



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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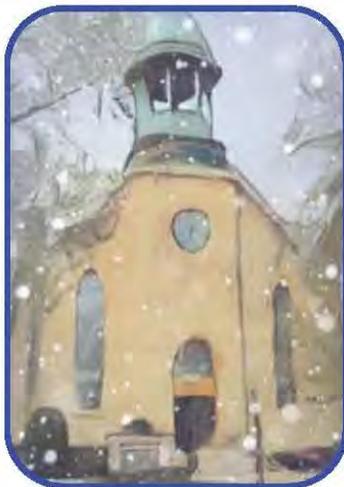
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**PLEASE CONSIDER  
SUPPORTING  
ST. ANNE'S IN YOUR WILL  
OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!**



### OFFICE HOURS

Mondays  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCCHARIST

Wednesday &  
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. or  
by appointment

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Sunday Classes 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

(At St. Patrick's) Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at noon or at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

### FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

**March 14-15, 2026: The 4th Sunday of Lent**

# THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 15, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #892 of the Journey songs Book

### Sunday (4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT) March 15

9:00 A.M. † Tom Danduarand (Paula & Family)

### Wednesday (St. Cyril of Jerusalem) March 18

5:00 P.M. † Pam Ellis (Dennis & Maria Bingheim)

### Sunday (5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT) March 22

9:00 A.M. † Tom Danduarand (Paula & Family)

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT  
[www.stpatrickmotence.org](http://www.stpatrickmotence.org)!!!

### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

February 15, 2026 \$1,328.00

THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$2,000 TO PAY OUR BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.

PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. ANNE'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!! WE ARE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A \$2,000,000 FOUNDATION WHICH WILL SUSTAIN ST. ANNE'S CHURCH!

### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE

NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.





## ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Eva Bell, Paula Bertrand, Lola Billings, Duane Blanchette, Sue Bonvallet, Cheryl Boswell, June Burns, Cindy Capriotti, Ashley & Jesse Childress, Abraham Daily, Aria Dionne, Carol Futcher, Raelynn Garrett, Val Lagacy, Pam & Bentley Lottinville, Linda Miramontes, Ruth Sparenberg, Cynthia Vickery, Marie Vickery and John Wojnowski.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



### Sunday (9:00 A.M.) March 15

Eucharistic Minister: J. Bruhn

Lector: E. Steppan

Ushers: G. Polletta, C. Sutherland

Altar Servers: C. Chaca, C. Foltz, F. Villafuerte

Counters: TBA

### Sunday (9:00 A.M.) March 22

Eucharistic Minister: E. Steppan

Lector: D. O'Connell

Ushers: A. Childress, S. Langellier

Altar Servers: B. Miramontes,

I. Tristan, M. Tristan

Counters: TBA

THE ST. ANNE SERVICE COMMISSION is taking up a collection of hats, GLOVES AND SCARVES FOR THE NEEDY FAMILIES OVER AT HARBOR HOUSE. You can drop off these items in the Church Vestibule during the month of January.



### THE 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

This year's theme is Beyond all

Expectations: Faith that Elevates! Through

the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more. Our parish goal is **\$9,200**. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish.



## NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).

Patrick's Churches celebrate **Confirmation Liturgies** for the students preparing for that sacrament. Because I began my post-collegiate life as a Youth Minister (helping my father get through the passing of my mother from a 1988 auto accident), I have been leading confirmation retreats for what is now 37 YEARS!!! (I'm getting too old!). I have pretty much stopped leading the retreats throughout the diocese but for the parishes I serve, I dust off the retreats for the students in our area.

Last year, St. Pat's DRE **John Rehmer** spoke to the other religious education directors throughout the southern end of the diocese, telling them about the retreat I lead for our kids. John must have convinced them well because this year, students from **Gilman, Piper City, Gibson City, Paxton and Beaverville** will be joining our own students at this retreat.

When the number of retreat participants poured out to over ONE-HUNDRED in number, we decided to split up the retreat into two groups – the St. Anne & Beaverville groups holding their **Confirmation Retreat this Saturday at St. Anne's Church (culminating with a 3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anne's, to which you are all invited)** and the rest of the students holding their **Confirmation Retreat at St. Patrick's on March 14 (culminating with the 4:00 p.m. Irish Mass & Dinner, to which you also are invited!)**.

