



# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:00PM

## Fourth Sunday of **LENT** March 27, 2022



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"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' "

Luke 15:18-19

### Mass Times

Weekdays 8:00AM - English  
Thursday 7:00PM - Spanish  
Saturday 5:30PM - English (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:00AM - Polish  
9:30AM - English  
11:00AM - English  
12:30PM - Spanish

### Adoration

Thursday 9AM - 7PM  
First Friday 5PM-6PM

### Confession Times

Thursday 6:00PM - 6:50PM  
Saturday 5:00PM - 5:20PM  
Sunday 9:30AM - 10:30AM  
(except 1st Sunday)

### Our Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr Jorge Campos-Covarrubias  
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# Our Lady of Sorrows Lectors Schedule

**MARCH 2022 and APRIL 2022**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE CONTACT MARY ESTHER GROSS AT 936-537-1841 | [one144@me.com](mailto:one144@me.com)**

3/26/22 & 3/27/22	Sat 5:30 Pm	Sun 9:30 Am	Sun 11:00 Am	Sun 12:30 Pm
<b>Lector 1</b>	Patricia Arrizon	Ben Tobin	Jackie Ortiz	Sofia Garcia
<b>Lector 2</b>	Patty DeSaracho	Jonathan Rodriguez	Jim Murphy	

4/2/22 & 4/3/22	Sat 5:30 Pm	Sun 9:30 Am	Sun 11:00 Am	Sun 12:30 Pm
<b>Lector 1</b>	Dolores Cruz	David Rodriguez	Otto Talamantez	Patricia Arrizon
<b>Lector 2</b>	Rebecca Mendoza	Maggie Villarreal		

**Lector 1: Announcements and Prayer to Faithful — Lector 2: First and Second Readings**

## Volunteer Opportunities



**Lectors.** The Lector proclaims the Word of God through the reading of Scripture at Mass. This ministry is open to parishioners who have the gift of a good speaking voice and are at least 16 years of age. Lectors generally serve at a particular Mass on a rotating schedule. All lectors will also receive the separate Lector Workbook that includes all readings for the liturgical year. The workbook gives a background for understanding each reading. Knowing what a reading is about helps each lector 'proclaim' a reading, rather than simply 'reading' the passage. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact the parish office. **Note: If you attend the 5:30 Mass on Saturdays, we are looking for additional Lectors. Contact Mary Ester Gross at 936-537-1841 or email her at [one144@me.com](mailto:one144@me.com).**



## Donations for Easter Lilly's for the Altar

We are seeking donations for Easter Lilly's for Easter Sunday . If you would like to purchase one in remembrance of your loved ones, the **donation for the Lillis will be \$20.** Disregard the announcement from the last bulletin. Please call the office if you are interested. Thank You for your support.

## CCD CLASSES Darlene Jimenez - Director

The CCD classes will resume on April 10th at 9:00am in the classroom. **Special Note:** All CCD students who have made their first communion and confirmation will have confessions on **Saturday-April 9th at 10:00am** in the church. We hope that this opportunity for confession will be a Blessed start to Holy Week remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christs' sacrifice.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, begins every **Thursday following the 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm.** If you would like to sign up for an hour of Adoration please contact the parish office or sign up page in the back of the Church. Come and pray with us in the most Holy presence of our Lord. **Devotion to Seven Sorrows of Mary on Thursday, 5:30pm**



**FLEA MARKET AND BREAKFAST  
April 3, 2022 - Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm**

**Our Lady of Sorrows Altar Society is having a Flea Market and Breakfast on April 3rd. We will also will be selling a Tamale plate w/rice and beans. If your interested, reserve a table for \$10. Contact Hope Aguillon at 210-818-7217.**

*GPS Young Adult Ministry*

**PIZZA, PINTS, AND  
PENANCE**



*Thursday,  
March 31st*

*5:30 P.M.*

*Our Lady of  
Sorrows*

*Chavez Center*

*3107 N St. Mary's St.*

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## Mass Intentions

Mar 27	8:00AM	Polish Mass
	9:30AM	+Gloria Perez
	11:00AM	+Katy Kosclski +Joe Frederick
	12:30PM	+Roberto Espino Feliz +Fortino Feliz Mendez +Nathan Gildemeister
Mar 28	8:00AM	In honor of Virgen de San Juan +Gloria Perez Cynthia Martinez
Mar 29	8:00AM	+ Gloria Perez
Mar 30	8:00AM	+Gloria Perez Pinky Torres
Mar 31	8:00AM	+Gloria Perez Cristy Soson
	7:00PM	Sacerdotes y Almas Consagradas
Apr 01	8:00AM	+Ronald & Charlis Kalcic +Mary Le Blanc + Gloria Perez
Apr 02	5:30PM	+Gloria Perez OLS Parishioners

