

# Dear Padre,

## Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

**P**eople can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion. If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most



people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

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### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.*

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020



### Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 21  
*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab  
Lk 4:24–30

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 22  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34–43  
Mt 18:21–35

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5–9  
Mt 5:17–19

**Thursday**  
MARCH 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23–28  
Lk 11:14–23

**Friday**  
MARCH 25  
*The Annunciation of the Lord*  
Is 7:10–14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

**Saturday**  
MARCH 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1–6  
Lk 18:9–14

**Sunday**  
MARCH 27  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
Jos 5:9a, 10–12  
2 Cor 5:17–21  
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15

1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12

Lk 13:1–9

## I Am!

**I**f you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience. If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God?

Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning, yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There God said: “I am the God of your father” (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later when Moses asks for God’s personal name that God’s real identity was revealed. Or was it?

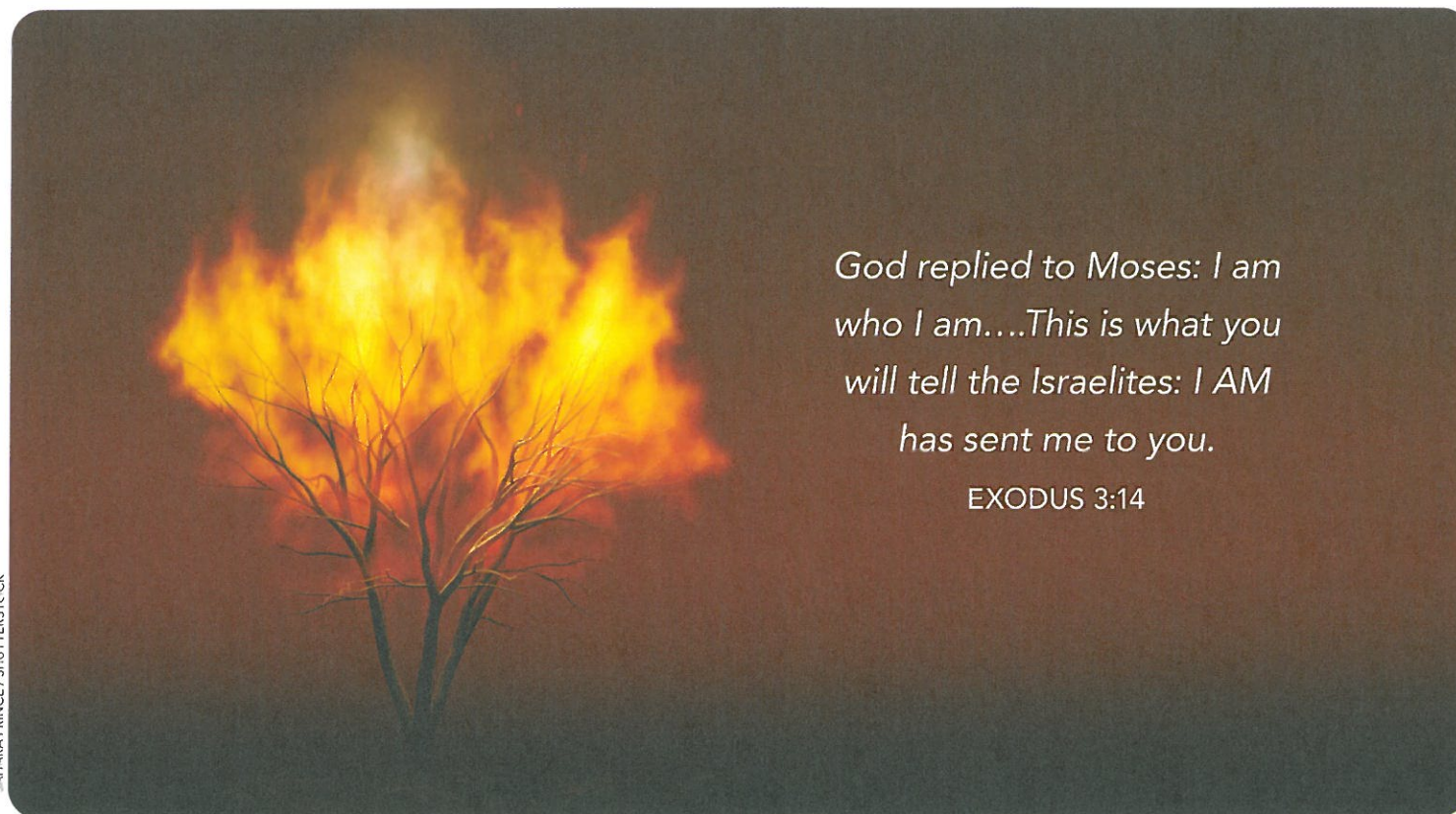
Scholars agree that the name given is some form