**HOLY WEEK** at the Border Town Parishes



**St. Anne's Church (St. Anne, IL)**  
Stations of the Cross & Communion 3:00 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Church (Momence)**  
Bilingual Stations 12:00 p.m.  
Bilingual Service 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Much thanks to **Carol England** (my contact outside the parish) for assembling all the confirmation materials for the kids, to Jul00ie Dillenburg for taking pictures and certainly for Kim Emerson (St. Anne's), John Rehmer (St. Patrick's) and the rest of the DREs in the southern end of the diocese for

putting their trust in us! I will record the final Masses from both retreats and put them Online. What a great testimony of faith that our parents, teachers and education leaders have put their trust in us to lead our kids in prayer and faith!

**PLEASE NOTE...** When St. Anne's Parishioners established a budget for 2025-2026, the budgeted income for this to work was set at \$2,000 a week, which has not been met for years. The same amount that we receive

weekly today is the same amount we received twenty-five years ago. Prices have skyrocketed for the basics of life (gas, electricity, heat, etc.) but the collection number has remained the same.

**HOLY WEEK** at the Border Town Parishes



**St. Anne's Church (St. Anne, IL)**  
Confessions 4:00 p.m.  
Mass 5:00 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Church (Momence)**  
Bilingual Mass 7:00 p.m.  
Followed by Confessions

Maundy Thursday

In order for the parish to function, we must make our \$2,000 collection goal each week. Since our collection runs weekly about \$800 short (and three weekends we made only \$300 because of the weather), from that alone we are short \$41,000+ for the year. As discussed in our Finance Committee Meetings, all fundraising monies (Golf Outing, Fish Fry) need to be directed towards the budget so that our bills can be paid.

We would appreciate your help in reaching our \$2,000 weekly goal. We also would appreciate you helping us with establishing a \$2,000,000 Foundation for the parish so that we can help the next generation pay off our bills and sustain our parish for years and generations to come.

**\$2,000,000 Goal**  
**St. Anne's**



**St. Pat's**  
**\$3,000,000 Goal**





Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

EPHESIANS 5:8-9

## Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**oday'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). ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

***This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.***

# 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. ●



ALFONSO / CATHOPIC

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

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



MARCO IACOBELLI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

### 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

#### Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

#### Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

#### Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

#### Thursday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

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

#### Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10,

25–30

#### Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

#### Sunday

MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45 or

11:3–7, 17, 20–27,

33b–45



PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND!!!

# WILLS & ESTATES

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
(MOMENCE, IL)

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH  
(ST. ANNE, IL)



## Please Help Us Upgrade Our Parish Campuses!

### St. Patrick's Church

119 N. Market St.  
Momence, IL 60954  
☎ (815) 472-2864

### St. Anne's Church

230 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
☎ (815) 472-2864

## Upcoming Church Projects

St. Anne Foundation - \$2,000,000

St. Patrick's Foundation - \$3,000,000

St. Anne's Building Generators - \$50,000

Paving of St. Pat's Church Parking Lot - \$100,000

St. Pat's Academy Gym Parking Lot - \$275,000

## ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).

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# Other Winter Activities at the Border Town Parishes...



**HARBOR HOUSE**

As we show gratitude for the mothers and motherly figures in our lives, please consider supporting those who may be struggling with the new or unexpected calling to motherhood by supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign. All proceeds benefit Waterleaf Women's Center, which provides assistance for those facing unplanned pregnancy.

We will be collecting new slippers, slipper socks and stockings for women and children in January for those served by Harbor House. All sizes are needed. A warm pair of slippers or socks would be greatly appreciated during the cold winter months. Out of desperation, some arrive at Harbor House with just the clothes on their backs. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Please remember... the budgets that our Finance Committees established last June only work if St. Anne's collects \$2,000 a week in her collection and \$3,000 a week at St. Patrick's. We have been blessed that a couple major donors have assisted us in keeping the ships afloat but, if you can, please remember that the "Online Giving" Portal is always open Online and we continue to encourage you to remember St. Anne's & St. Pat's in your Will and Estate Planning. With a new bishop coming into the area later this year, a new bishop brings new and different ide-

**St. Patrick's Irish Mass & Dinner - On March 14**, we will offer our Annual Bagpipe 4:00 p.m. Mass & Dinner, with Entertainment after Mass courtesy of the Galway Girls. Prices TBA. Come join us in supporting St. Patrick's Church and celebrating with good faith, friends... and Food! Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew and other surprises to come!!!