## Parish Activities

### March 31 - 9:00-7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30pm - Devotion to Seven Sorrows of Mary  
7:00pm - Mass in Spanish  
7:30pm - Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

### April 1st

5:00-6:00pm - First Friday Adoration  
6:00pm - Station of the Cross (English)

### April 3rd - Sunday

9:00-2:00pm - Altar Society Flea Market & Breakfast

## Ministry Personnel

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## Priest Schedule

<b>Monday Mar 28th</b>	Fr Dennis
8:00am	
<b>Tuesday Mar 29th</b>	Fr Dennis
8:00am	
<b>Wednesday Mar 30th</b>	
8:00am	Fr Joseph
<b>Thursday Mar 31st</b>	
8:00am	Fr Dennis
7:00pm(Spanish)	Fr Dennis
<b>Friday Apr 1st</b>	
8:00am	Fr Dennis
<b>Saturday Apr 2nd</b>	
5:30pm	Fr Jorge
7:00pm	Fr Marian
<b>Sunday Apr 3rd</b>	
8:00am	Fr Marian
9:30am	Fr Jorge
11:00am	Fr Joseph
12:30pm(Spanish)	Fr Joseph



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



## Palabras de Nuestro Vicario Parroquial

Queridos feligreses,

Hoy es el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma. La Biblia nos presenta la parábola del hijo pródigo. El padre tiene muchas propiedades y tiene dos hijos. Ambos están contentos en la casa de su padre, donde trabajan y administran las granjas y ranchos de su padre... Pero uno de ellos, el más joven, ya está harto de esta vida hermosa, fácil y cómoda. Es difícil para él vivir bajo la autoridad del Padre. Es una autoridad amorosa, pero el joven quiere más libertad. El diablo nos confronta con la tentación de 'seréis como dioses'. El niño más pequeño quiere ser su propio amo y gobernante, poder elegir libremente qué hacer y qué no hacer, cómo vivir y dónde disfrutar de la vida. ¿Cuántas veces nos ha pasado esto? Queremos ser libres, trabajar sin "presiones" de nuestra conciencia, la ley de Dios, los mandatos de la Iglesia e incluso las reglas familiares y ocupacionales. Queremos ser libres, completamente libres. Queremos ser dioses. Con estos deseos de libertad ilimitada, o, más exactamente, inmoralidad, el hijo menor huye de la casa del padre. Tiene también la osadía de exigir una parte de la herencia de sus antepasados. En aquellos días, como en el nuestro, la herencia pasa a los hijos siguiendo la muerte del padre o de la madre. ¿Qué dice entre líneas esta petición de herencia que el hijo hace a su padre? "Quiero que mueras para que puedas dejarme con lo único que me interesa de ti: lo que me dejarás como herencia".

Con amor ilimitado, el padre accede a su petición: le lleva su herencia. "Te he dado todo mi amor, todo lo que un padre puede darle a su hijo, y mucho más. Pero, como padre, también quiero seguir honrando el regalo más grande que te he dado: tu libertad". Con el corazón roto, el padre vio a su hijo salir de la casa y le suplicó que no lo olvidara y que se cuidara a sí mismo. El pecado puede darnos gozo aparente. "Entonces, soy libre. Tengo dinero. Puedo hacer lo que quiera". Pero el dinero se agota, el disfrute de los placeres mundanos se desvanece y el resentimiento se cuele en el corazón. Este niño que comió lo que quiso está sufriendo de hambre, pero ni siquiera puede comer las vainas de maíz de las que se alimentan los cerdos. El Evangelio describe el proceso de conversión en detalle: el joven entra dentro de sí mismo, medita, recuerda la grandeza de su Padre, confiesa su mal y se arrepiente, y decide regresar a la casa de su Padre. Lo más importante es que se levanta y va por el camino correcto. ¿Cuántas veces hemos lamentado nuestros pecados? Es un lamento inútil si no nos levantamos y nos vamos. Permanecemos a las puertas de la salvación, como un peregrino que muere de sed junto a un manantial porque carece de fuerzas para beber.

