

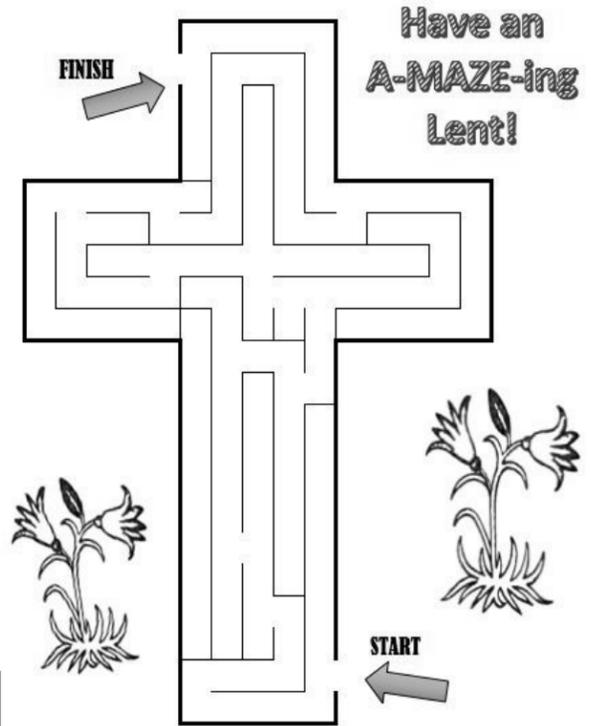
# Catholic Kid's Corner

And kids at heart!

Once Jesus went into the desert to pray because he loved God very much. Jesus stayed there 40 days without eating anything. The devil thought he could tempt Jesus to do wrong because Jesus was so weak from not eating. Three times the devil tried to get Jesus to believe in him instead of God, but Jesus only believed what God had said in the Bible. In the Bible, we can find God's promises to us and to all people who love God. We can trust the Bible to tell us what's right and wrong. Jesus succeeded in resisting the temptations of the devil because Jesus believed all that God had taught in the Bible. We can resist temptations too if we believe and trust in God's Word, which is found in the Bible.

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WORLD	KINGDOMS	BREAD	DESERT	SPLENDOR
DEVIL	FASTING	SATAN	TEMPLE	JESUS



## Children's Liturgy

Kids K-5th Grade!

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses!



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, and the serpent came to tempt him. But Jesus used God's words to stand up to the serpent! Matthew 4

# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

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February 22, 2026  
*First Sunday of Lent*

**Clergy**  
 Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor  
 Deacon Mark Bussemeier  
 Deacon Manuel Garcia  
 Deacon Tim Parker

**Mass Schedule**  
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.  
 First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.  
*Holy Days are Announced*

**Reconciliation**  
 Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m. until the beginning of Mass  
 Saturday at 3:00pm

**Sacramental Preparation**  
 Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.  
 Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

**Anointings**  
 Please contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Office**  
 Hours: Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
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**Matthew 4:1-11**  
*Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.*

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

**PRAYER ON THE** *First Sunday of Lent*

Lord God,  
 you who breathed  
 the spirit of life within me.  
 Draw out of me  
 the light and life you created.  
 Help me to find my way back to you.  
 Help me to use my life  
 to reflect your glory  
 and to serve others  
 as your son Jesus did.  
 Amen.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, February 21st**  
**4:00pm** - Greg & Josephine Herrera, + Ruth Toshiye & Emerson Matsubara, + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Carl Anthony Ortiz, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, February 22nd**  
**7:00am** - + Louise & Henry Padilla, + Nila Velazquez, Special intention for The Anderson Family  
**9:00am** - + Ralph Conway, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**11:00am** - + Sherii Tiesi, Maxine Gonzales

**Monday, February 23rd**

**Tuesday, February 24th**  
**11:30am** - + Ed Friday, + Val & Aurora Alvarez, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, February 25th**  
**7:00am** - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, February 26th**  
**11:30am** - + Fermin Aragon, + Mary Catherine Fordice, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, For the health & healing of Joseph Thomas & Justin

**Friday, February 27th**  
**7:00am** - For the People

**Pray for the Faithful Departed**  
 † Marcelino Armendariz  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Baptized in Christ**  
 Lilian Jo Murray  
 Child of Brett and Jordan  
*Welcome to the Risen Savior Parish Family!*

**We will start our ACA Kick-Off weekend on February 28th-March 1st!**  
 We will have a second collection on March 7th-8th. More information will be in next weekend's bulletin.



