



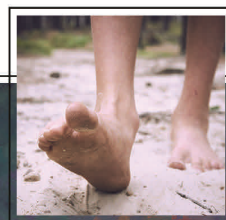
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God called out to Moses from
the burning bush and said,
“Remove the sandals from your
feet, for the place where you
stand is holy ground.”

~ Exodus 3:4, 5



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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Masses:

5:30 p.m. (Vigil in English)
8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
10:00 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday @ 12:00 p.m..
Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SUNDAY: 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM Anytime before Mass, time permitting.
MONDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Anytime before or after the Noon Mass
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Anytime before or after the Noon Mass
FRIDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Anytime before or after the Noon Mass
SATURDAY: 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM Confessional in church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents & Godparents need to attend a pre-baptism instruction class. Call the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are asked to call the parish office to receive information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are seriously ill, will have a major surgery, are old aged or in danger of death, call the priest.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

Tuesday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, May 30th, Ascension Sunday
Thursday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, November 1st, All Saints' Day
Monday, December 9th, Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, December 25, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or* *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Monday: Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn’t miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you’ve ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

HURDLING

God’s grace within me and God’s strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

—Anonymous

SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor
All its birds and all its blossoms
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.

—Longfellow, *Hiawatha*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

— *Psalm 103:6*

MITAD DE CUARESMA, ¡REGISTRATE!

Dios dice a Moisés, “Yo soy el que soy. Explícaselo así a los israelitas: ‘Yo soy’ me envía a ustedes”. El Señor, el Dios de sus antepasados, el Dios de Abraham, el Dios de Isaac, el Dios de Jacob” (Éxodo 3:14, 15). Como Jesús diría luego, Dios no es un Dios de muertos sino de vivos y así creemos que los muertos resucitarán un día. En esta tiempo, la mitad de la Cuaresma, hacemos una pausa para considerar cómo nuestro arrepentimiento nos lleva a la Resurrección, a nuestra reunión con el gran ‘Yo soy’. Parte de nuestro arrepentimiento supone trabajar para asegurar la justicia para todos y ayudar a nuestro prójimo para vivir de acuerdo a la voluntad de Dios. Nos animamos y cuidamos unos a otros; así como el jardinero compasivo del Evangelio de hoy, quien dice al dueño de la huerta que él cuidará el árbol, lo fertilizará y quizá pueda dar fruto.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o *Salmo 95(94)*.

Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34

Sábado: Hos 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14

Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma;
Primer Escrutinio

Lunes: La Anunciación del Señor

Viernes: Abstinencia

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchas naciones latinoamericanas son beneficiadas por organizaciones caritativas extranjeras. Pero estas organizaciones no siempre pueden suplir las necesidades de los pueblos latinoamericanos, por eso los obispos de Chile buscaron la manera de motivar a su pueblo para que ayude a sus propios desafortunados. En 1982 los obispos chilenos crearon una nueva practica cuaresmal llamada la Campaña de Fraternidad. Esta Campaña se motiva en las observancias penitenciales de la oración, el ayuno y la caridad.

Esta práctica de la Iglesia chilena se basa en la tradición cristiana de las obras de caridad y la acción social. La Campaña de Fraternidad también se funda en la espiritualidad cristiana de la hermandad. Los que tienen la manera de ayudar han compartido a través de los proyectos de esta obra con jóvenes en riesgo social, madres solteras, ancianos, prisioneros, y otros grupos marginados. Esto se hace en un espíritu de mutualidad entre los hijos e hijas del creador.

Esta campaña cuaresmal nos desafía a buscar la manera de ayudar a los pobres no como personas necesitada sino como hermanas y hermanos en Cristo a los cual debemos nuestra cooperación para mejorar sus vidas. Ellos en torno son la presencia de Cristo quien se encuentra en los más pequeños de la sociedad.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FUERZA PARA PARTIR ROCAS

¿Sabías que muchas veces una raíz puede quebrar una roca si se queda dentro? No des cabida a la semilla del mal ya que quebrará tu fe.

—San Cirilo de Jerusalén

VENCIENDO OBSTÁCULOS

La gracia de Dios dentro de mí y la fuerza de Dios detrás de mí pueden vencer cualquier obstáculo que esté por delante.

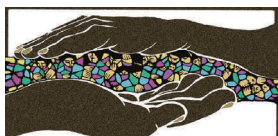
—Anónimo

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

24 de marzo de 2019

El Señor hace justicia
y defiende a todos los oprimidos.

