



*"YOU SHALL
WORSHIP THE LORD,
YOUR GOD,
AND HIM ALONE
SHALL YOU SERVE."
- LK 4:8*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

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Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving
toward one another, compassionate, humble.
Tengan todo unos mismos sentimientos, sean compasivos,
ámense como hermanos, sean misericordiosos y humildes.
1 Peter 3:8

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace
into which you were also called in one body. And be
thankful.

Que la paz de Cristo reine en sus corazones: esa paz a la
que han sido llamados, porque formamos un solo Cuerpo
1 Col 3:15

Ministry Assignments

DAYS	TIME	EMC	LECTOR	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday Mar 15	5:00 PM Bilingual	Dorothy Schwertner, Martha Lopez	Curtis Schwertner	Irene Reyes	Clare/Joseph
Sunday Mar 16	8:00 AM English	Mark Hatley, Lisa Hatley, Rosemary DelaRosa, Mary Pena	Lisa Hatley	Mary Pena	Jessi/Daleyza
	11:00 AM Spanish	Susana Arenivar, Martha Lopez, Tere Pinon, Maria Avila	Gilberto A.	Monika G.	Francisco/Damian R
	12:30 PM Spanish	Veronica Huerta, Yolanda Sanchez, Jose Garcia, Rosita Huerta	Moni Hernandez	Perla Sanchez	Isaac/Samuel

Mass Intentions

Day	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY:
Wednesday Mar 12	6:00 PM	+Francisco Lumbreras	Martha Lopez
Thursday Mar 13	6:00 PM	Nuestra Parroquia	
Friday Mar 14	9:00 AM	+Robert Sahn	Mary Swartz
Saturday Mar 15	5:00 PM	+Joana Ovalle, +Norma Schwertner	Mary Swartz
		+Josefina Chavez	Andy & Rosa Castillo
		+Hector Castillo	Geri Urtuazuastegui
		+Jovita Lumbreras	Familia Lopez
Sunday Mar 16	8:00 AM	+Willie Wieck & +Jeff Kautz	Mildred Wieck
		+Demetrio Gauna	Carol Valdez
	11:00 AM	+Eustacio & +Roberto Barraza	Esperanza Barraza
		+Roberto Barraza Jr. & +Jose Corrujedo	Esperanza Barraza
	12:30 PM	+ Humberto Tarango	Oralia Tarango
		Accion de Gracias a San Jose	Familia Nava
		+Oralia Castillo & +Daniel Gutierrez	Monica Borunda
		+Leonor Borunda & +Hector Borunda	Monica Borunda
		Accion de Gracia a Jesus Sacramentado	Martina Ramos
		+Sergio Balderas, +Cuca Borunda, Bendita Almas del Purgatorio	Martha Chacon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Dt 26, 4-10/Sal 90, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15 (ver 5)/Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13
Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46
Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6, 7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32
Jueves: Est C, 12. 14-16. 23-25/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8/Mt 7, 7-12
Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26
Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: 1er Domingo de Cuaresma; Inicio del horario de verano
Lunes:
Martes:
Miércoles:
Jueves:
Viernes:
Sábado:

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Mark & Lisa Hatley, Deacon Ricky DeLaRosa

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RCIA: Lisa Hatley 806-930-8737 English; Martha Lopez 806-922-7883 Español

ALTAR SERVERS/SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR: Deacon Ricky DeLaRosa

LECTORS/COMMUNION MINISTERS: Lisa Hatley English...806-930-8737 Martha Sandoval Español...806-717-3403

