

Dear Padre,

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent?

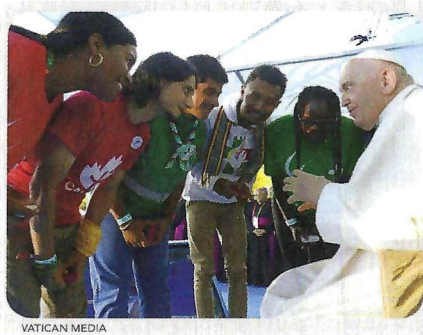
Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes.

It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person’s discernment.

The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Sir 17:20–24	Sir 35:1–12	Jl 2:12–18	Dt 30:15–20	Is 58:1–9a	Is 58:9b–14	Dt 26:4–10
Mk 10:17–27	Mk 10:28–31	2 Cor 5:20–6:2	Lk 9:22–25	Mt 9:14–15	Lk 5:27–32	Rom 10:8–13
		Mt 6:1–6, 16–18				Lk 4:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What Jesus says is true: we always find reasons for blaming others and justifying ourselves. And very often we complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves and without making an effort to change.... Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. Otherwise, there will be no change.

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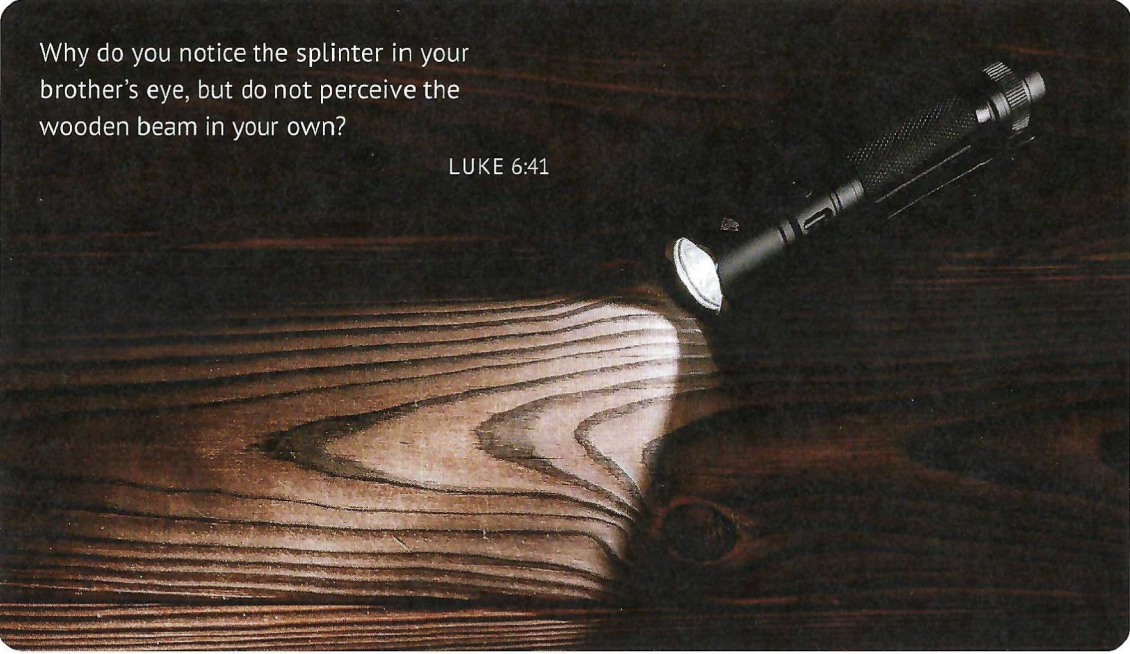
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 2, 2025  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Sirach 27:4–7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 / Luke 6:39–45



Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41

Blindsided

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I’d be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked.

I’d spend the film gazing through someone’s head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. ●

Reflect

What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?





