



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

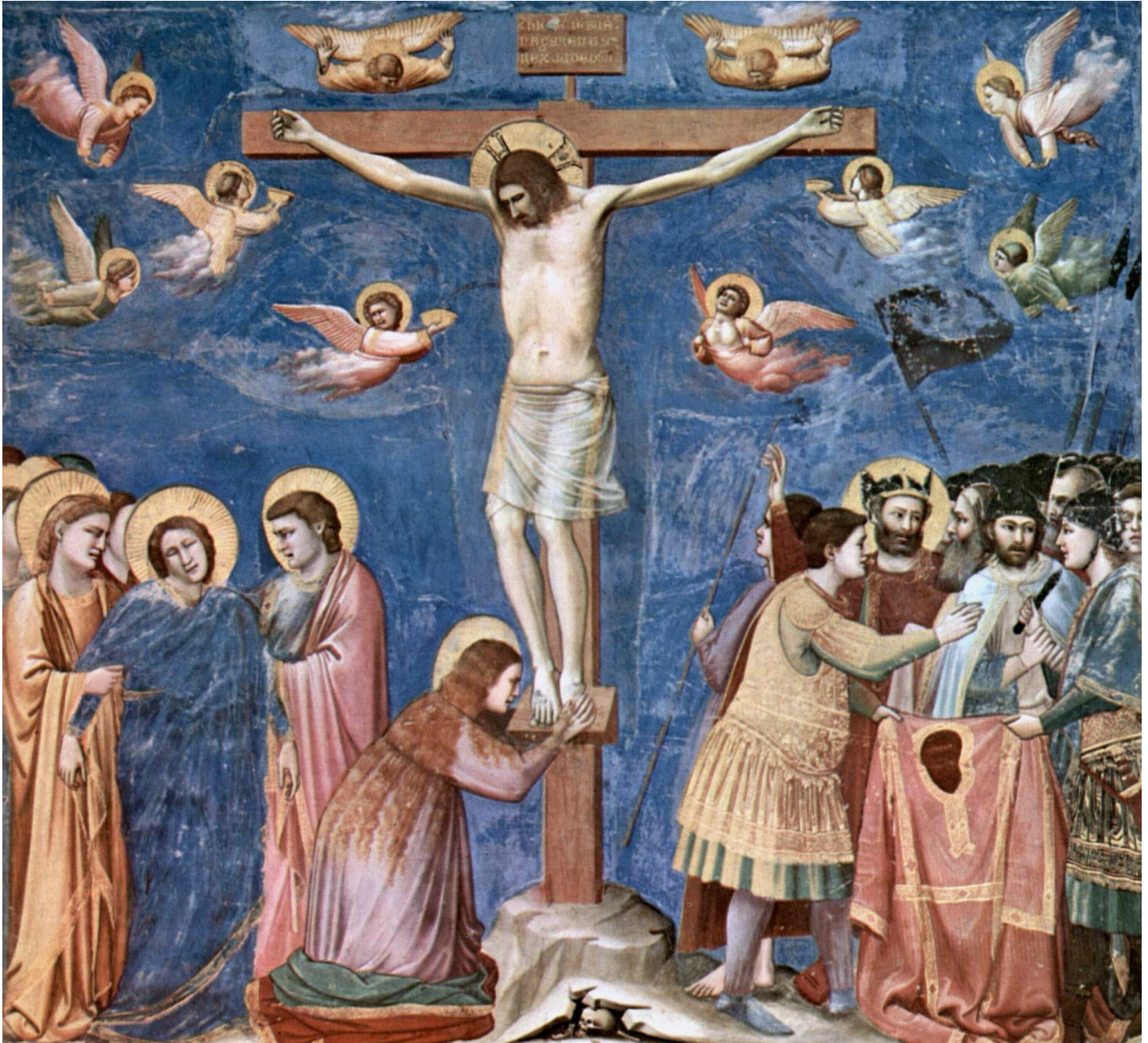
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Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. John 3:14-21 Giotto, “Crucifixion,” ca. 1304,

Stewardship at SJV

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” – Colossians 3:23-24

Talent



ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON **RSVP BY THE END OF THE WEEKEND**

On March 17th the Jovanovich Family is honoring Chris by preparing a St. Patrick's Day luncheon for the whole parish following the 9:30 Mass. **Please RSVP via email or phone to the office if you plan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day here with your parish.** Our chefs, Tim and Vince Jovanovich and Bruce Johns, are making a very traditional and delicious menu: corned beef & cabbage, potatoes & carrots, plenty of Irish soda bread, and Irish stew. Don't miss this wonderful lunch, a gift to SJV. Please just let us know if you are coming, and, if you like, make a donation to the parish as a thank you.