At St. Anne on  
February 20,  
March 6 & March 20  
At St. Patrick's Every  
Friday from February 20  
through March 27



# MANTENO VETERANS' HOME

## Members' Personal Needs List

IVHM cannot accept homemade or independently prepared refreshments for distribution to our Veterans. Food items brought in for a party will have to be purchased through a commercial vendor due to Public Health guidelines.

**All Donated Clothing Items Must Be New**

### Personal Care

- Men's T-Shirts (Sizes M - 4XL)**
- Men's Sweatshirts (Sizes L - 4XL)**
- Men's Pajamas (Sizes L - 4XL)**
- Sweatpants (Sizes M - 4XL)**
- Diabetic Socks**
- Pre-Electric Lotion**
- Electric Razors (New)**
- Aftershave**
- Body Wash (Men & Women)**
- Cologne for Men (AXE Spray)**
- Kleenex**
- Hair Cream**

### Foods

- Small Candy Bars (No Nuts)**
- Individually Packaged Chips**
- Soft Breakfast Bars**
- Coffee (Regular & Decaf)**
- Soda (Diet & Regular)**
- Individually Packaged Cookies**
- Puffed Popcorn Regular / Cheese**
- Sugar-Free Gum / Freedent**
- Candy (Sugar Free / Chocolate Bars)**
- Snack Cakes (Little Debbie's / Hostess)**
- Packaged Crackers (Cheese / Peanut Butter)**
- Cookies (Regular & Sugar-Free - No Nuts)**

### Misc

- Reachers / Grabbers**
- Paper Towels / Rolls**
- Batteries AA / AAA**
- Pocket Talkers**
- Forever Stamps**
- Napkins**
- Headphones**
- Seasonal Plates**
- Solo Cups (Small)**

Do not donate directly to a Unit or Department. Please bring all items to the Volunteer Office located in Building S-2. Prescheduled appointments are preferred. The Volunteer Services Office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30pm. If you have any questions, please call 815-907-3345 or 815-907-3346.

**DONATIONS MAY ALSO BE SHIPPED TO**

Manteno Veterans' Home  
Attn: Volunteer Services  
1 Veterans Dr.  
Manteno, IL 60950





## WHY VOLUNTEER?

Have you ever wonder what the Bible says about volunteering at church? Is it one of God's commandments? Is it just a good thing to do? Will it help us get into heaven?

Here's the deal, volunteering at church will not get you into heaven and it isn't one of the Ten Commandments, but God does have a lot to say about serving Him, the church, and others. Check it out.

So in book of James in the New Testament it talks a lot about Faith and Works. We don't have to do good works (volunteer our time, help those in need, etc.) to earn our way into heaven; we do good works because we love God! We can show our faith by our actions ([James 2:18](#)). James also goes on to say that faith without work is DEAD. So if we claim to be part of "one, holy and Catholic Church," we need to show it through our actions. One way to do that is by volunteering our time at church.

James is pretty straight forward that we are called to do work, but here are three others reasons we should volunteer at church:

**USE YOUR GIFTS!** In his letter to early Christians, Peter writes, "God has given you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to SERVE others." ([1 Peter 4:10](#)) God has given each of us who follow him specific and unique gifts. Some of us have the gift of hospitality. We enjoy making people feel loved and welcomed. A great way to use this gift in the church is by being on the Hospitality Team. You can greet guests as they come to church, make them feel at home. Some of us have the gift of teaching. Use this gift to lead a bible study or a kids class. Use the gifts God has given YOU to volunteer at church.

**IT IS GREATER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED!** Jesus himself said in [Matthew 20:28](#), "For the even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as ransom for many." Jesus was the ultimate example of serving others. He was fully God yet He came to serve man. In John 13, Jesus serves his closest followers, the disciples, by washing their feet. He is setting the example for not only the disciples but also for us that serving others is greater than being served. There is so much more than coming to church to hear a good sermon and sing songs. We are called to serve others. By volunteering at church we can serve others.