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**Rev. Phillip D. Henning, Pastor**

**March 2, 2025, The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday ( <i>St. Katherine Drexel</i> )	Mar	3	10:00 AM	No Mass
Tuesday ( <i>St. Casimir</i> )	Mar	4	9:00 AM	†James Smarr
Wednesday – Ash Wednesday	Mar	5	6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
			12:00 Noon	People of the Parish
			6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Mar	6	12:00 Noon	†George Vogel
Friday ( <i>Sts. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i> )	Mar	7	9:00 AM	†Jacob & Margaret Weinheimer
Saturday ( <i>St. John of God</i> )	Mar	8	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mar	9	9:00 AM	Rev. Jim Harnan
Sunday	Mar	9	11:00 AM	†Evelia Díaz

**OTHER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

**FAITH FORMATION/CCD CLASSES**–Sunday–Immediately after Mass @ 10:00 AM (Aug-April), Grades K-12

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**–Daily in the Adoration Chapel. (Ask the church office for door combination.)

**WEEKLY ROSARY** – Before weekend Masses

**CONFESSION** – Sat 3:00–4:30 PM, Sun 8:00–8:30; 1 hour before weekday masses, ending 15 min prior or just ask Fr. Phil

**COFFEE is served in the hall** on Sundays after 9:00 Mass

<b>GIFT</b>	Mar	2	9:00 AM	Mike & DeAnn Hampton	11:00 AM	Alberto & Bentura Gonzales
<b>BEARERS:</b>	Mar	9	9:00 AM	Jerome & RoShell Heiner	11:00 AM	Isaias & Lorenza Mondragon

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** March Harold Lindemann, David Dionne, Andrew Dionne

**Parish Offerings for Feb 16 – Feb23**

Mass Collection: \$3,601.17      Online Collection: \$690.00  
Building Fund: \$125.00  
Other: \$375.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections March 5 for Catholic Charities & March 9 for Catholic Missions among Black & Native Americans**

**Total: \$4,791.17**

**Thank you for your commitment to the support of our parish. May God Bless You.**

**Holy Communion for the sick or home bound** call the Church Office @ 644-2368 or Renie Litton @ 644-2470

**Immediate prayer** - To be placed on the “Prayer Chain”, Email - [stfrancisxprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisxprayerchain@gmail.com) or call 992-9633(DeAnn).

**To have a name printed in the “Bulletin Prayer List” for 3 months** – call, give a note or email the church office.

**Visitation & Anointing of the Sick** – if you or a member of your family is in the hospital, nursing home, or ill and would like to see a priest or receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick, please call the parish office at 830-644-2368 so Father Phil can be with you.

**Bulletin Items** – need to be submitted to the parish office by **Tuesday (8:00 AM)** for the following weekend. Please submit in writing to the office or email to [stfrancisx@beecreek.net](mailto:stfrancisx@beecreek.net) or mail to the church office.

**Flowers for Church Altar Area** – To provide the weekly Church flowers in thanksgiving, in memory of, or in honor of someone special, please sign up on the “Flower Calendar” in the entrance of church or call the church office. You can provide the flowers or they can be purchased through St. Francis Xavier (\$40.00) (\$20.00 during Advent & Lent). Please include your name & tele # when signing up on the calendar.

**Mass Intentions** – Notification Cards are available from the church office for Mass Intentions to be celebrated here at St. Francis Xavier. You may also call & request a Mass intention without obtaining a notification card.

**St. Thomas Hall Rental** – contact the church office.

**In case of an emergency**, please call Father at 830-730-8473.

**Parish Festival**

**March 2, 2025**



Barbecue chicken plates will be served from 11:00 – 1:00 or until sold out. Each plate is \$15. Dine-in and Drive-through are available. **We will have a prize raffle, live and silent auctions, and a kids’ fun area.** The raffle includes 41 awesome prizes, highlighted by a “**Around the World**” pattern quilt crafted by parishioners. The kids’ fun area will have \$1 hotdogs for the kids. The silent auction is a fun competition among attendees as they vie for their favorite items—bids close at 1:00 PM. This year we have added a Live Auction, which will be quite fun and begins about 12:30PM! The Parish Raffle will be at 1:00PM!!