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Deacon Ricky DeLaRosa

FUNERAL MEALS: Sandra Garcia

YOUTH GROUP: Sue Stout/Dorothy Schwertner/Leticia Borunda/Yessenia Longoria

MARIA SERVIDORA: Sandra y Gilberto Alcantar,

YOUNG COUPLES GROUP: Valerie Jasso806-674-6626

THANKSGIVING DINNER: Kelly Melies

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Miguel Nevarez

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: Lisa Hatley

THAT MAN IS YOU: Chris Gerber

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Ministry Meetings

Sunday: RCIA, 6:30-8:00 PM

Monday: Parish Council, 6:45PM (The Tuesday before Finance Council Meeting)
Parish Office; Opening Your Heart (Women's Bible Study) 1st & 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM; Young Couples meet from 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday: Rosary, 5:00PM English

Thursday: Finance Council, Second Thursday 6:45 PM Parish Office, Knights of Columbus, 7:00 PM (The Third Thursday of the month)

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) 7:00 AM

Saturday: That Man is You, 6:00 AM

Finance Council Members: Joe Rahija Becky Gomez Arnie Stork

Parish Council Members: Chris Gerber Lisa Hatley Yessenia Longoria Ofelia Garbalena
Gilberto Alcantar Carlos Lopez Elizabeth Noggler

BAPTISM Parents must come to the parish office for information

MARRIAGE Couples must contact the priest at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date.

FUNERAL In the event of a death, please contact the parish office or priest, as soon as possible.

QUINCEAÑERA Parents must contact the parish office 6 months prior to the desired date.

Schedule of Masses/Horario de Misas

Daily Mass/Misa de la Semana:

Wednesday English: 6:00 PM at Church

Thursday Exposition in the chapel at 2:00 pm

Jueves español: 6:00 PM en la capilla

Friday English: 9:00 AM in the chapel

Weekend Masses/Misa de fin de Semana:

Saturday/sábado

Bilingual/bilingüe 5:00 PM

Sunday/domingo

English/Inglés 8:00 AM

Sunday/domingo

Spanish/Español 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Confessions are at 4:00 PM on Saturday in the Church

Adoration: Thursday/jueves, 2:00 PM-6:00 PM in the chapel

September-May/septiembre-mayo

FAITH FORMATION: Our Faith Formation classes are held from the first Sunday after Dumas schools start until the end of April. These classes are for our students in Kindergarten to 8th grade who have attended the prior years of Faith Formation and received their sacraments on time. Your student must be registered for these classes.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Our Sacramental Preparation classes are held from the first Sunday after Dumas schools start until the end of April or middle of May. These classes are for students in Kindergarten to 11th grade who have not regularly attended Faith Formation classes and are behind on sacrament reception. Your student must be registered for these classes.

YOUTH GROUP: Our Youth Group is open to students in 9th – 12th grades and meets on Wednesday from August to May. All students in our Youth Group must have already received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Your student must be registered for our Youth Group

ADULT CONFIRMATION: These classes are offered once a year in February or March and are for adults in our parish who have been baptized and received First Communion but somehow missed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation but have been attending Mass and are active Catholics.

RCIA: These classes are for anyone wishing to know more about the Catholic faith and are open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. If you were baptized Catholic but just haven't been actively involved come and join us, if you aren't Catholic, but would like to know more about the Catholic faith, come and join us!! Next session will begin in September. Contact Lisa Hatley for more information: 806-930-8737



Prayer Line/Linea de oración (Please remember all of these in your daily prayers) Efnita Garcia, Larry Garcia, Irma Madrid, Margie Clements, Roger Schilling, Diego Serrano, Fr. Dale Allder, John Rahija, Bernice Schwertner, Paul Vasquez, Michael Castillo, Esperanza Barraza, Michael Dillard, Heather Frische, Daniel Huerta, Edgardo Garcia, Susan O'valle, Rochelle Cobos, Delia O'valle, Corimne Philips-Ward, Edwin Romero, Abby Gauna, Jess Philley, Kandice Phillips, Karla Garcia, Jocelyn Billalobos, Geneva Saenz, Margie Monroe, Sergio Tarango, Georgette Perez, Denisia Garcia, Hector Robles, Manuel Estrada, Giselle Anguiano, Briana Rodriguez, Juan Vara, Jimmy Castro, Isabel Perez, Elizabeth Martinez, Rodolfo Peña, Franco Vazquez Mellado, Grabiela Crunelle, John Irjin, Allison Loya

(We have removed some names due to them being on the prayer line for an extended period. Please call the office if you would like to re-add or add someone.)