**We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:**  
 Pat Dubois · Debbie Robertson-Huffman · Myrna Ofelia Daguro · Kenneth A Schenck · Gloria & Jay Luce · Tom Matuszak · Daniel Miranda · Raquel Rodriguez · Sofia Blackwood · Kristen Miranda · Donna Harris · Marianne Nichols · Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Peter Maioriello · Joe Baca · Jim Keenan · Teofilo Guerin

*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.*

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, February 23rd**

**Tuesday, February 24th**  
 Book Study 10:00am, Youth Center  
 Confessions 11:00am  
 Mass 11:30am  
 Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4  
 Catholic Foundation 2:00pm, Marian Center

**Wednesday, February 25th**  
 Mass 7:00am  
 Mass 11:30am  
 Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm  
 Mass 6:00pm  
 OCIA 6:00pm, Library

**Thursday, February 26th**  
 Confessions 11:00am  
 Mass 11:30am

**Friday, February 27th**  
 Mass 7:00am  
 ALANON 12:00pm, Youth Center  
 Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3  
 Stations of the Cross 3:00pm  
 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00pm, Marian Center

**Saturday, February 28th**  
 Confessions 3:00pm  
 Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4  
 Mass 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 1st**  
 Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am  
 Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm, Youth Center

**Don't forget to pick up your Rice Bowls from the lobby table!**

**Please return your filled Rice Bowl by Monday, April 7th to the parish office.**

[crsricebowl.org/change-lives](http://crsricebowl.org/change-lives) | [crsplatodearroz.org/cambia-vidas](http://crsplatodearroz.org/cambia-vidas)

## Weekly Votive Intentions February 21st - February 27th

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Blessings for good health**  
*St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!*

**Votive Candles**  
 We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.

*A Very Special "Thank You!"*  
 FROM: **hopeworks**

With the generous support of our parishioners we collected:

Casseroles: 40  
 Bananas: 21 Bunches  
 Oranges: 107 pounds  
 Apples: 11 pounds  
 Tortillas: 46 dozen

*From the bottom of our heart, Thank you!*

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."  
*Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*

40 Days for Life began on February 18! Risen Savior's Respect Life Ministry members will be available after all Masses this weekend to help you sign up to pray at sidewalk vigils planned for February 27 and March 20. For more information on how to participate in 40 Days for Life, please contact Respect Life Ministry at [rsrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:rsrespectlife@gmail.com) or visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

**Christian Women Outdoors Ministry**  
**Tuesday, February 24th, 2-3:30pm.** An afternoon social walk starting at Altamont Little League Park off Eubank just north of Paseo del Norte. We will head up Eubank and go around the hang glider park and the dam, then back to the parking lot. This is a good event for newcomers. Contact Kay at [kayhockey@comcast.net](mailto:kayhockey@comcast.net) for more information!

*The Season of Lent*

**Keep Lent Holy at Risen Savior**

- † Mass every Friday at 7am during Lent
- † Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Fridays
- † March 24th Penance Service at 6pm

**Soup & Fish Schedule**

February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup following Stations
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Soup following Stations
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Following Stations
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM

*As we have done for many years, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM during Lent. Three of those weeks, we will have a Simple Soup Supper immediately after Stations. The other three weeks, we will have a Fish Fry at 5:00 p.m.*

## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

Fasting (and embracing the hunger that it produces) improves us spiritually in several ways: We express our recognition that spiritual things are more important than physical things. We learn to deny ourselves pleasures, even in spite of pain—an important spiritual lesson. We declare that we recognize the need to reform and to get closer to God. We willingly embrace the hunger fasting produces as a sign of being willing to shoulder the burdens of others (cf. Col. 1:24). Finally, we express humility before God by adopting a humble posture, recognizing our dependence on him and affirming our submissiveness to his will. This posture of humility is linked with fasting in Scripture. The scribe Ezra tells us, "Then I proclaimed a fast . . . that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a straight way for ourselves, our children, and all our goods" (Ezra 8:21). These spiritual effects—and the consequently more effective prayer life that greater spirituality brings (Jas. 5:16b)—are the reason Jesus not only approves of fasting, but expects his followers to fast. Fasting does relate to prayer and is used in the Bible as a way of petitioning God. But the humility one expresses in fasting must be real and not affected. God castigates those who fast but do not truly repent: "[O]n the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high" (Is. 58:3b-4).

**What is FASTING ABSTINENCE**  
 Catholics@Work

One full meal per day and two smaller meals if added together would not exceed one full meal.

Refraining from eating meat. Fish, seafoods, egg, and milk are allowed.

**WHEN**

- ✓ Ash Wednesday
- ✓ Good Friday
- ✓ Ash Wednesday
- ✓ Good Friday and All Fridays of Lent

**WHO ARE REQUIRED**

**18-59** years old

**14** years old and above

Those that are excused from fasting and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally challenged—including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

**Gathered in Uni-TEA**  
 Women's Tea

Join your sisters in faith as we create blankets for vulnerable women & children needing to feel the comfort of God's love. Women and girls of all ages are invited!

**Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the Marian Center**

We ask that everyone bring at least one yard or more of fleece material (any color or pattern) and a dish or dessert to share!

Please RSVP using QR code, visit the parish website, or call the parish office before March 4th.

*Wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God.*  
 Ruth 1:16

Hosted by the Risen Savior Respect Life Ministry, with the help of the Youth Faith Formation Program, and the Knights of Columbus.