LENTEN SOUP SUNDAY (AND SATURDAY)—THANK YOU TO ALL

Thank you to all the soup makers and bread bakers who have provided the yummy lunches the past three weekends, and we have our final soup feasts ahead, Saturday and Sunday! We also want to thank the ladling helpers pitching in with John Paul and the Coffee Hour Hosts. All these volunteers together are filled with great soup making skills, generous hearts, & sunny smiles behind the counter. Thank you to all!

LILA MAIWALD'S FUNERAL MASS & RECEPTION TOMORROW AT 11:00

Thank you to our liturgical ministers who will help at Mass and Mary Ann Beardsley, John Paul Nelson, and their reception & kitchen committee. It is a lovely gift to our parishioners who have died and their families to offer such a celebration of faith and life—all thanks to the generosity of our parishioners who volunteer to serve at funerals.

JOHN PAUL NELSON DESERVES A STANDING OVATION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday, after running the dishwasher for our Saturday funeral, John Paul will be running the counter for his fourth Soup Sunday this Lent. This entails a very early arrival, making pots of coffee, warming up the dropped off soups & making labels, and ladling bowls of soup for a lot of hungry parishioners (he almost butters our bread for us!). He winds down our SJV Soup Sundays by washing soup pots/crockpots and cleaning up the kitchen. Hip, hip, hooray for John Paul—he will duck the thanks, but deserves it all!

HOLY THURSDAY VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT... SAVE THE DATE

Please choose an hour or two for you and your family, or along with a friend, to take part in our overnight Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration. **Link to select an hour will be available soon.** This quiet and calm time with our Lord is a different form of Easter worship. Our sanctuary will be filled at the other Triduum services, this is solitary time with Jesus.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE MARCH 15TH, 7PM—Next Friday

Fr. David will lead a communal penitential prayer service, and then will hear individual confessions. This is the third of Fr. David's encouraged SJV *Bona Opera* offerings. It is ideal to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in anticipation of the joy of Easter. Please come if you have not been to Saturday Confessions (3:30-4:30) or have arranged a different time with Fr. David.

2023-24 1ST SACRAMENT PREPARATION— Sunday, April 14

1st Holy Communion Class will meet on Sunday, April 14 at 10:45.

2023-24 PREPARACIÓN DE LOS PRIMEROS SACRAMENTOS— Domingo, 14 abril

La clase de Primera Comunión se reunirá para la clase el domingo, 14 abril a las 10:45.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday indoors after the Daily Mass and Good Friday at 2:00 in our Rosary Garden. Please plan to attend this special liturgical service happening frequently during this penitential season of Lent.

BENEDICTINE PRAYER

Morning Prayer: Every M, W, F, from 6:30 to 7AM at the Burton Community Church.

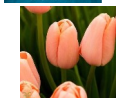
Evening Prayer: In the sanctuary at 6:00PM on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays, and First Fridays at SJV, 6-6:30PM.. There will be Evening Prayer next on March 20.

FRASSATI YOUTH GROUP Theology of the Body, March 13/20/&27. 6:30PM

Pre-Teens and Teens, please come.

SJV WOMEN'S CLUB MON, March 25 Noon at SJV—BYOLunch... Spiritual reading shared and discussed... Catch up on our lives... Always a good time with laughs and friends....