If you would like someone's name on the prayer line please call the office. Names will be removed after 3 months unless you call and ask them to remain.

Names that are given us will not appear in the bulletin until 10-14 days after we receive them. Please call if someone needs to be removed from the list.

!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!!FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS!!

Mar 10: Jose Granados, Isabela Jimenez, Alejandro Soto

Mar 11: Reynaldo Luzardo, Maia Mendoza, Grace Reznik, Miriam Rodriguez

Mar 12: Ivan Duran, Angelica Mercado, Kennya Rivera

Mar 13: Rodrigo Coronel, Aidan Hill, Raul Maldonado

Mar 14: Eddie Marquez, Patricia Marquez

Mar 15: Samuel Cano, Jesus Gaytan, Matteo Mendoza, Yanetti

Mar 16: Liza Aranda



General Collection: \$10,020.15

Building Fund: \$1,076.00

Children's Collection: \$392.00

Ash Wednesday masses: \$4,395.30

Building Debt: \$545,511.66

UCA Quota 24/25: \$52,038.00

UCA Pledged: \$36,625.00

UCA Paid: \$31,154.00



Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

Pregunta:

¿Quién inventó el Vía Crucis?

Respuesta:

El primer Vía Crucis lo recorrió Jesús mismo en su camino al Calvario. Conocido como la "Via Dolorosa" ("El Camino del Sufrimiento") o el "Via Crucis" ("El Camino de la Cruz"), estuvo marcado desde los primeros tiempos y era un camino tradicional para los peregrinos que llegaban a Jerusalén. Los primeros cristianos de Jerusalén recorrían el mismo camino que recorrió Jesús, deteniéndose para reflexionar y orar. Más tarde, cuando los cristianos no podían viajar a Tierra Santa, se instalaron representaciones artísticas del "Vía Crucis" en las iglesias o en el exterior y los cristianos caminaban de estación en estación, leyendo el relato evangélico de la Pasión o simplemente rezando y reflexionando sobre cada acontecimiento. Si bien el contenido o el lugar de cada estación habían cambiado, la intención era hacer una miniperegrinación y seguir, literalmente, los pasos de Jesús.

Esta devoción se hizo más conocida en la Edad Media y se atribuye a los franciscanos su difusión. La Cuaresma es un tiempo en el que mucha gente reza el Vía Crucis y algunas iglesias presentan representaciones de la Pasión o Vía Viviente. Pero cualquiera puede rezar el Vía Crucis en cualquier momento. Es una reflexión sencilla y personal sobre la pasión de Jesús y lo que significa para nosotros.

El abogado de Inmigración estara en el salon parroquial el Viernes, 21 de marzo, apartir de la 1:30 pm. Para agendar una cita llame a Manuel Velasco 806-930-7474.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Via Crucis ©LPI

Every Friday/Cada Viernes 6:00 PM

Lectors:

Mar. 14: Lisa Hatley & Veronica Rodriguez
Mar. 21: Jose Fuentes & Moni Hernandez
Mar. 28: Youth Group & David Ruiz
April 4: Schwertner & Ana Luisa Cabrera
April 11: Stout & Yessica Calzadillas

Lenten Meal Schedule

Mar. 14 Adult Confirmation classes & RCIA
Mar. 21 Maria Servidora
March 28 Youth Group
April 4 Parish Office
April 11 KC's