— *Salmo 103 (102):6*



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Mar 24, 2019

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 23rd

5:30 pm † Tom Sais Jr. by family
† Lorraine Montelongo

Sunday March 24th

8:00 am † Alicia Galvan Garcia by husband Pedro Garcia Sr. and Family
† Adalberto Solano Osorio 2nd anniversary of death

10:00 am § for the Food of Poor Ministries

† Josephine Portillo
† Ricky Jasso by family

12:00 pm † Erlinda Jimenez
† Maria Isabel Rivera by Judi Diaz

2:30 pm § for priestly and religious vocations

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is being prepared and served by the Grupo de Oracion. Breakfast is a great weekly fundraiser for our parish. Do not miss your chance to fellowship and enjoy a delicious Mexican style breakfast.

SUPPORT THIS MOVIE

The Movie "Unplanned" (Abby Johnson story).

The movie opens in Waco on Friday, March 29 at the AMC Galaxy 16 (333 S Valley Mills Dr.) Pay for and see the movie that night or at least that weekend. The movie must have a strong opening weekend in order to stay in the theater for several weeks.

At the same theater, there will be a FREE sneak preview at 7 PM on Thursday, March 28. Consider going and be sure to spread the word to your friends who are not as strongly pro-life as they should be. The movie is free. However, you must make a reservation for a seat for yourself and your party. Use this email address to make your reservations: prolifewacoRSVP@gmail.com.

K OF C SCHOLARSHIP

A Scholarship is being offered by J.J. Kearns 4th Degree Assembly 1109 to graduating Catholic seniors in the Waco area. Application forms are available in the foyer of the church or from the parish secretary. The deadline for turning in the application is April 16, 2019 at 4:30PM.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection from Last Sunday	\$ 6,916.00
Second collection for schools	\$ 1,311.00
Breakfast by PCCW	\$ 1,251.00

Thank You for your generosity!

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of Every Friday at 11:30 am to 2 pm—Fish Fry plate sale in the cafeteria.
2. Every Friday at 6 pm is Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.
3. Every Friday we abstain from eating Meat.
4. Continue to practice: Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence

DEANERY CONFESSION TIMES

March 26 - St. Mary in Mexia @ 6 pm
March 27 - St. Eugene in McGregor @ 6 pm
April 2 - St. Jerome in Hewitt @ 6:30 pm
April 4 - St. Louis @ 6 pm
April 5 - St. Louis @ 9 am
April 9 - St. Joseph in Bellmead @ 7 pm



FOOD FOR THE POOR

Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope

We welcome and join Fr. Laroche who speaks at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Laroche will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr. Laroche was ordained in 2002 for the Order of Preachers. He received his Master of Divinity at Aquinas Institute of theology in St. Louis. Fr. Vic has served as a Chaplain in many hospitals besides preaching on behalf of Food for the Poor. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Laroche.

SUNDAY FUNDAY BINGO

The PCCW will be having a **Sunday Funday of Bingo**, March 31st, at the Waco Missions 3316 JJ Flewellen Road



Concession Stand will be available starting at 1 p.m. with the **BEST HAMBURGERS IN TOWN!!** Games will begin at 2 p.m. Cards are 3 for \$10 for 20 games, Final black out game is 3 cards for \$5.00. Prizes are gift certificates, Dillards décor, appliances, cash and more!!!!

HOPE PRAYER SERVICE

A special prayer service for couples struggling with infertility will be Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Cathedral in Austin. Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise of the Rabboni Institute for Learning & Healing and the Saint Mary Cathedral Knights of Columbus invite all to attend and join with these couples in prayer. A reception will be held immediately following. Contact shap@teachmehealme.com, call (512) 736-7334 or visit <http://infertilityprayerservice2019.eventbrite.com> for more information and to RSVP.



Sacred Heart is a parish family called to be a visible sign of Christ, formed by the Word of God, strengthened by the Eucharist and empowered to serve the needs of God's people.



"So we, though many,
are one body in Christ."
— Rom 12:5

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Encountering Christ

Campaign Goal:
\$85,000,000



"Así nosotros, siendo muchos,
somos un cuerpo en Cristo".
— Rom 12:5

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Encontrando a Cristo

Meta de la campaña:
\$85,000,000

Supporting our Clergy- \$12 million

Seminarian Education - \$5 Million

We have **33 seminarians** currently enrolled in our diocesan seminary programs. Funds will be directed toward the seminary endowment, promote vocations, offset education & formation costs, and provide support for the increasing number of seminarians who enter the seminary with student loan debt.