The drive-through line forms on Ranch Road 1, eastbound lane only.



Tickets may be purchased at Weinheimer & Son, or at the Festival!

**Note:** We have **one** Mass **THIS** Sunday morning at **10:00 AM**. We will also have our usual vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 5:00 PM.

**Leadership Award**

Leadership Award Applications for 2025 are available in the back of church. This award is available to all St. Francis Xavier (SFX) students who graduate high school this spring and plan to enter college or trade school in 2025; have been a parishioner of SFX for at least one year; have received all their sacraments to date; and actively practice their faith. The \$500 award is sponsored by the St. Rose Society and St. Thomas Society and is based on leadership, character, and faith. Students must meet all of the above requirements to be eligible. There may be more than one award per year. Applications must be returned to the church by Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**GUIDELINES FOR LENT**

**Lent** – The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays throughout the year and especially during Lent are penitential days.

**Abstinence** – Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on all Fridays during Lent.

**Fasting** – All those who are 18 but not yet 60, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs. But together, they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest.

**Easter Duty** – All Catholics are to worthily receive Holy Communion at least once in the time period beginning on the First Sunday of Lent and ending on Trinity Sunday.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>10:00 AM Mass &amp; Parish Festival</b>
<b>Mar. 4</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; 5:30 PM Lenten Bible Study</b> No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion
<b>Mar. 5</b>	<b>6:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass &amp; Ashes</b> <b>12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass &amp; Ashes</b> <b>6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass &amp; Ashes</b>
<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>6:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Lenten Supper</b>
<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>10:00 AM Faith Formation Classes</b> <b>10:00 AM St. Thomas Society &amp; St. Rose Society Meetings</b>
<b>Mar. 11</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; 5:30 PM Lenten Bible Study</b>
<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>10:00 AM Faith Formation Classes</b> <b>10:00 AM Young Adult Faith Formation</b>

**OUR PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

**Bulletin Prayer List**



**Denise Seifried**, Andrea Behrends,  
Emily Baethge, Emily Fiedler,  
Kathryn White, Aggie Pat, James Petsch,  
Sarah Neely, Janie Guerra, Bridget Klein,  
Cynthia Miller, Daniel Pehl, Kim Baethge, Ed Talasek,  
Dorothy Klier, Freddie Jenschke, Rhonda Schaeffer,  
Carol Pace, José & Ernestina Gonzalez,  
Cheryl Ann Usener, Deniese Itz, Don Hill,  
Anna Keffler, Buddy Roessler, Roy Schmidtzinsky,  
Olivia Moore, Jeanette Gale, Susan Ulrich, Gloria Priess, Cecelia Pearson, Gene Morey, Ignacio Tabullo,  
Lucas Smith.



***We pray for our recently deceased. May God embrace them in eternal life and bring peace and comfort to their families.***

Wanda Crain, Andy Jacoby, Blanca Diaz,  
Tim Wald, Art McCrea, Greg Baethge, Debi Dibble,  
Susie Rhyne, Debra Habecker, Jessie Niemeyer Ayala,  
Edgar A. Schneider, Jr.

**Pilgrim Statue of Mary**



We thank Warren & Cindy Davis for receiving the Pilgrim Statue of Mary this weekend. May we join with them as they pray for their family and for the families of the parish.

**Ash Wednesday**



Mass and distribution of ashes will be available on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM, 12:00 PM, and 6:00 PM.



**New Parishioners: Registration forms are available in the Church foyer and in the Parish Office. Please update your family information if you have moved.**

### **Join Us for our Ash Wednesday Services March 5**

#### **Servicios por el Miércoles día de Ceniza**

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Services on March 5.

We will distribute blessed ashes at end of each service.

