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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.— Father John Muir

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
March 6, 2026
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.
 Bilingual Mass
 6:00 P.M.



LENTEN RECOLLECTION PROMISES YOU CAN TOUCH:
Gods Faithfulness in the Sacraments
March 20th and 27th
7:00pm

Fr. Leo Ortega, S.Th.D.
 Professor of Systemic Theology
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles

This Lenten recollection helps parishioners rediscover the Sacraments as God's solemn covenant promises, where He binds Himself to us and gives us His own life. We will explore the Sacraments not as routines or obligations, but as God's enduring promises, made visible and real in our lives.

Rooted in Scripture and the Church's tradition, these talks will help us rediscover the Sacraments as encounters with a God who remains faithful, especially in moments of weakness, doubt, and need.

Topics include:

- The Covenants and the God who Sears
- Jesus Christ and the Sacraments: The New Covenant Sealed in Blood
- Living the Oath: Sacramental Life and Discipleship

HEALING MASS
 "COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED..."
Friday, March 13th
6:00p.m.
Bilingual Mass

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH
7:00 PM

- Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor
- Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor
- Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple
- Alicia Vazquez
Office Manager
- Dale Ann Torbey
Business Manager

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM (English)

Sunday

7:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (Indonesian)

1:00 PM (English)

Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM (English)

Perpetual Help Novena Mass

6:00 PM (English)

Friday

6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

No Appointment needed

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM—6:00 PM
(Closed 1:00PM - 2:00 PM for lunch)

Please call the parish office for assistance or to schedule an appointment.

"We are a diverse faith community that strives to conform ourselves into the image of Christ in and through the power of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by The Word, Sacraments and Tradition to give glory to God and to be a light unto the nations."



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

La liturgia de hoy está llena de símbolos de gloria y majestad. Si estamos atentos, podremos descubrir el gran amor de Dios hacia su Hijo Jesús y también hacia nosotros, manifestado en su Transfiguración. La gloria futura se presenta en la nube como signo de la presencia de Dios, así como en los vestidos blancos y el rostro de Jesús resplandeciente como el sol. "A la vista de ellos, su aspecto cambió completamente: su cara brillaba como el sol y su ropa se volvió blanca como la luz" (Mateo 17:2). La muerte que Jesús había anunciado previamente a sus discípulos, la que iba a padecer, será transformada en gloria en la Pascua. Sin embargo, para llegar a esa Pascua hay que pasar por el camino del Calvario, hacia la cruz. Pedro propuso hacer tres tiendas; estaba tan bien allí, con sus compañeros y con Jesús. De repente, se escucha la voz del Padre que dice: "Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; éste es mi Elegido, ¡escúchenlo!" (Mateo 17:5).

Para ser verdaderos seguidores de Jesús, debemos desinstalarnos de nuestras comodidades y de nuestros caprichos. La Cuaresma, que apenas comienza, debe llevarnos a comprometernos con el bien común y con la justicia que tanto necesita la sociedad actual. La dura realidad que estamos viviendo debe ser también un camino para encontrar la luz y la voz de Dios que nos llama a despertar y actuar frente a las necesidades de los demás. También cabe la pregunta: ¿a quién estamos escuchando? ¿A quién, o a qué, le estamos haciendo caso? Recordemos que seguir al Maestro exige esfuerzo y entrega. Bajemos, pues, de lo alto del monte para caminar con Jesús en esta Cuaresma.

*Adoración del Santísimo
6 de marzo 2026*

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3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Misa
6:00 P.M.

Por sus llagas eres sanado
Isaías 53:5

MISA DE SANACION

viernes, 13 de marzo 6:00p.m.
Misa sera bilingue

Seminario de Vida en el Espiritu

**cada miercoles
del 4 de Febrero
al 25 de Marzo
(*no el 18 de Febrero)
en Salon 6**

6pm - 8pm

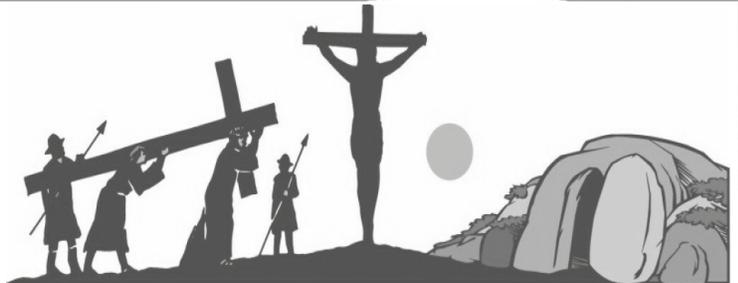
Predicadora: Marzo 4 Adrianna Luna

Ahora yo voy a enviar sobre ustedes lo que mi padre me prometio. Permanezcan, pues, en la ciudad hasta que sean revestidos de la fuerza que viene de arriba

