



# St. Patrick's Catholic Church

AN OLD BORDER TOWN PARISH IN ILLINOIS

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ST. PATRICK'S IN YOUR WILL  
OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!**



### OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday  
9:15 a.m. *in English*  
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*  
Saturday Vigil Mass  
4:00 p.m. *in English*  
Sunday Masses  
10:30 a.m. *in English*  
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

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

Sunday Classes= 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

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

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

### THE 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 21-22, 2026: The 5th Sunday of Lent**

# THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 22, 2026



*Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #895 of the Journey songs Book*

<b>Monday (St. Turibius)</b>	<b>March 23</b>
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday (St. Oscar Romero)</b>	<b>March 24</b>
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
<b>Wednesday (The Annunciation)</b>	<b>March 25</b>
9:15 A.M.	Health of Frank & Louise Shainauskas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
9:15 A.M.	† Former Deceased Pastors
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
9:15 A.M.	† Sr. Joanne Shainauskas
4:00 P.M.	Stations of the Cross (English)
6:00 P.M.	El Vía Crucis (Español)
7:00 P.M.	Health of Mike Cronk
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
4:00 P.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's
<b>Sunday (PALM SUNDAY)</b>	<b>March 29</b>
10:30 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's
12:00 P.M.	† John Jankowski

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

**CHECK OUT OUR "BORDER TOWN PARISHES"**  
**YOUTUBE CHANNEL – OVER 550 SUBSCRIBERS!**

**PLEASE KEEP ST. PATRICK'S IN MIND FOR YOUR WILL & ESTATE PLANNING. A \$3,000,000 FOUNDATION WILL GO A LONG WAY TO KEEP OUR PARISH OPEN!**

### **SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

March 8, 2026 \$3,275.00

### **COLLECTION COUNTERS:**

March 22, 2026 B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken  
 March 29, 2026 D. & C. Bramer

**PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!**

**"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."- Saint Catherine of Siena**

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER** If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



### **ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:**

Please call Janice Gelino at ☎ (815) 263-6342

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** To Dedicate a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### **Saturday, March 28 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** M.J. Boicken  
**Lector:** B. Boicken  
**Ushers:** K. Bukowski, R. Hess  
 S. Pansa, D. Rademacher  
**Altar Servers:** A. Fuhrmann

### **Sunday, March 29 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** B. Volek  
**Lector:** J. Rehmer  
**Ushers:** M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider  
**Altar Servers:** Y. Aalia,  
 J. & B. Miller, P. & C. Bickel

### **Sunday, March 29 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Minister:** R. Andrade, E. Zagal  
**Lector:** A. Piquet, C. Dueñas  
**Ushers:** R. Dueñas, G. Camacho,  
 L. Flores, P. Gonzalez, N. Viveros  
**Altar Servers:** T. Carmona, E. Camacho  
 D. Ojeda, V. Ojeda

## PEW DEDICATION PROGRAM

We invite those who wish to remember a loved one by dedicating a church pew (\$2,500), a classroom (\$5,000) or even have a building named in honor of your loved one for



\$1,000,000! For more info, contact St. Patrick's at ☎ (815) 472-2864, St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).



**NEWS & NOTES**  
**FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI**  
 Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at  
[pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).

Now that we have come to the other side of our Confirmation Retreats (almost 120 students between the two groups! Yikes!), I wish to thank John Rehmer (DRE at St. Patrick's) and Kim Emerson (DRE at St. Anne's) for going way beyond the call of duty for the sake of the teens at both respected parishes. We normally do not see one hundred twenty students showing up to *anything* our parishes have to offer – to see that many students and that much faith in our communities was a true blessing to behold.