### What is **FASTING**?

The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between

But remember to drink enough fluids!

### When do we fast?

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday\*

\*Paschal Fast: Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

### What is **ABSTINENCE**?

**Avoiding** certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

### When do we abstain?

Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

**TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays**

ALL ABOUT

## Fasting & Abstinence

### Why fast?

It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

### Who has to fast?

Catholics aged 18 to 59  
Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

### Why abstain on Fridays?

It's **the day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

### Who has to abstain?

Catholics aged 14 and older

**During Lent, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms**

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

## **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

"The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the paschal mystery by the several stages of Christian initiation: it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year, #27)

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

"(On) weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance." (U.S. Bishops statement on penitential observances, 1966.)

## **REGLAMENTO DE CUARESMA**

La abstinencia de las carnes debe ser observada por todos los católicos mayores de 14 años el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

El ayuno debe ser observado el Miércoles de Ceniza por todos los católicos que tienen 18 años de edad pero aún no 59. Aquellos que están obligados por esto pueden tomar sólo una comida completa. Se permiten dos comidas más pequeñas si es necesario para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo con las necesidades de uno, pero no se permite comer alimentos sólidos entre las comidas. El ayuno especial pascual y la abstinencia se prescriben para el Viernes Santo y se animan para el Sábado Santo.

"La época de la Cuaresma es una preparación para la celebración de la Pascua. La liturgia prepara a los catecúmenos para la celebración del misterio pascual por las diversas etapas de la iniciación cristiana: también prepara a los fieles, que recuerdan su bautismo y hacen penitencia en preparación para la Pascua." (Normas generales para el Año Litúrgico, #27)

Por la triple disciplina del ayuno, la limosna y la oración, la iglesia conserva la Cuaresma del Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la noche del Jueves Santo. Todos los fieles y los catecúmenos deben emprender una práctica seria de estas tres tradiciones. El incumplimiento de los días penitenciales totalmente o de un número sustancial de dichos días debe considerarse grave.



## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - PRAYERS TO JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Make the sign of the cross.

After announcing each station, begin with the following:

V/. We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

R/. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

#### FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

From Saint Matthew: (27: 22-23; 26) Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted louder, "Let him be crucified!" Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. V/. God did not spare his own Son. R/. But handed him over for the sake of us all. (see Rm 8: 32)

#### SECOND STATION: JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

From Saint John: (19: 16-17, 19) Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." V/. "Whoever wishes to come after me." R/. "Must take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16: 24)

#### THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

From the prophet Isaiah: (53: 4-5) Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. V/. Happy those whose way is blameless, who walk by the teaching of the LORD. R/. May my ways be firm in the observance of your laws! (Ps 119 [118]: 1, 5)

#### FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

From the Lamentations: (1: 10, 16, 12) The foe stretched out his hand to all her treasures. At this I weep, my eyes run with tears. "Come, and you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering. V/. "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." R/. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2: 48, 49)

#### FIFTH STATION: JESUS IS HELPED BY SIMON

From Saint Mark: (15: 21) They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. V/. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine," R/. "You did for me." (Mt 25: 40)

#### SIXTH STATION: JESUS' FACE IS WIPED BY VERONICA

From the prophet Isaiah: (52: 14; 53: 2-3) Even as many were amazed at him – so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals. There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. V/. Rely on the mighty LORD. R/. Constantly seek his face. (Ps 105 [104]: 4)

#### SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

From the prophet Isaiah: (53: 6-7, 8) We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Smitten for the sin of his people. V/. Steady my feet in accord with your promise. R/. Do not let iniquity lead me. (Ps 119 [118]: 133)



### **EIGHTH STATION: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

From Saint Luke: (23: 27-28, 31) A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children. If these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" V/. The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve. R/. **And to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mt 20: 28)**

### **NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**

From the prophet Isaiah: (63: 1-3, 5) Who is this that comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments, from Bozrah? Why is your apparel red, and your garments like those of the wine presser? "The wine press I have trodden alone, and of my people there was no one with me. I looked about, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that there was no one to lend support; So my own arm brought about the victory." V/. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings. R/. **Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation. (Is 52: 7)**