Please join us for our **bilingual Stations of the Cross**. Let us take these 40 days to grow in our relationship with Jesus, to try and grasp as best we can, the love that was shown to mankind through the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Únase a nosotros en nuestro **Vía Crucis bilingüe**. Aprovechemos estos 40 días para crecer en nuestra relación con Jesús, para tratar de comprender lo mejor que podamos el amor que se mostró a la humanidad a través del sufrimiento y la muerte de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Mar 20: Lenten Reconciliation Service 6:00 PM
April 1: Faith Formation registration begins
April 12: Spring Craft show
April 13: Palm Sunday
April 15: Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
April 16: Bilingual Mass of Anointing of the Sick 6:00pm
April 19: Easter Vigil 8:30 PM
April 20: Easter Sunday
April 26: Confirmation Mandatory Retreat
May 3: First Communion mass 10am & 12 pm
May 4: Cinco de Mayo on parish grounds
May 9-10: Youth Group Mini Retreat
May 15: Faith Formation registration ends
August 24: Parish Festival at McDade Park

EVENTOS PARROQUIALES

20 de marzo: Servicio de Reconciliación Cuaresmal 6:00 PM
1 de abril: Registros para Catecismo comienza
12 de abril: Muestra de artesanía de primavera
13 de abril: Domingo de ramo
16 de abril: Misa Bilingüe de Sanación 6:00pm
19 de abril: La Vigilia Pascual 8:30 PM
20 de abril: Domingo de Pascua
26 de abril: Retiro obligatorio de confirmación
3 de mayo: Primera Comunión 10 am & 12 pm
4 de mayo: Cinco de Mayo en los terrenos de la parroquia
9-10 de mayo: Mini retiro de grupo de Jovenes
15 de mayo: Registros para Catecismo termina
24 de agosto: Festival de la Parroquia en el parque McDade

Our bulletin advertiser of the week is **Castillo Heating & Air**. Thank you!! We appreciate your support of our parish bulletin.

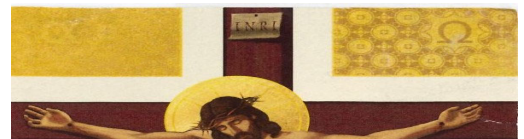
Lenten Reconciliation service on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 PM. Please remember you are preparing for sacrament reception and do so in a quiet and reverent manner.



Servicio de Reconciliación Cuaresmal el Jueves, 30 de marzo a las 6:00 PM. Recuerde que se está preparando para la recepción de los sacramentos y hágalo de manera tranquila y reverente.



Lent a time to rearrange our priorities: • Attend Daily Mass • Attend the Stations of the Cross • Volunteer to help out with one of the many ministries in our parish • Fast and sacrifice and donate to our Building Fund (we will have the little banks) • Private Prayer, pray for an end to abortion, an increase in vocations, in support of all the priests currently serving the church, for our first responders (maybe a new intention each day of Lent) • This is YOUR parish, it is time to assume some responsibility for it, don't leave it up to others just because they are willing to shoulder the responsibility!!! Let us all take up our cross and follow Jesus. Don't be too B.U.S.Y.—Burdened Under Satan's Yoke Let's celebrate Easter as a "new" creation through prayer and sacrifice in our Lenten preparation time



Join the Lent Pray40 Challenge on Hallow

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent on Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us encounter Christ through daily prayer.