I will be emphasizing this at the Holy Thursday liturgies we celebrate, and something I definitely told John and Kim, is that with all the work in which I am investing for those Business Ethics courses I am teaching to the almost one hundred twenty students with whom I work in Vietnam, we distinguish the difference between law and ethics/ morals, something that applies to each of us as well. I tell the students that laws provide the minimal parameters in which we live to keep our nations civil but ethics and morality are a different matter. If we desire to be with God when then cannot do just the "minimum" but must invest in that relationship the same way we invest in any other. A spouse cannot say to the other, "Honey I love you but I'll be gone until our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary." If we do, then say goodbye to the marriage. The same applies to God. Like any relationship, the one we build with God and each other is based on the type of investment we make. For that reason, our love for God and each other needs to parallel what St. Bonaventure would reference as a type of "fountain fullness" – it needs to be overflowing!

I very much thank all of you for your investment in our collections for Harbor House, the Manteno Veterans' Home and Waterleaf Services. This weekend, we will take up a special collection for those who suffered from the storm a couple of weeks ago in Aroma Park, which is in our parish's jurisdiction.

Next Sunday begins the holiest week in our Church year. The type of investment we make during *that* week certainly shows God how much we care. Thank you, as always, for your faith and Christian love. – Fr. Pete

Thank you, St. Patrick and St. Anne!



2026  
 Waterleaf  
 Baby Bottles for Life!

Together you raised over \$3,819 to support Waterleaf Women's Center and our life-saving mission!

Your Donation's Lifetime Impact	
11,121	Unique Clients Served
13,487	Ultrasounds
3,000	Confirmed Births

Thank you for helping us give the gifts of life, love, and hope in 2026!  
 Visit our Friends of Waterleaf website to find more ways to partner with us for life-choiceoneellife.org

Thanks to our "Team Effort" in bringing in over 1,000 pounds of food for the needy in Aroma



Park, those who helped cook and serve at our Fish Fry Events and those who assisted with our "Irish Mass & Dinner" and



our Confirmation Retreat on March 13. What a great weekend of service at our Bordertown Parish!!



## I Am the Resurrection

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God’s dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the “kingdom of God.” Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today’s gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets’ hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” In other words, Martha believes in the coming “kingdom of God.” But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: “I am the resurrection and the life.” That is, “I am the kingdom of God.”

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning “self,” and *basileia*, meaning “kingdom.” It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God’s dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