### **TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

From Saint John: (19: 23-24) When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but this tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled [that says]: "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." V/. All you who were baptized into Christ. R/. **Have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal 3: 27)**

### **ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

From Saint Luke: (23: 33-34) When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."] V/. "Once I am lifted up from earth, I will draw all [men] to myself." R/. **This statement indicated the sort of death he had to die. (John 12: 32)**

### **TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

From Saint John: (19: 29-30) There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. V/. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." R/. **"But if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12: 24)**

### **THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

From the prophet Zechariah: (12: 10, 11; 13: 1) They shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be great. On that day there shall be open a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness. V/. My lover has come down to his garden, to the beds of spice. R/. **I have come to my garden...; I gather my myrrh and my spices. (Cant 6: 2; 5: 1)**

### **FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

From Saint John: (19: 38-42) After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by. V/. We who were baptized into Christ Jesus. R/. **Were baptized into his death.**



## ESTACIONES - EL VIA CRUCIS

Hace el Senal de la Cruz.

Después de anunciar cada estación, comenzar con lo siguiente:

V/. Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te bendecimos.

R/. Porque por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.

### PRIMERA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CONDENADO A MUERTE

De San Mateo: (27: 22-23, 26) Pilato les preguntó: “¿qué hago con Jesús, a quien llaman Mesías?” Contestaron todos: “¡Que lo crucifiquen!” Pilato repuso: “¿Por qué? ¿qué ha hecho de malo?” Ellos gritaban más y más: “¡Que lo crucifiquen!” Entonces le soltó a Barrabás; y a Jesús, después de mandarlo azotar, lo entregó para que lo crucificaran. V/. Dios no se reservó a su propio Hijo. R/. Sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros. (Rm 8: 32)

### SEGUNDA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CARGA CON SU CRUZ

De San Juan: (19: 16-17, 19) Entonces, al fin, se lo entregó para que lo crucificaran. Y con eso se hicieron cargo de Jesús. El, nevando a cuestras su cruz, salió para un lugar que llamaba la Calavera (en arameo, Gólgota). Pilato mandó también escribir un letrero y ponerlo en la cruz; decía: Jesús Nazareno, el Rey de los Judíos. V/. “El que quiera venirse conmigo” R/. “Que reniegue de sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y entonces me siga.” (Mt 16: 24)

### TERCERA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CAE POR PRIMERA VEZ

Del Profeta Isaías: (53: 4-5) A él, que soportó nuestros sufrimientos y cargó con nuestros dolores, lo tuvimos por un contagiado, herido de Dios y afligido. El, en cambio, fue traspasado por nuestras rebeliones, triturado por nuestros crímenes. Sobre él descargó el castigo que nos sana y con sus cicatrices nos hemos curado. V/. Dichoso el que, con vida intachable, camina según la voluntad del Señor. R/. Ojala esté firme mi camino para cumplir tus consignas. (Sal 119 [118]: 1, 5)

### CUARTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ENCUENTRA A SU MADRE

De las Lamentaciones: (1: 10, 16, 12) El enemigo ha echado mano a todos sus tesoros. Por eso estoy llorando, mis ojos se deshacen en agua. “Ustedes, los que pasan por el camino, miren, fíjense, ¿Hay dolor como mi dolor?” V/. “Hijo, imira con que angustia te buscaba!” R/. “¿No sabías que yo tenía que estar en los asuntos de mi Padre?” (Lc 2: 48, 49)

### QUINTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES AYUDADO POR SIMÓN

De San Marcos: (15: 21) Pasaba por allí de vuelta del campo un tal Simón de Cirene, el padre de Alejandro y de Rufo, y lo forzaron a llevar la cruz. V/. “Cada vez que lo hicieron con uno de estos hermanos míos.” R/. “Lo hicieron conmigo.” (Mt 25: 40)

### SEXTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ENCUENTRA A LA VERÓNICA

Del Profeta Isaías: (52: 14; 53: 2-3) Como muchos se espantaron de él, porque desfigurado no parecía hombre ni tenía aspecto humano. No tenía presencia ni belleza que atrajera nuestras miradas ni aspecto que nos cautivara. Despreciado y evitado de la gente, un hombre hecho a sufrir, curtido en el dolor; al vedo se tapaban la cara; despreciado, lo tuvimos por nada. V/. Recurran al Señor y a su poder. R/. Busquen continuamente su rostro. (Sal 105 [104]: 4)

### SÉPTIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CAE POR SEGUNDA VEZ

Del Profeta Isaías: (53: 6-7, 8) Todos errábamos como ovejas, cada uno por su lado, y el Señor cargó sobre él todos nuestros crímenes. Maltratado aguantaba, no abría la boca, como cordero llevado al matadero, como oveja muda ante el esquilador, no abría la boca. Por los pecados de mi pueblo lo hirieron. V/. Asegura mis pasos con tu promesa. R/. Que ninguna maldad me domine. (Sal 119 [118]: 133)

### **OCTAVA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS HABLA A LAS MUJERES**

De San Lucas: (23: 27-28, 31) Lo seguía gran gentío del pueblo y muchas mujeres que se golpeaban el pecho y gritaban lamentando se por él. Jesús se volvió hacia ellas y les dijo: “Mujeres de Jerusalén, no lloren por mí; lloren mejor por ustedes y por sus hijos. Porque si con el leño verde hacen esto, con el seco, ¿qué irá a pasar?” V/. “El Hijo del Hombre no ha venido a que le sirvan, sino a servir.” R/. “y a dar su vida en rescate por todos.” (Mt 20: 28)

### **NOVENA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS CAE POR TERCERA VEZ**

Del Profeta Isaías: (63: 1-3, 5) ¿Quién es ese que viene de Edom, de Bosra, con las ropas enrojecidas? ¿Quién es ese vestido de gala que avanza lleno de fuerza? ¿Por qué están rojos tus vestidos, y la túnica como el que pisa el lagar? “Yo solo he pisado el lagar y de otros pueblos nadie me ayudaba. Miraba sin encontrar un ayudante, espantado al no haber quién me apoyara; pero mi brazo me dio la victoria.” V/. ¡Qué hermoso son sobre los montes los pies del heraldo que anuncia la paz! R/. ¡Qué trae la buena nueva, que pregona la victoria! (Is 52: 7)

### **DÉCIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES DESPOJADO DE SUS VESTIDOS**

De San Juan: (19: 23-24) Cuando crucificaron a Jesús, los soldados repartieron su ropa en cuatro lotes, uno para cada uno, dejando aparte la túnica. Era una túnica sin costura, tejida de una pieza de arriba abajo. Los soldados se dijeron: “Mejor que dividida en pedazos la echaremos a suerte, a ver a quién toca.” Así se cumplió la escritura: “Se repartieron mi ropa y echaron a suerte mi túnica.” V/. Todos, al ser bautizados en Cristo. R/. Se revistieron de Cristo. (Gal 3: 27)

### **UNDÉCIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES CLAVADO EN LA CRUZ**

De San Lucas: (23: 33-34) Cuando llegaron al lugar llamado “La Calavera,” los crucificaron allí, a él y a los malhechores, uno a su derecha y el otro a su izquierda. Jesús decía: “Padre, perdónalos, que no saben lo que hacen.” V/. “Cuando me levanten de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí.” R/. Decía esto dando a entender cómo iba a morir. (Jn 12: 32)

### **DUODÉCIMA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS MUERE EN LA CRUZ**

De San Juan: (19: 29-30) Había allí un jarro con vinagre. Sujetando a una caña de hisopo una esponja empapada en el vinagre, se la acercaron a la boca; cuando tomó el vinagre dijo Jesús: “¡Queda terminado.” Y, reclinando la cabeza, entregó el espíritu. V/. “Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y no muere, queda infecundo.” R/. “En cambio, si muere, da fruto abundante.” (Jn 12: 24-25)

### **DECIMOTERCERA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES BAJADO DE LA CRUZ**

Del Profeta Zacarías: (12: 10, 11; 13: 1) Al mirarme traspasado por ellos mismos, harán duelo como por un hijo único, y llorarán como se llora a un primogénito. Aquel día el luto de Jerusalén será grande. Aquel día se alumbrará un manantial contra los pecados e impurezas. V/. Ha bajado mi amado a su jardín. R/. “Ya vengo a mi jardín, a recoger el bálsamo y la mirra.” (Cant 6: 2; 5: 1)