Hallow hallow.com/pray





First Communion

Primera Comuni3n

The following young people from our parish are in the last few months of preparation to receive Jesus for the very first time in the Holy Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Kyra Jewel Adair**	Gabriel Gonzalez	Yareli Palacios
Travin Dallas Adair**	Giuliana Gonzalez	Ayleen Pol
Gil Emiliano Alvarez	Ibrahim Gonzalez	Luke Reyes
Jael Bautista	Ivan Adriel Gonzalez	Madden Rocky Reyes
Yosbel Bautista	Kaylee Gonzalez	Mireya Reyes
Miguel Beltran	Miriam A. Gonzalez	Noel Reyes
Aleya Bitonel	Raymond Hernandez	Royce Reyes
Jocelyn Billalobos	Carlos Jordan	Ashley Reyna
Gael Alexis Cardenas	Jesus Jordan	Dafne Reyna
Kenia Cardona	Caleb A. Marchan	Adrian Rodriguez
Melissa Cardona	Dayanna Martinez	Yazmin Ruiz
Andrew E. Carrillo	Roselyn Marquez	Bryan Saldana
Daniel Carrillo	Bailey Maynez**	Allyson Sanchez
Ximena Carrillo	Gisselle Maynez**	Danna Sanchez
Marley DeLaCruz**	Jayden Maynez**	Guadalupe Sanchez
Isabella H. Dominguez	Evelynn Medrano	Kimberly Sanchez
Naomi Dominguez	Riley Jae Medrano	Alex Santana
Ximena Duron	Jose Luis Mena	Maricela Soto
Lucas Elizondo	Ian Mendoza	Miguel Angel Soto
Dya Escobar	Adan Meraz	Ervin Terrazas
Ivonne Estrada **	Anibal Meraz	Aaron Trujillo
Bryson Frazier	Natalia Miranda	Adam Trujillo
Alexandra Garcia	Jean Gael Montanez	Damin Valdez
Rodrigo Garcia	Landon Murillo	Eden Vargas
Alexandra Gomez	Clarisa Olivas**	Charlie Vasquez
Adalee Gonzalez	Melecio Ontiveros	Aidaly Villalba
Aliannah Gonzalez	Brenda Ortiz	**Non Baptized
Francisco Gonzalez Jr	Jamilet Palacios	Students**

Faith Formation

Sunday classes 9:15-10:40 AM for K-5th grade. Wednesday mass at 6:00 pm followed by class starting at 6:45-8:10 PM for 6th-12th grade. **Make sure your children arrive on time and you pick up your children on time.**

Formaci3n de Fe

Las clases dominicales de 9:15 a 10:40 a. m. para el grado Kinder al 5to. Las clases de los mi3rcoles la misa a las 6:00 p. m. seguida de la clase a partir de las 6:45 a 8:10 p. m. para el grado 6 al 12. **Asegúrese de que sus hijos lleguen a tiempo y usted los recoja a tiempo.**

Important Dates for First Communion

Wednesday April 30th: Rehearsal for First Communion Mass at 5:00 PM at the church

Thursday May 1st: Confession at 6:30 PM in church -for all grades

Saturday May 3: First Communion Mass at 10:00 AM 2nd grade Kelly Gerber's class, SP class with Adriana Vargas and Sacramental Prep 2nd and 3rd grade Ms Hernandez

First Communion Mass at 12:00 PM for students in sacramental prep classes grade 4-12 with following catechist: Ms Mary Pen, Deacon Ricky DelaRosa, and Ms Yvonne Morales

Fechas importantes para la Primera Comuni3n

Mi3rcoles 30 de abril: Ensayo de la Primera Comuni3n a las 5:00 PM en la Iglesia.

Jueves 1 de mayo: Confesiones a las 6:30 pm en la Iglesia para todos los estudiantes

Sábado 3 de mayo: Misa de primera comuni3n a las 10 am para los grupos de 2do grado Ms Kelly Gerber, la clase de preparaci3n sacramental Adriana Varagas y Preparaci3n sacramental 2-3 Ms Hernandez

La misa de las 12 pm de mediodía para las clases de preparaci3n sacramental grados 4 al 12 con los siguientes catequistas: Ms Mary Pena, Diacono Ricky DelaRosa y Ms Yvonne Morales

Faith Formation Important Dates

March:

3/9 Sunday No CCD Spring Break
3/12 Wednesday No CCD Spring Break
3/16 Sunday No CCD Spring Break

April:

4/1 Faith Formation Registration begins
4/18 Wednesday No CCD Holy Week
4/20 Sunday No CCD Easter Sunday
4/27 Last day for CCD Sunday students
4/30 Last day for CCD Wednesday students
4/30 1st Communion Mass Rehearsal @ 5:00PM