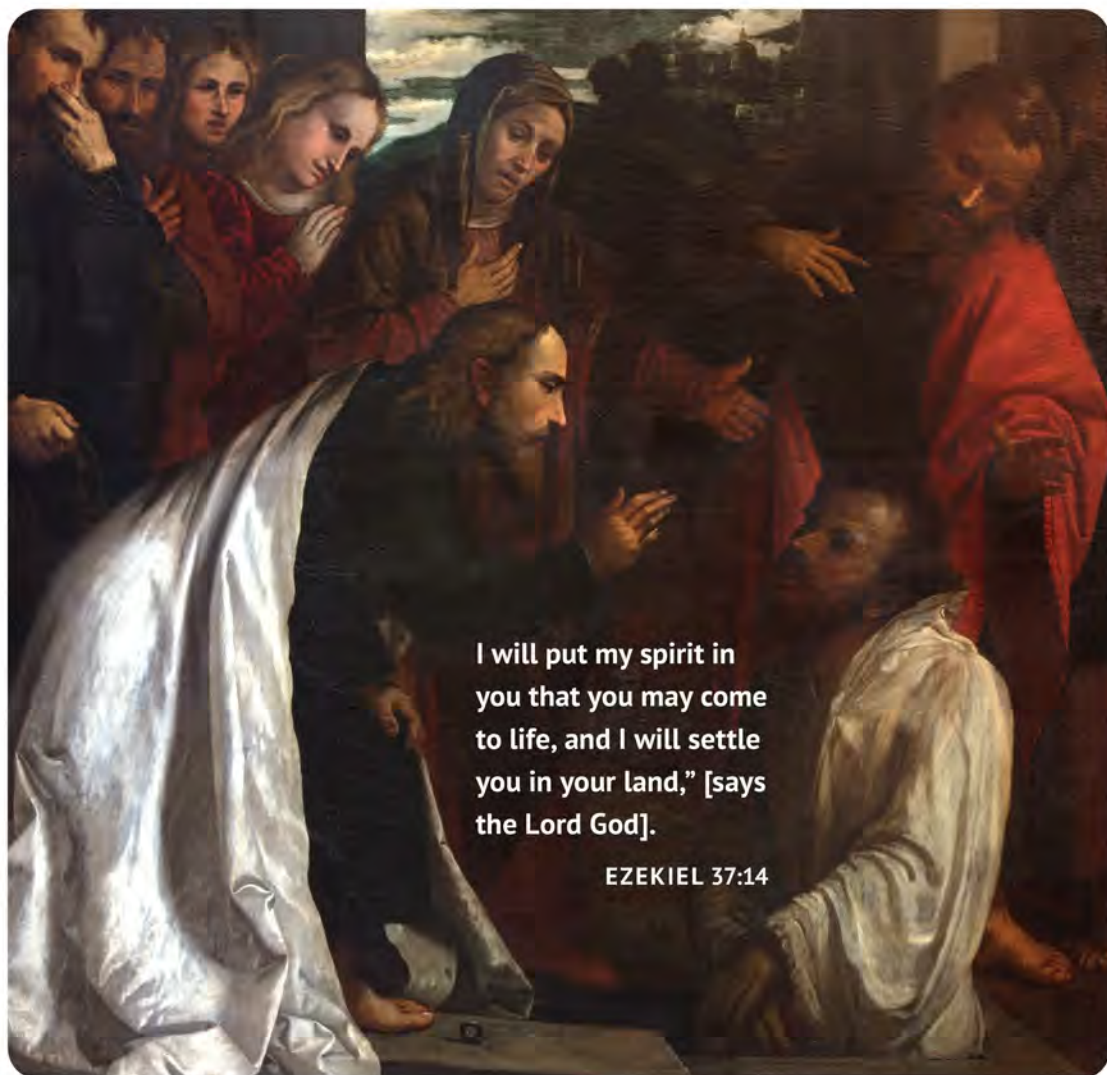
We still wait for God’s dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” ●

### Reflect

**Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?**



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COMMUNITY



I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land,” [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14

# Dear Padre,

*I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?*

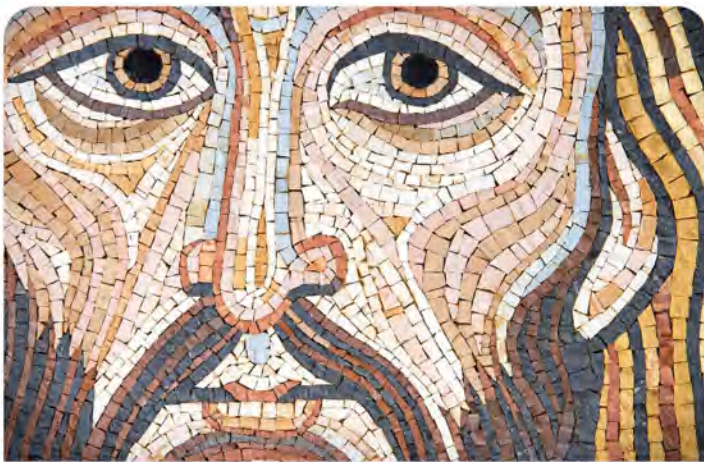
It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●

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



RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

### Monday

**MARCH 23**

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62 or  
13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

**MARCH 24**

*Lenten Weekday*

Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

**MARCH 25**

*The Annunciation  
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

### Thursday

**MARCH 26**

*Lenten Weekday*

Gn 17:3–9  
Jn 8:51–59

### Friday

**MARCH 27**

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

**MARCH 28**

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

**MARCH 29**

*Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1–11  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mt 26:14–27:66 or  
27:11–54

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



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**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

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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).



## **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).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address [pjankowski@yahoo.com](mailto:pjankowski@yahoo.com).

# 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 ideas – let's not let the bishop think about St. Patrick's or St. Anne's for a long time!

