into everlast-

ing life. If he can do all that, he can surely turn this world's darkness—and our own personal darkness—into unending light. The reason we come together in his name is because we profess that truth. Profession of faith isn't the same as trusting and believing what we say, of course; that takes a lifetime of decisions big and small. But professing faith is the start of embracing it, being penetrated by sacred word and sacramental action deep down until the dark valley within is ablaze with hope and divine promise.

"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" the former blind man's neighbors ask. Some say, "It is," and others say, "No, it just looks like him." Both are right. When we give up our darkness in favor of the light, we are not who we used to be at all.

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Alice Camille is a religious educator, Scripture commentator, and author of many books including **This Transforming Word** and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All liturgies will take place in the Mission Church unless otherwise noted. SFC = St. Francis Chapel

MARCH 29

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses)

Masses: 5:30 pm (Sat); 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 9:00 am (SFC); 10:30 am; 10:30 am [Spanish] SFC; 12:00 pm; 5:30 pm (SFC)

MARCH 30, 31 & APRIL 1

MON, TUES AND WED OF HOLY WEEK

Masses: 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

APRIL 2

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm (SFC)
The Mission Church will be open for prayer before the reserved Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm

APRIL 3

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

A day of fast and abstinence
Morning Prayer: 8:00 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 12:00 pm (SFC)
Stations of the Cross: 2:00 pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:30 pm (SFC)

APRIL 4

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT:

8:00 to 10:00 pm (SFC)

APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 9:00 am (SFC); 10:30 am; 10:30 am [Spanish] SFC; 12:00 pm; 5:30 pm (SFC)

UPCOMING ROSARIES

Make praying the rosary a part of your daily life.

- The Rosary is prayed immediately after the 7:00 am Mass, Mon - Fri, in the Mission Church.
- A Rosary for Peace is prayed every third Sat of the month at 9:00 am. Join fellow parishioners at Nazareth School's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto to seek the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Next rosary: **Mar 21**.
- A Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival is prayed on the first Wed of each month in La Sala following the 5:30 pm Mass. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, next rosary is **Apr 1**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Apr 2**.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Joseph Dolan

Funeral Mass on **Mon, Mar 16**, 10:00 am
in the Mission Church;
Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery

John McMahon

Funeral Mass on **Tue, Mar 24**, 11:00 am
in the Mission Church;
Interment at Mission San Luis Rey

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

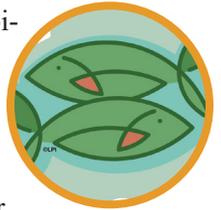
Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Terry Baltes • Diane Cabrera • Erin Dalton
James Flynn • Mike Gallivan • Roberta Levy
Barry Nunns • Baby Banks Griffin Ricci
Gil • Mark Turner • Joey Umali**

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting the parish office at (619) 283-7319.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will again offer Friday fish dinners during the Lenten season. Dinner tickets for adults are \$20.00, youth (under 11) \$10.00. Adult beverages of wine and beer tickets are \$5.00 Clam chowder is available for \$5.00. Dinner is served between 5:00 and 7:30 pm in the California Room on Fridays through **Mar 27**.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed communally on the Fridays of Lent in the Mission Church at 6:15 pm, except on the first Friday when they follow Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Mary, Star of the Sea	Sun, Mar 15	4:00 pm
St. Catherine Labouré	Mon, Mar 16	7:00 pm
Mission San Diego de Alcalá	Wed, Mar 18	7:00 pm
St. Brigid	Mon, Mar 23	7:00 pm
The Immaculata	Mon, Mar 23	7:00 pm
St. Mary Magdalene	Tues, Mar 24	7:00 pm
St. Thérèse of Carmel	Wed, Mar 25	7:00 pm

LENTEN COLLECTION

This weekend has been designated for the 2026 Lenten Collection. Special envelopes are available for the collection, which supports Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope.

EXPLORER DAY LEARNING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

An informational session for men interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood will be hosted by the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr. Marc Gandolfo, at St. Francis Center for Priestly Formation on the campus of the University of San Diego, on **Sat, Mar 28**, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of this invitation. To register, contact Fr. Peter or Fr. Dan in the parish office or via the parish website. Or call the St. Francis Center at (858) 490-8389.



O.C.I.A.

If you are curious about what Catholics believe and are interested in learning more about the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, the “Order of Christian Initiation of Adults” is for you! Interested persons are asked to contact Lisa Hutcheson at lissahutcheson@outlook.com. Go to missionsandiego.org/ocia for more info.



ON THE COVER

Joshua and Christina Seminara and family are being transferred after two years of serving the Mission as a Sacristan and Altar Server. Please pray for the Seminara family as they move to the East Coast.



GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our Visitor Center and Gift Shop is seeking volunteers. For info, contact Rhonda Sosa at rsosa@missionsandiego.org.

MEN'S PERSPECTIVE GROUP

Join us in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Next meeting: **Sun, Mar 15**. For more info, txt: Jerry Kwasek (619) 742-9591.

NAZARETH SCHOOL EVENTS

Nazareth School is fundraising with three upcoming golf events: Family Day at the Loma Club on **Mon, Apr 6**; Ball Drop on **Thu, May 7**; and a Golf Scramble on **Fri, May 8** (see below). For more information, email Jerry at jerrycolihan@gmail.com.

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WEDDING COORDINATOR

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, becoming a wedding coordinator might be the perfect ministry for you. Responsibilities include working with the bride and groom regarding their wedding rehearsal and liturgy. For info, contact Jojo Randle at jrandle@missionsandiego.org.

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The Mission-Aires promote goodwill and fellowship among parishioners of Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá and work closely with all organizations of the parish. We are open to parishioners age 50+.

Contact **Mary Blakemore**: mb92123@san.rr.com

DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR WOMEN

Ever wonder if God is calling you? Would you like to walk alongside other women also discerning? Contact Sister Katia Chavez, SJS at (760) 562-2727 if you are interested.

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