**6:30 am** Mass with distribution of Ashes

**12:00 pm** Mass with distribution of Ashes

**6:00 pm** Mass with distribution of Ashes

If you know of persons who are sick or unable to come to Ash Wednesday services please contact the office so we can bring ashes to them. Thank you!

*Si usted sabe de personas que están enfermos y no pueden venir a los servicios, favor de llamarnos a la oficina. ¡Gracias!*

#### **Ministers of the Eucharist Invited to Assist on Ash Wednesday**

We invite our Ministers of the Eucharist to help out at our Ash Wednesday Masses in the distribution of the Ashes. Please call the Office to let us know if you are able to help at Church or the distribution of ashes to the homebound. If you know of persons who are sick or unable to come to Ash Wednesday services please contact the office so we can bring ashes to them. Thank you!

#### **Ministros de la Eucaristía**

*Si usted es capaz de ayudar con cualquiera de los Servicios del Miércoles de Ceniza, por favor llame a la oficina.*

### **Special Ash Wednesday Collection**

The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the work of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Your offering will assist persons in their time of need. Thank you for your generosity in this special collection.

#### **COLECTA DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**

*En todos los Servicios de Miércoles de Ceniza tendremos una colecta especial para Caridades Católicas. Su ofrenda va a ayudar personas y familias en medio de sus necesidades. Gracias por su donación.*

### **Lenten Fridays**

Make plans to join us on our Lenten Fridays for our Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm. Each Lenten Friday with the Stations, Father Phil will be offering adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 pm. Benediction will conclude at 6 pm. After Stations we invite you to a simple Lenten supper in the St. Thomas Hall. All are invited.

*If you are interested in helping Father Phil in preparing the Lenten supper, please contact us. It will be a meatless menu, as soups, spaghetti, or beans and cornbread.*

### **Pope Francis' Intention for March 2025**

**For families in crisis:** *Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

## **Join In Our Lenten Study of Holy Week leading to Easter "No Greater Love" Beginning Tuesday, March 4**

We would like to invite you to join us for a special five-week Lenten study of the Lord's Passion and Death that begins this Tuesday, March 4. We will continue with our 90 minute sessions on Tuesdays starting at 10 am and 5:30 pm. Each session will include a 60 minute group discussion followed with a 30 minute DVD presentation.

The Lenten program is "No Greater Love" presented by Edward Sri. The topic of the five weeks are: Jesus' Agony in the Garden; his arrest and trial before the Sanhedrin; his trial before Pilate and condemnation to death; the carrying of the cross, passion and death; and the Seven Last Words of Jesus. Consider joining us as we walk together to Holy Week and Easter in our study of the Passion and Death of Our Lord. We will be using an excellent resource book, that includes questions to be discussed, titled "No Greater Love." The cost of the book is \$15.

*If you are interested in joining this study, please call the office and we will order a book for you.*

### **Come Join Us In Prayer**

*Friday mornings at 6:00 AM men of our parish gather for praying the Rosary and reading and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday scriptures. All are welcome!*

### **Invitation to Attend 2025 Men's ACTS Retreat**

*We invite men to consider attending the Spring Men's ACTS Retreat to be held April 3-6, 2025 at the Hermann Sons Camp in Comfort, Texas. One cannot speak enough of the blessings that come forth, especially in our Lent, of taking time with the Lord in a retreat of prayer, sharing and growing in one's faith. This retreat allows men midst reflecting on the gifts of Adoration, Community, Theology and Service to examine life and what is of value, leading one to a closer relationship with God, family and community. This retreat is sponsored by a core team of persons from St. Mary's and area parishes. For more information on the retreat or to register, please contact the Retreat Director: Clayton Itz at (830) 456-1797.*



### **Parish Lenten Healing Mission With Paul Rymniak**

We welcome Paul Rymniak to be with us again for a two-night Healing Mission during our Lent. He will be with us during our weekend Masses April 5&6 and during our Mission evening services Monday and Tuesday, April 7&8 beginning at 6:30 pm each evening. Area priests will be with us these nights for Confessions.