**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

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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.

## **WHY DO CATHOLICS COVER CRUCIFIXES AND STATUES DURING HOLY WEEK?**

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

### **VEILING OF STATUES AND IMAGES**

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is minuscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise, we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it, and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

### **WHY COVER UP SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL?**

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images. And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

## 21-22 Marzo 2026: Quinto Domingo de la Cuaresma

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Vicente Ferrer, patrón de los obreros de la construcción, falleció el 5 de abril de 1419. Este santo varón nació en Valencia, España, en 1350, vivió y predicó el Evangelio en una época muy difícil del cristianismo. Además de la peste, guerras y otros problemas sociales, la Iglesia estaba dividida por dos o tres hombres que insistían ser el verdadero Papa.

Vicente, un religioso dominico, dedicó su vida a reconstruir la Iglesia promoviendo la virtud de la caridad interna y externa mediante una predicación que relacionaba la Palabra de Dios con la vida cotidiana. Vicente se valía de la teología, poesía, repetición y otros medios para inculcar la sabiduría bíblica en sus oyentes. De esta manera supo construir la fe tanto en los fieles y en la Iglesia como comunidad.

Los cuadros de este santo español normalmente lo presentan con una llama ardiente en una mano y en la otra, con una Biblia abierta. De esta manera los artistas subrayan el amor ardiente que los cristianos debemos tener por la Palabra de Dios, un amor que Vicente edificaba en el corazón de los fieles.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos- Glz, OFM,  
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### RESUMEN DEL MINISTERIO DE JESUS

El relato de como Lázaro revivió de entre los muertos es el relato más largo (además de la Pa-



### LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

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Todos los Viernes a las 6:00 p.m.

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sión) en el Evangelio según san Juan. En el encontramos un resumen de la mayor parte del ministerio de Jesús. Vemos su naturaleza humana cuando se conmueve con la tristeza de Marta y de María y cuando el mismo Hora frente a la tumba de Lázaro. Es la sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios hecha carne cuando Lc explica a sus seguidores que la muerte de Lázaro servirá como una señal de la gloria de Dios. Corona los milagros que obra en el Evangelio según san Juan (que comenzó con el milagro más "humano" de hacer más vino en la boda de Cana) reviviendo a Lázaro de entre los muertos; un "avance," por así decirlo, de su propia muerte y resurrección por venir. Este retrato de Jesús nos recuerda, mientras estamos cerca del fin de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, que él está con nosotros, nos conoce, nos comprende en cada momento de nuestra vida. Conoce la alegría de nuestras celebraciones humanas, conoce la tristeza de nuestro llanto. Mientras nos preparamos para caminar con él en los días de Semana Santa, tenemos fe de que - por Cristo- la gloria de Dios estará con nosotros a cada momento de nuestra vida y - con Cristo- en nuestra vida eterna.

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### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera Lectura** - Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37: 12-14).

**Salmo** - Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa (Salmo 130 [129]).

**Segunda Lectura** - El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8: 8-11).

**Evangelio** - Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11: 1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Sal 23 (22): 1-6; Jn 8: 1-11

**Martes:** Nm 21: 4-9; Sal 102; Jn 8: 21-30

**Miércoles:** Is 7: 14; 8: 10; Sal 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10: 4-10 Lc 1: 26-38

**Jueves:** Gn 17: 3-9; Sal 105; Jn 8: 51-59

**Viernes:** Jer 20: 10-13; Sal 18; Jn 10: 31-42

**Sábado:** Ez 37: 21-28; Jer 31: 10, 11-13; Jn 11: 45-56

**Domingo:** Mt 21: 1-11 (procesión); Is 50: 4-7; Sal 22 (21): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2: 6-11; Mt 26: 14-27: 66 [27: 11-54]



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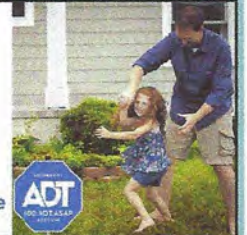
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