Pedimos a la Virgen María que interceda por nosotros en este gran tiempo litúrgico de cuaresma, para que Dios nos mueva a la conversión a Él e inspire nuestro deseo de levantarnos cada día e ir hacia la casa del Padre, acercándonos a la confesión.

**P. Dennis Venegas**

## LENTEN PRACTICES

"During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. "



"Three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent; these are known as the three pillars of Lent:

Prayer (justice towards God)  
Fasting (justice towards self)  
Almsgiving (justice towards neighbors)"

"Roman Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 and Good Friday, April 15, 2022. Additionally, they must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

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## From our Parochial Vicar

Dear parishioners,

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Bible introduces us to the parable of the prodigal son. The father has a lot of property and has two children. Both are content at their father's home, where they work and manage their father's farms, and ranches... But one of them, the youngest, has had enough of this beautiful, easy, and comfortable life. It is difficult for him to live under the authority of the Father. It is a loving authority, but the young man wants more freedom. The devil confronts us with the temptation of 'you will be like gods.' The younger child wants to be his or her own master and ruler, to be able to choose freely what to do and what not to do, how to live and where to enjoy life. How many times has this happened to us? We want to be free, to work without "pressures" from our conscience, God's law, church mandates, and even familial and occupational rules. We want to be free, completely free. We want to be gods. With these desires for unlimited liberty, or, more accurately, immorality, the younger son flees the father's home. He also has the audacity to demand a portion of his ancestors' inheritance. In those days, like in ours, the inheritance passes on to the children following the death of the father or mother. What does this petition for inheritance that the son makes to his father say between the lines? "I want you to die so that you may leave me with the one thing that interests me about you: what you'll leave me as an inheritance." With boundless love, the father grants his request: he has brought him his inheritance. "I have given you all my love, all a father can give his child, and much more. But, as a father, I also want to continue honoring the greatest gift I have ever given you: your liberty." With a broken heart, the father saw his son leave the house and pleaded with him not to forget him, and to take care of himself. Sin can give us apparent joy. "So, I'm free. I have money. I can do whatever I want ". But the money runs out, the enjoyment of worldly pleasures fades, and resentment creeps into the heart. This child who could eat anything he wanted is suffering from hunger, but he cannot even eat the pods of corn from which the hogs are fed. The Gospel describes the conversion process in detail: the young man goes into himself, meditates, recalls the greatness of his Father, confesses his wrong, and repents, and decides to return to his Father's house. Most importantly, he gets up and goes in the right path. How many times have we bemoaned our sins? It is a useless lament if we do not get up and go. We remain at the gates of salvation, like a pilgrim who dies of thirst next to a spring because he lacks the strength to drink. We ask the Virgin Mary to intercede on our behalf in this great liturgical season of Lent, so that God may move us to conversion to Him and inspire our desire to rise each day and go toward the Father's house.

**Fr. Dennis Venegas**



### **Saint Catherine of Genoa (March 26, 1447-September 15, 1510)**

Going to confession one day was the turning point of Catherine's life. When Catherine was born, many Italian nobles were supporting Renaissance artists and writers. The needs of the poor and the sick were often overshadowed by a hunger for luxury and self-indulgence. At 13, she attempted to become a nun but failed because of her age. At 16, she married Julian, a nobleman who turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while she tried to numb her disappointment by a life of selfish pleasure. One day in confession she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave good example to Julian, who soon turned from his self-centered life of distraction. He and Catherine decided to live in the Pammatone, a large hospital in Genoa, and to dedicate themselves to works of charity there. After Julian's death in 1497, Catherine took over management of the hospital. She wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God. Life with God in heaven is a continuation and perfection of the life with God begun on earth. Exhausted by her life of self-sacrifice, Catherine died September 15, 1510, and was canonized in 1737.

### **Collection March 12th & 13th**

First Collection \$ 3,382.84

Second Collection \$ 1,149.12

#### **Correction for Last Week's**

**Second Collection - 3/5th & 3/6 - \$684.24**

Candles \$ 249.06

Mass Intentions \$ 500.00

Rental Income \$ 1,678.00

Donations \$ 476.00

Donation-Mar 5th & 6th \$ 72.00

Building Fund \$ 5.00

Funeral \$ 300.00

Altar Society \$ 293.06

#### **Second Collections:**

March 27th For the Catholic Relief Services (American Bishop's Overseas Appeal)

April 3rd Church Building Fund

#### **Mass Attendance :**

Mar 19th & Mar 20th 289

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