God's gift of healing is not just for the physically impaired. Mental and emotional stresses and strains can take a heavier toll on our lives, even more than the worst of diseases. So, if you or your family are in need of healing in these areas, make plans to share in the mission. All are welcome as we invite God's grace of healing in our lives.

### **ONLINE GIVING**

#### **St. Francis Xavier offers Online Giving**

Scan this code with your phone camera or find the link for online giving on our website. Thank you for your contribution!!







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COLLECTION

## LA CUARESMA EMPIEZA 5 DE MARZO



Tradicionalmente, la Cuaresma es un tiempo de sacrificio a través de la Iglesia. Se anima la oración, recepción de Sacramentos, caridad y limosna.

### GUIAS POR LA CUARESMA

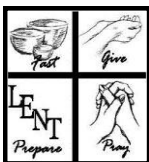
**Cuaresma** – *Los fieles Cristianos deben de ser penitencia a través de la oración, ayuno, abstinencia y haciendo obras de piedad y caridad. Todos los viernes sobre el año y especialmente durante la Cuaresma son días de penitencia.*

**Abstinencia** – *Todos que tienen o son mayores de 14 años de edad deben de abstenerse de comiendo carne el Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo, y todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma.*

**Ayuno** – *Todos que tienen 18 años hasta 59 años, deben de ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza (17 de febrero, 2021) y Viernes Santo (2 de abril, 2021). Solamente una comida completa se permite en los días de ayuno. Se puede tomar otras dos comidas, suficiente para mantener fuerza, según sus necesidades. Pero, conjuntos no debe ser igual como una comida completa. No se permite comer intermedio de comidas, pero si se permite líquidos.*

*La obligación no se aplica a personas que serian afectadas gravemente de su salud o su habilidad para trabajar. Personas en duda sobre en ayuno e abstinencia deben consultar a un arcedote.*

## OPERATION RICE BOWL



This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. As we, the global Church, continue our prayerful walk through this Lent it is

especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family of faith. Please visit [Crsricebowl.org](http://Crsricebowl.org) for more about CRS Rice Bowl. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. Thank you for your prayer and offering.

### Operación Plato de Arroz

Nuestra comunidad participará durante esta Cuaresma en la Operación Plato de Arroz, un programa de Catholic Relief Services. En esta Cuaresma ponemos en práctica la oración, el ayuno y las limosnas con la Operación Plato de Arroz, y añadimos el tema del 'aprendizaje'. **Rezamos** por la gente de todas partes del mundo quienes sufriendo de necesidad, enfermedad y pobreza. Nuestro **ayuno** es una forma de solidaridad con nuestros prójimos alrededor del mundo que nos ayuda a estar más conscientes de los billones de personas que apenas consiguen lo necesario para sobrevivir, sufren hambre día tras día y dependen de agua contaminada para saciar su sed. Nuestras **limosnas** permiten asistir a los más necesitados, mediante los proyectos de desarrollo de Catholic Relief Services en asuntos de agricultura, agua y sanidad, microfinanzas, salud u educación. Que esta Cuaresma sea una peregrinación con los pueblos del mundo para contribuir al establecimiento del Reino de Dios.

## COLLECTION FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS MARCH 8 & 9

The Church's National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken at all Masses next weekend March 8 & 9. This collection assists the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness – **131 Dioceses receive assistance from the collection.** Please be generous next weekend.

*En este próximo fin de semana nuestra parroquia se ocupará de la colección de misión de indio y negro nacional anual. Nuestro apoyo a su colección ayuda a construir la iglesia en las comunidades afroamericanas, nativos americanos y nativos de Alaska de costa a costa. Usted puede ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades de estas comunidades con una generosa contribución hoy. Gracias por su apoyo.*

### Pope Francis: Be Courageous, Go To Confession

As we approach our Lenten journey, I offer you the following words of Pope Francis who invites all to receive of the graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He shared, "Let everyone say to themselves: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, will be there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession."