### **DECIMOCUARTA ESTACIÓN: JESÚS ES PUESTO EN EL SEPULCRO**

De San Juan: (19: 38-42) José de Arimatea, discípulo de Jesús, pero clandestino por miedo a las autoridades judías, le pidió a Pilato que le dejara quitar el cuerpo. Pilato lo autorizó. Él fue y quitó el cuerpo de Jesús. Fue también Nicodemo, aquel que la primera vez había ido a vedo de noche, llevando unas cien libras de una mezcla de mirra y áloe. Tomaron el cuerpo de Jesús y lo vendaron de arriba abajo echándole aromas, como acostumbraban a enterrar los judíos. En el sitio donde lo crucificaron había un huerto, y en el huerto un sepulcro nuevo donde todavía no habían enterrado a nadie. Como para los judíos era día de preparativos y el sepulcro estaba cerca, pusieron ahí a Jesús. V/. A todos nosotros, al bautizamos vinculándonos a Cristo Jesús. R/. Nos bautizaron vinculándonos a su muerte.



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# 14-15 Marzo 2026: Cuarto Domingo de la Cuaresma

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana recordamos el nacimiento de uno de nuestros propios héroes: Cesar Estrada Chávez, quien nació en Arizona en 1927 y falleció en Los Ángeles, California en 1993. El racismo y la injusticia de su tiempo, obligaron a él y su familia a salir de su natal Arizona, pues sus padres perdieron sus tierras a causa de unos malhechores. En 1938 el destino lo llevó a Los Ángeles, al barrio "Sal, si puedes."

Con la ayuda de Dolores Huerta y otras personas, en 1962 fundó el movimiento sindical de campesinos que daría a luz a United Farm Workers para protestar por las injusticias que nuestro pueblo sufría en los viñedos, situación que bien puede describirse como barbarie. Muchos se unieron a la "huelga" y al boicoteo de uvas bajo la bandera roja del águila azteca y el estandarte de Guadalupe. De esta manera, con símbolos de nuestro origen indígena y religioso, Cesar nos enseñó que "Si se puede" salir adelante.

En dos ocasiones, en 1972 y en 1988 respectivamente, debido a que algunos compañeros del movimiento querían incurrir en la violencia para salir adelante, Cesar hizo un ayuno de 24 y 36 días respectivamente. De esta manera exhortó una vez más a todo el movimiento de que solo mediante el trabajo, la fe y el sacrificio se pueden lograr las cosas. ¡Si se puede!

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos Glz, OFM,  
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## HIJOS DE LA LUZ

El futuro rey, David, en la primera lectura de hoy, es un ejemplo de un tipo de personaje presente a lo largo de las escrituras hebreas. Es el hijo que nace fuera de lugar (no es ni el mayor ni el preferido) pero a fin de cuentas recibe la promesa de la alianza. El espíritu de Dios lo llena con su unción. En esto, se parece al hombre que nació ciego del Evangelio de hoy. La familia de David y la comunidad del ciego no esperaban que la gracia milagrosa del amor de Dios obrara por medio de ellos. Quizás ellos, también, estaban "ciegos" por las expectativas y suposiciones de los que los rodeaban. Sin embargo, luego de ser tocados por Dios, ambos "vieron" la presencia de la voluntad de Dios para ellos. Ambos se convirtieron en mensajeros de la voluntad de Dios. Ese mismo Espíritu de unción de Dios nos llenó en nuestro bautismo; se nos dio un cirio como símbolo de que somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Luz de la Luz.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera Lectura** - Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Salmo** - El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

**Segunda Lectura** - Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5: 8-14).

**Evangelio** - De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego, pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9: 1-41).

*El efecto de compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo es el de convertirnos en aquello que recibimos.*

- Papa San León Magno

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Is 65: 17-21; Sal 30; Jn 4: 43-54

**Martes:** Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Sal 46; Jn 5: 1-16

**Miércoles:** Is 49: 8-15; Sal 145; Jn 5: 17-30

**Jueves:** 2 Sam 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

**Viernes:** Sab 2: 1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33): 17-21, 23; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sábado:** Jer 11: 18-20; Sal 7; Jn 7: 40-53

**Domingo:** Ez 37: 12-14; Sal 130 (129): 1-8; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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