Priest Retirement - \$5 Million

A pension plan and trust provides housing, health care and living expenses during the retirement for those men who have given a lifetime of service to our parishes, schools, and hospitals. This plan is currently underfunded; *Encountering Christ* will add to the pension plan and trust to meet the anticipated shortfall.

St. John Paul II Retirement Center - \$2 Million

This comfortable home allows for community and privacy; transportation to and from appointments; and care and support for medical needs. Presently, the residence will not have room for the number of priests who are soon to retire. This campaign will support construction of additional duplexes at the retirement center to accommodate another eight to 12 priests.

Parish
Goal: \$535,000
Total Raised:
\$131,950
25 % of overall Goal

These numbers are
accurate as of
3/19/19

How you can help!

- Answer the call to volunteer
- Make a pledge to the campaign
- Pray for success of the campaign

Apoyando a nuestro Clero - \$12 millones

Educación de Seminaristas - \$5 millones

Tenemos 33 seminaristas actualmente matriculados en nuestros programas de seminario diocesano. El fondo se dirigirá hacia la dotación del seminario, ayudará a promover las vocaciones, compensará los costos de la educación y la formación, y brindará apoyo al creciente número de seminaristas que ingresan al seminario con deudas de préstamos estudiantiles.

Retiro del Sacerdote - \$5 millones

Un plan de pensiones y fideicomiso proporciona vivienda, cuidado de salud y gastos de vida durante la jubilación para aquellos hombres que han dado una vida de servicio a nuestras parroquias, escuelas, misiones y hospitales. Sin embargo, este plan actualmente está subfinanciado; Encontrarse con Cristo añadirá al plan de pensiones y la confianza para satisfacer el déficit previsto.

Centro de Jubilación St. John Paul II - \$2 millones

La residencia St. JP II para los sacerdotes jubilados es un hogar cómodo, permitiendo la comunidad y la intimidad; transporte desde y hacia las citas; y el cuidado y el apoyo a las necesidades médicas. En su estado actual, la residencia no tendrá cabida para el número de sacerdotes que pronto se jubilarán. Esta campaña apoyará la construcción de dúplex adicionales en el centro de jubilación para acomodar a otros ocho a 12 sacerdotes

Nuestra Meta :
\$535,000

Total Recaudado:
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25% de nuestra
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Estos datos fueron
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dos: 3/19/19

¿Como puedes ayudar!

- Responder a la llamada al voluntario
- Hacer una promesa a la campaña
- Ore por el éxito de la campaña

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life prayer vigil in Waco has begun AND needs YOU. One of the 377 sites worldwide in the midst of a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is Planned Parenthood in Waco. This is the go-to facility for abortion-minded moms throughout dozens of Central Texas counties. Likely your county. It is not too late to participate with an hour of prayer at the vigil site of 700 West Highway 6. You can just drop in from 7 AM to 7 PM through April 13 to pray for those in crisis. If you do want to sign up, contact 40daysforlife.com/waco or prolifewaco@gmail.com. At this time of growing peril to babies in the womb, we must be the Lord's voices in our community. You will pray outside the fence.

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION

Next week there will be a special collection: The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

RAFFLE TICKET SALE

On April 27 & 28 St Marys of Waco will be selling raffle tickets for their festival on May 19 after the masses. They are \$1.00 for 1 or 6 for \$5.00. 1 prize is \$1,000, 2 prizes for \$500.00, 4 prizes for \$250.00 and 5 for \$100.00.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

The saints make up our All-Star Team, inspiring us on to heaven!

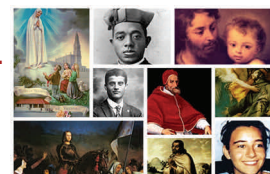
With that in mind, we'll also be marking the start of baseball season with a "Night at the Ballpark."

THURSDAY APRIL 25th,

6:30-9 PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Parish Activities Center



All you holy men and women, pray for us!

Burgers, bratwurst, dogs, All the fixins' Beer, wine, and tea

Step up to the plate! With less than two months from our annual RED-C Catholic Radio Benefit Dinner, it's time to order your tickets! If you already have, thank you. Please share this with someone you think could really hit a home run for us!

Come be inspired by Tom Peterson, president of "Catholics Come Home". He'll give us a pep talk that will get us ready to play, using the example of the saints and moments from his own life, to help us become Catholic heroes for our own time!

Go to the website redcradio.org/benefit, click "Register" to purchase individual tickets for \$25 or reserve a table starting at \$500.