Acknowledging a popular objection to the sacrament, Pope Francis noted, "someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God, 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest. ... While the celebration of the sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the universality of the Church," which "accompanies us on the path of conversion," he explained.

"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves. One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus. Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen."

The Pontiff recognized that many people feel ashamed at the idea of confessing their sins and might say, "but Father, I am embarrassed!" "Even embarrassment is good. It's healthy to have a bit of shame... it does us good, because it makes us more humble. ... Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves feeling free, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy. This sacrament is a sacrament of healing. When I go to confession, it's for healing: healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that I did to make it unwell."

Pope Francis recalled the story of Jesus healing a paralyzed man, which expresses the "profound link" between "forgiveness and healing," since "the Lord Jesus is revealed at the same time as the physician of soul and body." He also recounted the parable of the prodigal son, who sought his father's forgiveness and was welcomed home with open arms. "But I say to you," he stressed, "every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

**As we approach Lent avail yourself of the many  
hours of Confession we will have available.  
God's love and mercy is a gift for all!**



## **Welcome to the 2025 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries Mission of Hope**

On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and myself, we invite you to share in our 2025 Annual Appeal for Ministries. This annual campaign which will begin for us March 8 & 9 invites all the faithful in our Archdiocese to support the many ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area.

The goal of our Archdiocese for the 2025 Appeal for Ministries is \$5.5 Million. The goal for our parish is \$11,992. We thank all our parishioners who have shared in each of these past years as we have come together to achieve our goal for this important Appeal that helps persons and families in our Archdiocese.

Our "Mission of Hope" starts with You! Every act of generosity reflects God's gifts to us. It is through these gifts that we are called to the common purpose of caring for those in need and instilling HOPE in our community. Together we can achieve this goal through the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries and its endeavors in the following areas:

- ***Parish Life and Faith Formation***
- ***Selfless Service to those in Need***
- ***Faith Based Education***
- ***Catholic Communications***
- ***Accompanying our Shepherds***

These deserving ventures cannot endure without the support of the faithful. Your gift to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries is not only outreach to the disadvantaged, but also brings the Word of God to thousands, strengthens families in faith, and assists the formation of deacons and priests in your own parish. Your donation allows us to consistently work toward the common good in our Catholic community. Please consider making a gift toward our appeal and our mission.



Please consider helping us carry on these missions. Participation from all families is our goal, and each parish will obtain a rebate if their goal is met! Please call (210)734-1910 or visit [https://archsa.org/aaafm\\_giveasa](https://archsa.org/aaafm_giveasa) to give today!

**Together we make a difference!**

## **2025 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries Prayer "Mission of Hope"**

*More Numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings,  
O Good and Gracious God. You have called us to join your  
Mission of Hope by caring for others with our words and  
actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts  
so that we may assist our brothers and sisters who are in  
need. Help us to comprehend the difference we can make,  
the love we can share, and the lives we can bring to You.  
We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us  
to be your loving heart and hands. Amen.*

### **Parish Life and Faith Formation**

The Archdiocesan Department of Pastoral Ministries works tirelessly to create missionary disciples, support our parishes, and accompany families and individuals on their faith journeys. Campus ministry, religious education, hospital ministry, marriage enrichment, and OCIA are just a few of the abundant programs and ministries available to every member of our Archdiocese. Your donation to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries and our shared Mission of Hope goes toward backing these programs and growing the Catholic faith in our corner of the world.

### **Selfless Service to Those in Need**

Catholic Charities of San Antonio has the unique mission of converting others' generosity into the services, programs, and day-to-day relief to area families and individuals who are in need. With an emphasis on social justice and community service, Catholic Charities strives to teach independence and self reliance while welcoming those who are vulnerable or feel forgotten. From the distribution of food and clothing to low-cost legal services and counseling, your contribution brings about peace for those struggling to stay afloat and strengthens family values in South Texas.