Time



LIVING A LITURGICAL LIFE

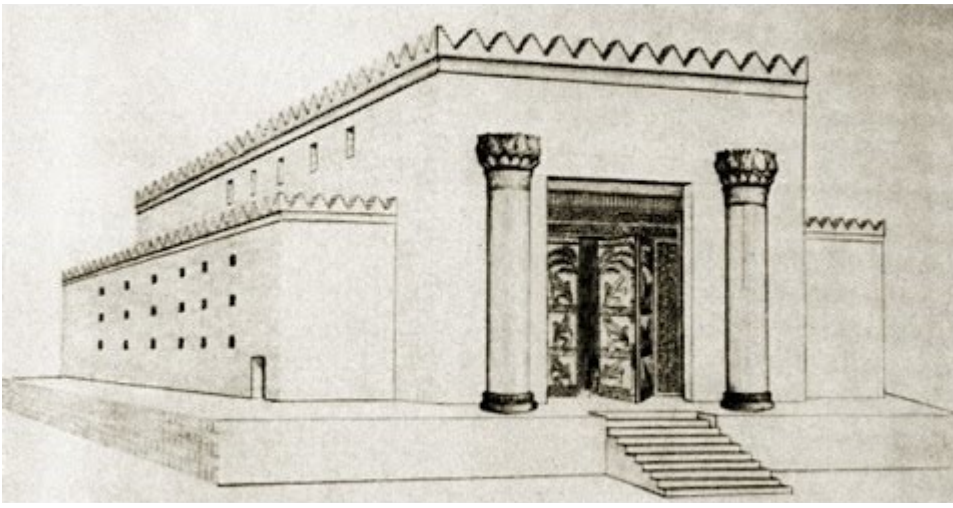
On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, we hear our next step in the story of Salvation History of God's Chosen People. The descendants of Abraham (whose fidelity to God we saw tested on the Second Sunday of Lent) received the Law from God (as we heard last week on the Third Sunday of Lent) and then wandered in the wilderness until entering the Promised Land. God was abiding among his people in the tabernacle (or meeting tent) until King David proposed building God a house, a Temple. Instead, God established a covenant with King David making of him a dynastic house. The First Temple would be completed by King David's son and heir, King Solomon, only to



be destroyed by the Babylonians (in 587 BC). On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear how God remains faithful to the covenants he has made with his people as he restores them to their land and has the foreign overlord, King Cyrus of Persia, release the Israelites from their captivity in Babylon and even funds their rebuilding of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. As we ponder this story let us ask what holds us in bondage and how can our trust in God's fidelity give us hope for a deliverer to lead us out of exile and restore us to the Promised Land? This would be a good time to revisit (or make) a model of the Temple for your prayer corner or to check out the videos I shared last week under the Gospel about the centrality of the Temple. Last summer I also gained a lot by reading Steven Smith's *The House of the Lord: A Catholic Biblical Theology of God's Temple Presence in the Old and New Testaments* (Franciscan, 2017).

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday from the Introit (or Entrance Chant taken from Isaiah 66:10), "Rejoice Jerusalem..." and the joyful entry into the Temple, a respite from our testing during these 40 days of exile. I encourage you to read Isaiah 66 with your family and tease out together the connections the Church wants us to see with the readings we have heard last week. Following this Laetare antiphon the Church appoints Psalm 122, "I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" for us to sing at the beginning of Mass. Slowly reading Psalm 122 in order to meditate on (chew on, savor, mull over) is an opportunity to pray using the same words and emotions which Jesus had as he entered into his own holy city. This Mid-Lent Laetare Sunday also makes today a parallel to the Late Advent Gaudete Sunday, a respite amid our penitential preparations. You will see Fr. David donning rose or pink vestments and the paraments on the altar and ambo in the sanctuary may also be rose or pink. You might forgo your Lenten disciplines on this day and rejoice as today offers a foreshadowing of the coming day of the Lord's Resurrection. In the UK this Sunday has been observed for six or more centuries as Mothering Sunday as an opportunity to visit one's "mother church," that is the parish (or other church) where you were baptized. If you are able to do so, please go check it out. I used to enjoy taking those Christians who were seeking admission/reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church to visit and give thanks for the churches of their baptism as a mark of our Christian unity. If you can't make a pilgrimage to your mother church (the church where you were baptized) or to our Cathedral of St. James (the mother church of our archdiocese), you might make a pilgrimage to pray Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer) with our parish family at St. Patrick, Tacoma at 6:00PM. See <https://www.saintpats.org/parish/lent/> for more information.