of the verb “to be,” but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it “I am who I am,” “I will be who I will be,” or “I cause to be what has come to be”? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us: *This is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn’t understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that “I Am.”*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Reflect on this idea: profound human experiences open our minds and hearts to the experience of God.*
- ★ *Remember, this mysterious incomprehensible God cares for each of us.*



God replied to Moses: *I am who I am....This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.*

EXODUS 3:14



## Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 20, 2022

Lector: Molly Kunkel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

James Freitag

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Martin & Maria Garcia Family

**Altar Servers:**

Josh B. & Mackenzie P.

### 4th Sunday of Lent

Mass Mar. 27, 2022

Lector: Greg Hart

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Marv Grassl

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Ernie & Teri Cerna

**Alter Servers:**

Giselle S. & Adrian K.

### Pope's Prayer intentions:

**For a Christian response to bioethical challenges,**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

**Saturday:** 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

**Fridays:** 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

**Confessions:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 6:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com)

**Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

**Prayer Chain:** Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

**Breezeway Calendar:** If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact

Marla Goade @ 539-5354 [wmgoade73@gmail.com](mailto:wmgoade73@gmail.com)

**Weekly Bulletin:** Please email Elida Fernández [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com) by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

**Website:** To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ [jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com](mailto:jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com)

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### FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK:

**Mar. 20, 2022 - Mar. 27, 2022**

#### Sunday Mar. 20:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

#### Monday Mar. 21:

Fr. Gus' Day off

#### Tues. Mar. 22:

5:00 pm Penance Service @ Connell

No Confessions/Mass @ Eltopia

#### Wed. Mar. 23:

No Confessions @ Connell

#### Thurs. Mar. 24:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane Meeting

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

#### Fri. Mar. 25:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Lenten Fish Dinner @ Connell

#### Sat Mar. 26:

8:00 am Fr. Gus @ Othello

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

#### Sun. Mar. 27:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Please keep Fr. Gus**

**In your daily prayers.**

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

### PAULISH CO:

What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care? What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

### STEWARDSHIP

*"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

### Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Mar. 6, 2022	Feb. 27, 2022
10:30 am - \$1413.00	10:30 am - \$511.00
12:00 pm - \$320.00	12:00 pm - \$461.70
Basin city - \$1897.00	Basin City - \$512.38
Ash Wed. Hispanic Mass \$191.82	

### Connell Food Bank

**Seniors: Tuesday**

**March 22**

**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

**General Public: Wednesday**

**March 23**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Altar Flowers

Mar. – Altar Society Guild #2'

April – Guadalupe

### PENANCE SERVICE

**@ St. Vincent Parish**

**TUES. Mar.22**

**5 PM – 8 PM**

### LENT FISH DINNER

**SPONSERED BY KNIGHT OF**

**COLUMBUS**

**Friday, March 25**

**5 pm – 7 pm**

**St. Vincent parish hall**

**All families are cordially invited.**

### Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Beginning on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> all children in our religious education programs from Kinder to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be presented the annual Safe Environment lesson as per Diocesan instructions. Any parent not wanting their children to participate in the lesson or more information please contact:  
Elida Fernandez 318-0917