### **Faith Based Education**

For over 170 years, Catholic schools have provided children in the Archdiocese a way toward knowledge and success. However, tuition expenses have often become obstacles for many families. Since 2006, "Hope for the Future" has financially assisted those families struggling to provide their school-age children with the academic and spiritual benefits of a Catholic School Education. Our tuition assistance program has raised millions of dollars for kids in every Catholic School in the Archdiocese. Knowing that a quality education can change the courses of lives, your donation to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries will strengthen students and their families for generations to come.

### **Catholic Communications**

Evangelization is key in growing the faith, and it is what God calls each of us to do – to spread His Word in our communities. South Texas Catholics are blessed by the leading-edge Catholic Communications in the archdiocese. Our television station, CTSA, develops and broadcasts original programming as well as syndicated lineups. Today's Catholic Newspaper has been reporting on important topics since 1892! And with the dawn of social media, the Archdiocese of San Antonio has remained steadfast in its streamlined and dynamic content. Your donation to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries ensures that these channels of communication continue to inform and inspire our community

### **Accompanying our Shepherds**

The department of Clergy and Consecrated Life of the Archdiocese of San Antonio oversees the formation and works of over 1,000 ministers. The office includes three key groups: Priests, Permanent Deacons, and Religious. And all three have a direct bearing on you and your parish! Serving those called to ministry takes time, effort, and love. The office forms, empowers, mentors, and trains these ministers in an effort to support their human, intellectual, and spiritual development. Your support of the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries brings support to these vocations and enriches the future of our church and of your own corner of our community.



## **La Campaña del Arzobispo 2025**

***En nombre del Arzobispo Gustavo y del Padre, tenemos el honor de invitarlo a participar en la Campaña 2025 para influir en la vida de sus hermanos a lo largo de la arquidiócesis. Su donativo a la Campaña proporcionará apoyo para la formación de sacerdotes, diáconos y catequistas. Igualmente proporcionará alimentos y ropa a los necesitados. Gracias por su generosidad como nosotros vamos a ofrecer a nuestros regalos en el fin de semana de 8 y 9 de marzo, 2025.***

La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios, Misión de Esperanza, está en marcha. Esta campaña anual invita a todos los fieles de nuestra Arquidiócesis a apoyar los múltiples ministerios que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra región. Caridades Católicas continúa alimentando y vistiendo a los necesitados. Hope for the Future continúa ayudando a las familias a costear la educación católica. Seguimos brindando una sólida formación para futuros sacerdotes y diáconos. Comunicaciones Católicas continúa manteniendo informada a nuestra comunidad. Los Ministerios Pastorales no dejan de apoyar la fe, a la comunidad y a las familias. Considere ayudarnos a garantizar la permanencia de estas misiones. Nuestra meta es la participación de todas las familias. Cada parroquia obtendrá un reembolso si se cumple con su participación.

Para compartir su donación, responda a la invitación enviada por correo a su hogar o busque la información de donación de la Campaña en nuestro sitio web, boletín o correo electrónico. Nuestra Misión de Esperanza es una misión compartida para cuidar constantemente de aquellos que dependen de los programas de la Arquidiócesis para el sustento de la vida y la fe.

### **¡SU DONACIÓN HACE LA DIFERENCIA!**

#### **¡Nuestra Misión de la Esperanza comienza contigo!**

¡Únete a nosotros en la Misión de la Esperanza! Cada acto de generosidad refleja los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Es a través de estos dones que estamos llamados al propósito común de cuidar de los necesitados e infundir ESPERANZA en nuestra comunidad. Juntos podemos lograr este objetivo a través de la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios y sus esfuerzos en las siguientes áreas:

- ***Vida parroquial y formación en la fe***
- ***Servicio desinteresado a los necesitados***
- ***Educación basada en la fe***
- ***Comunicaciones católicas***
- ***Acompañamiento a nuestros pastores***

Estas iniciativas meritorias no pueden perdurar sin el apoyo de los fieles. Tu donación a la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios no solo es una ayuda a los desfavorecidos, sino que también lleva la Palabra de Dios a miles, fortalece a las familias en la fe, y ayuda a la formación de diáconos y sacerdotes en su propia parroquia. Tu donación nos permite trabajar constantemente por el bien común en nuestra comunidad católica. ¡Considera hacer un donativo para nuestra campaña y nuestra misión!