Our Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) keeps us in John's Gospel as pick up right after Jesus has cleansed the Temple as we heard last Sunday. Nicodemus, a good Pharisee, comes to Jesus who once again predicts his execution, his being "lifted up" like the healing snake in the desert (see Numbers 21:4-9 which we also hear for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross every September 14). Every time we gaze at a Crucifix or hold one in our hand as we pray the Rosary we are being healed by Christ who took upon himself our sinful nature which he transfigures, giving us the opportunity to experience his healing mercy. Jesus will indeed be lifted up on Calvary, mocked, and pierced as he dies on the Cross. But he will also be lifted up as his resurrected body ascends on high on the fortieth day. This might be a good time to make sure you have a Crucifix placed prominently in each room of your house where you gaze upon the one who heals us of our alienation from God. As we hear from the Gospel of John in these remaining Sundays of Lent, during Holy Week, and Easter Week you might want to set aside some time to read the whole Gospel of John. For years I have used the 2003 "Gospel of John" film (with Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus) as it narrates word for word the Good News Bible translation without additions or omissions.



As I mentioned last week there is some variation in the selection of texts proclaimed at Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday of Lent in different parishes. For example, I will be at St. James Cathedral for this Fourth Sunday of Lent accompanying an O'Dea sophomore who is in his final days of preparing for Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil. Josiah and all the Elect will listen to the proclamation of Jesus' healing of the man born blind (John 9) as part of the Church's celebration of their Scrutiny (which always use the Year A readings). The experience of this examination prepares not only the Elect for Holy Baptism but also provokes each of us to examine our hearts to make a good confession. You might use the Ten

Commandments (as we heard last Sunday) to carry out an Examination of Conscience. Then, through the ministry entrusted to the priest, our penance and absolution, healing prescriptions given us, set us free from the fetters of sin, unbind us from shame, and invite us to enter wide eyes wide open into the promised land given us, so that our hearts can be a Temple cleansed for the presence of God to dwell in us as we share in Holy Communion.

This Sunday, unrelated to Laetare Sunday, also sees us changing our clocks with Daylight Saving Time, "springing forward." While the latter is not an ecclesial event—though it may make us it does raise an important point about our relationship with time which is also taken up in the first unit of the most recent online course which I'm facilitating, "The Liturgical Year: What Is It and Why Does It Matter?" <https://tinyurl.com/yfwzuff6> developed by Notre Dame liturgical theologian Dr. Tim O'Malley. O'Malley started off our course reflecting on how our modern, post-industrial world seeks to control time, to make time a quantified commodity that can be exchanged for some other good—usually money. Our desire to control, manipulate, and make full use of time as a resource seeks to avoid the reality of transience, decay, and other unpleasant experiences (like the Cross). Our modern age accelerates change and tends to increase anxiety as we're constantly looking for novelty through what Pope Francis calls "rapidification" (Laudato Si', 18). The logic of quantitative time requires us to produce more, be novel, and chase endless stimuli all of which spirals us ever faster and faster while leaving us less able to find a stable center. For the Christian, though, the medicine of leisure (Joseph Pieper, Happiness and Contemplation) can rescue us from this treadmill. The gift of Sabbath can grant us freedom from busyness. The goal of Christian life is contemplation, to be timelessly in the presence of God. In this regard the quality of our time and accepting each given moment as a unique, unrepeatable, and non-fungible gift to encounter God is a precondition for worship. The seven-day week, with a day set aside for worship of God alone, is in fact the first gift God gives his chosen people and becomes the outward mark of their relationship with God. Long before and long after a Temple served as a place for faithful Jews to worship God, God himself set apart (made holy, sanctified) a time for worship. Lent, as we heard on Ash Wednesday, is "a very acceptable time" to encounter God. God has chosen to enter into space and time, not just in the Holy Land some 2000 years ago, but here and now, in this Mass at this point in your life, to meet you in his mysteries. Will we risk the loss of control and give our time over to God to encounter him anew? Can this irritant of changing our clocks to Daylight Saving Time be a gift to change how we perceive time, an occasion to shift from using time as a quantitative commodity to accepting time as a gift by which God draws us into eternity (Romano Guardini, Liturgy and Liturgical Formation)? Can we accept Sunday as time to truly rest in the presence of God, to delight in him as he delights in us? As this online course continues to unfold I look forward to pulling additional elements to share with you about the history, theology, and devotional practices of the Liturgical Year.