Fechas Importantes del Catecismo

Marzo:

3/9 domingo no clases por las vacaiones de primavera
3/12 mi3rcoles no clases por la vacaciones de primavera
3/16 domingo no clases por la vacaciones de primavera

Abril:

4/1 Registros del Catecismo comienzan
4/18 miercoles No clases por la semana santa
4/20 Domingo no clases por el domingo de Pascua
4/27 último día de clases para los estudiantes de los domingos
4/30 último día de clases para los estudiantes de los miercoles
4/30 Ensayo de la misa para 1er Communion @ 5:00pm

March 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent
Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness. — Father John Muir

9 de marzo de 2025
1er Domingo de Cuaresma

Preparados o no preparados, la Cuaresma ha llegado a nuestra vida. Y, el Papa Francisco nos invita a reflexionar en lo siguiente: "Al comienzo de la Cuaresma nos hará bien a todos nosotros pedir la gracia de conservar la memoria de todo lo que el Señor ha hecho en mi vida: cómo me ha querido, cómo me ha amado. He aquí, pues, el significado de las expresiones: Mira hacia atrás - ¡que no es lo mismo que vuelve hacia atrás – el camino que has hecho. Y el bienestar, incluso espiritual, conlleva el peligro de caer en una cierta amnesia. Es precisamente en este momento cuando el corazón comienza a retroceder, porque no escucha la voz de su propio corazón: la memoria".

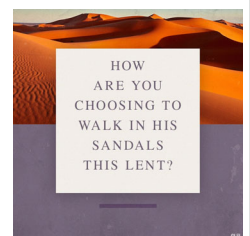
La Iglesia también nos ayuda a llevar este tiempo Santo de Cuaresma invitándonos a la penitencia, a la purificación y de compartir lo que tenemos y somos con los necesitados. Es por eso que el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. Todos los viernes de Cuaresma, como todos los viernes del año, somos invitados a practicar nuestra fe con actos de penitencia. Tan sencillos como visitar algún enfermo, ayudarnos en familia, hacer oración y asistir a actos de piedad a la Iglesia local. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 1438). Y lo principal, acercarnos a la Eucaristía dominical para refugiarnos en la Palabra de Dios, que es lo que nos da vida y nos hará llegar a la Pascua resucitados.

Things you can do to improve your Lent

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures before you go to Mass. Familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time will help you experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.
2. Try a new spiritual practice. Sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Attend Mass at a parish that's made up of people from a different racial/ethnic group. Sign up for a silent retreat or spend at least one hour in silent meditation each weekend.
3. Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.
4. Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. So, no gossiping or going down the Twitter rabbit hole.
5. Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering during Lent. Serve a meal at your local soup kitchen. Visit the elderly. Stock shelves at a food pantry.

Cosas que puedes hacer para mejorar tu Cuaresma

1. Comprométete a leer las Escrituras dominicales antes de ir a Misa. Familiarizarte con las lecturas de antemano te ayudará a experimentarlas de una manera más profunda el domingo.
2. Prueba una nueva práctica espiritual. Regístrate para una hora de Adoración Eucarística. Asista a misa en una parroquia compuesta por personas de un grupo racial o étnico diferente. Regístrese para un retiro en silencio o pase al menos una hora en meditación silenciosa cada fin de semana.
3. Piensa en un hábito que te ha impedido ser quien Dios te llama a ser. Abandona conscientemente ese hábito durante la Cuaresma.
4. Comprométete a ayunar de comentarios insensibles y crueles sobre los demás. Así que no cotillees ni te metas en la madriguera de Twitter.
5. Pase al menos un fin de semana o una noche como voluntario durante la Cuaresma. Sirva una comida en el comedor de beneficencia local. Visita a los mayores. Almacene los estantes en una despensa de alimentos.





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