### **Vida parroquial y formación en la fe**

El Departamento Arquidiocesano de Ministerios Pastorales trabaja incansablemente para crear discípulos misioneros, apoyar a nuestras parroquias y acompañar a familias e individuos en sus caminos de fe. La pastoral universitaria, la educación religiosa, la pastoral sanitaria, el enriquecimiento matrimonial y OICA son solo algunos de los abundantes programas y ministerios disponibles para cada miembro de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Tu donación a la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios y a la Misión de la Esperanza que compartimos se destina a respaldar estos programas y a hacer crecer la fe católica en nuestro rincón del mundo.

### **Servicio desinteresado a los necesitados**

Caridades Católicas de San Antonio tiene la misión única de convertir la generosidad de los demás en servicios, programas y ayuda diaria para las familias y personas necesitadas del área. Con énfasis en la justicia social y el servicio comunitario, Caridades Católicas se esfuerza por enseñar independencia y autosuficiencia mientras acoge a quienes son vulnerables o se sienten olvidados. Desde la distribución de alimentos y ropa hasta servicios legales y de asesoramiento de bajo costo, su contribución brinda paz a quienes luchan por mantenerse a flote y fortalece los valores familiares en el sur de Texas.

### **Educación basada en la fe**

Durante más de 170 años, las escuelas católicas han proporcionado a los niños de la Arquidiócesis un camino hacia el conocimiento y el éxito. Sin embargo, los gastos de matrícula a menudo se han convertido en obstáculos para muchas familias. Desde 2006, "Hope for the Future" ha ayudado económicamente a aquellas familias que luchan por brindar a sus hijos en edad escolar los beneficios académicos y espirituales de una educación escolar católica. Nuestro programa de asistencia para la matrícula ha recaudado millones de dólares para los niños de todas las escuelas católicas de la Arquidiócesis. Sabiendo que una educación de calidad puede cambiar el curso de una vida, tu donación a la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios fortalecerá a los estudiantes y a sus familias para las generaciones venideras.

### **Comunicaciones católicas**

La evangelización es clave para hacer crecer la fe y es lo que Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a hacer: difundir Su Palabra en nuestras comunidades. Los católicos del sur de Texas tienen la bendición de contar con las Comunicaciones católicas de vanguardia de la Arquidiócesis. Nuestra estación de televisión, CTSA, desarrolla y transmite programación original, así como programas comprados. ¡El periódico oday's Catholic ha estado informando sobre temas importantes desde 1892! Y con el surgimiento de las redes sociales, la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio se ha mantenido firme en su contenido simplificado y dinámico. Tu donación a la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios garantiza que estos canales de comunicación sigan informando e inspirando a nuestra comunidad.

### **Acompañando a nuestros pastores**

El departamento de Clero y Vida Consagrada de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio supervisa la formación y las obras de más de 1000 ministros. La oficina incluye tres grupos clave: sacerdotes, diáconos permanentes y religiosos. ¡Y los tres tienen una relación directa contigo y tu parroquia! Servir a quienes son llamados al ministerio requiere tiempo, esfuerzo y amor. La oficina forma, empodera, asesora y capacita a estos ministros en un esfuerzo por apoyar su desarrollo humano, intelectual y espiritual. Tu apoyo a la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios brinda apoyo a estas vocaciones y enriquece el futuro de tanto de toda nuestra Iglesia como de tu propio rincón de nuestra comunidad.