Lucas 24, 49

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA DE CUARESMA

**JUEVES 19 DE MARZO
7:00 PM**

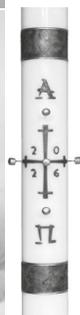


El Vía Crucis, también conocido como Vía Crucis, conmemora la pasión y muerte de Jesús en la cruz. Consta de 14 estaciones, cada una de las cuales representa un momento de su camino al Calvario, generalmente a través del arte sacro, oraciones y reflexiones. La práctica comenzó cuando los peregrinos piadosos seguían su camino por Jerusalén en la Vía Dolorosa.

El Vía Crucis se celebrará dentro de la iglesia todos los viernes del 27 de febrero al 27 de marzo a las 5:30 pm en Español y a las 7:00 pm en Inglés.

La llama del Cirio Pascual simboliza la presencia eterna de Cristo, luz del mundo en medio de su pueblo; Él, la Segunda Persona de la Trinidad, el Alfa y la Omega. El Cirio Pascual a veces se conoce como el "Cirio Pascual" o el "Cirio de Cristo".

El costo del Cirio Pascual de este año será de \$950.00. Por favor, contacte con la oficina parroquial si desea hacer una donación para la compra en honor a un familiar o ser querido.



MARCH 1, 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



ST JOSEPH TABLE

Join us for the Italian tradition of the blessing of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 21st after the 5:00PM Mass.

The celebration will continue on Sunday, March 22nd and will take place after all of the Masses. A spaghetti lunch will be served from 11:00AM until 3:00PM. Join the community as we enjoy delicious food, fun and family.

If you would like to make a donation of baked goods, please deliver them the parish hall by 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 21st

We look forward to a wonderful celebration.



Thank you for your commitment to your parish.

Ash Wednesday \$2,757.00
 Friday, February 20th \$56.00
 February 21st & 22nd \$5,347.00
 Online \$1,153.00
 Second Collection \$1,109.00



STATIONS of the CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

Stations of the Cross will be held inside of the church every Friday from February 27th thru March 27th 5:30 pm in Spanish and 7:00 pm in English.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

5:00 pm Rick Erhard (D)
 Siu Kam Limtao (D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

7:00 am Frances Lam (L)
 Krystal Lam (L)
 Sai Jung Lam (L)
 9:00 am Ricardo Serrano (D)
 Nancy Saavedra (D)
 Branda Martinez (D)
 1:00 pm Julio Vazquez Centro (D)
 Jaqueline Vazquez Sanchez (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

8:30 am Doug Perales (L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

8:30 am Devino Rongavilla (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

8:30 am Johnathon Vazquez - Happy Birthday!!!

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)
 Nathaniel Perales - Happy Birthday!!!

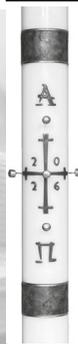
6:00 pm Arcadio Pablo (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

Understanding the Entire Bible! The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation

Room 1 from 11:30am to 12:45p.m.
 on the 1st and 3rd
 Sundays of the month.



The flame of the Easter candle symbolizes the eternal presence of Christ, light of the world in the midst of his people; he who is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Alpha and Omega. The Paschal candle is sometimes referred to as the "Easter candle" or the "Christ candle."

The cost of this years Paschal Candle will be \$950.00 Please contact the parish office if you would like to make a donation towards the purchase in honor of a family member(s) or loved one(s).

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, Denise Gonzales, Laura Sesti, Guadalupe Ayala, Helen Rivera, Margarita Audelo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez, Douglas Perales, Frances, Krystal & Sai Lam

To insure that the prayer list is accurate, please contact the parish office on a monthly bases if you would like for your name to remain on the list.