Lastly, you all know that next Sunday is March 17. It is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Passiontide, and, if it were not a Sunday, the memorial of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland and my confirmation saint. While the world around us may have come to associate the celebration of St. Patrick with green rivers, corned beef, stout beer, and rousing music let us not forget that St. Patrick, the Apostle to Ireland, embraced a life of radical asceticism that characterized much of Celtic Christianity and laid down his life to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who once held him as a slave. I will share more about St. Patrick and other holy men on our sanctoral next week; however, you might want to add to your watching queue The Secret of Kells (2016) for a family movie night and check out this 11' video about St. Patrick's life which I share with my students: <https://youtu.be/YnJt7SvkL3g> Every year my family also watches this playful retelling of St. Patrick from VeggieTales: <https://youtu.be/gBhG-7pj43E>

Until next week, keep up your holy Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving alms especially with the CRS Rice Bowl.

Stat Crux dum volvitur orbis,
Andrew Casad, MTS, MA

Bi-Weekly Collection Needed: \$11,027

Last Bi-Weekly Collection (Feb 24/25 & Mar 2/3): \$11,887

Needed Year-to-Date: \$198,486

Actual Year-to-Date: \$194,596



SJV LENT 2024

*Bring in **last year's blessed Palm Sunday palms** to be burned in our Easter Vigil bonfire.

***Adoration**, 1st Fridays at 6:30PM and Wednesdays during Lent at 8:00PM.

* **Stations of the Cross**, after Friday Daily Masses, Feb. 16 at 6:30, and outdoors on March 29 at 2:30 in our Rosary Garden

* **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30

* **Lenten Soup Sundays**, Feb. 18th & 25th, and March 3rd & 10th. Attend all, and also please choose a Sunday to contribute soup, bread & butter, or clean up help.

* Keep your **Rice Bowl** in a prominent place at home and add your Lenten contributions to assist Catholic Relief Services help the neediest around the globe. Our Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday.

***Lenten Penance Service**, March 15, 7:00PM

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Good Friday, March 29, are days of fast and abstinence.

Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Abstinence is observed by all fourteen years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

<u>Positions</u>	<u>5PM Vigil</u>	<u>9:30 Sunday</u>
Sacristan	D. Campion	M. Casad
Greeter	K. Elliott	B. Powell
Lector 1	K. Meyer	A. Terry
Lector 2	A. Scafe	J. McCoy
EMC Host	xxxxxxx	J. McCoy
EMC Cup	K. Meyer	A. Terry
EMC Cup	K. Elliott	L. Wishik
Altar Server	D. Mielock	J. Casad
Accompanist	xxxxx	M. Casad
Cantor	xxxxx	J. Valencia

Prayer for the Sick Requests & Mass Intentions & Funerals

As a parish we pray for:

Gert Cunningham—Healing
Dailene Dean—Healing
Kathi Ferrari —Healing
Lila Maiwald—Repose of the Soul
Charlie Mayovsky—Repose of the Soul
Dennis McCabe —Repose of the Soul
Gary Medeiros—Strength during treatment
Leslie Perry—Healing and Recovery
Mary Sage—Strength in her illness
Monica Stein—Strength in illness
Gena Yousoufian—Healing
Please submit Prayer for the Sick requests to:
Barbara Powell: waltersmom50@gmail.com



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH OUR SJV FAMILY Wednesday Zoom Rosary at 7PM—
we are praying for our parish family and individual intentions. Consider a 1/2 hr. a week to add your parish's prayers to your own, and join us. Find the link on the SJV website—<https://stjohnvianneyvashon.com/>

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil **5:00 PM** Sunday Mass **9:30 AM**

Daily Mass Wednesday **Noon** Thursday, with Eucharistic Adoration **Noon** Friday **Noon**

ADORATION 1st Friday of the Month, beginning with Benedictine Evening Prayer at **6PM**, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist at **6:30PM**

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation during Lent Sat. 3:30-4:30, *and by appointment*

Baptism/Confirmation/Marriage Please contact the office.

HORARIO DE MISAS

Sabado 5:00PM **Domingo** 9:30 AM **Miercoles Jueves, y Viernes** 12PM

SACRAMENTOS

Bautizo: Avisar 1 mes antes y preparacion se require **Matrimonio:** Avisar 6 meses antes y preparacion

Reconciliacion: Sabados 4:00-4:30 y con cita

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