



St. Vincent de Paul

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Missionaries of the Holy Spirit Community

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SUNDAY
JANUARY 31, 2021

**4TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	8:00 AM (Church)
Thursday	6:30 PM (Español)
Saturday	5:00 PM & 7:00 PM (Español)
Sunday	8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM & 2PM (Español)

PLEASE NOTE: 100 Maximum Capacity. Overflow to Parish Center with Communion available only at 12PM & 2PM Mass.

SVDP Sunday Mass will be
LIVE Streamed on our Facebook page:
English at 12 PM and Spanish at 2 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30 PM (Church) or by appointment
Thursday 7 PM

HORA SANTA EN ESPAÑOL Y CONFESIONES

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8 AM—3:30 PM (CHAPEL)
FRIDAY 8:30 AM—12PM (CHAPEL)

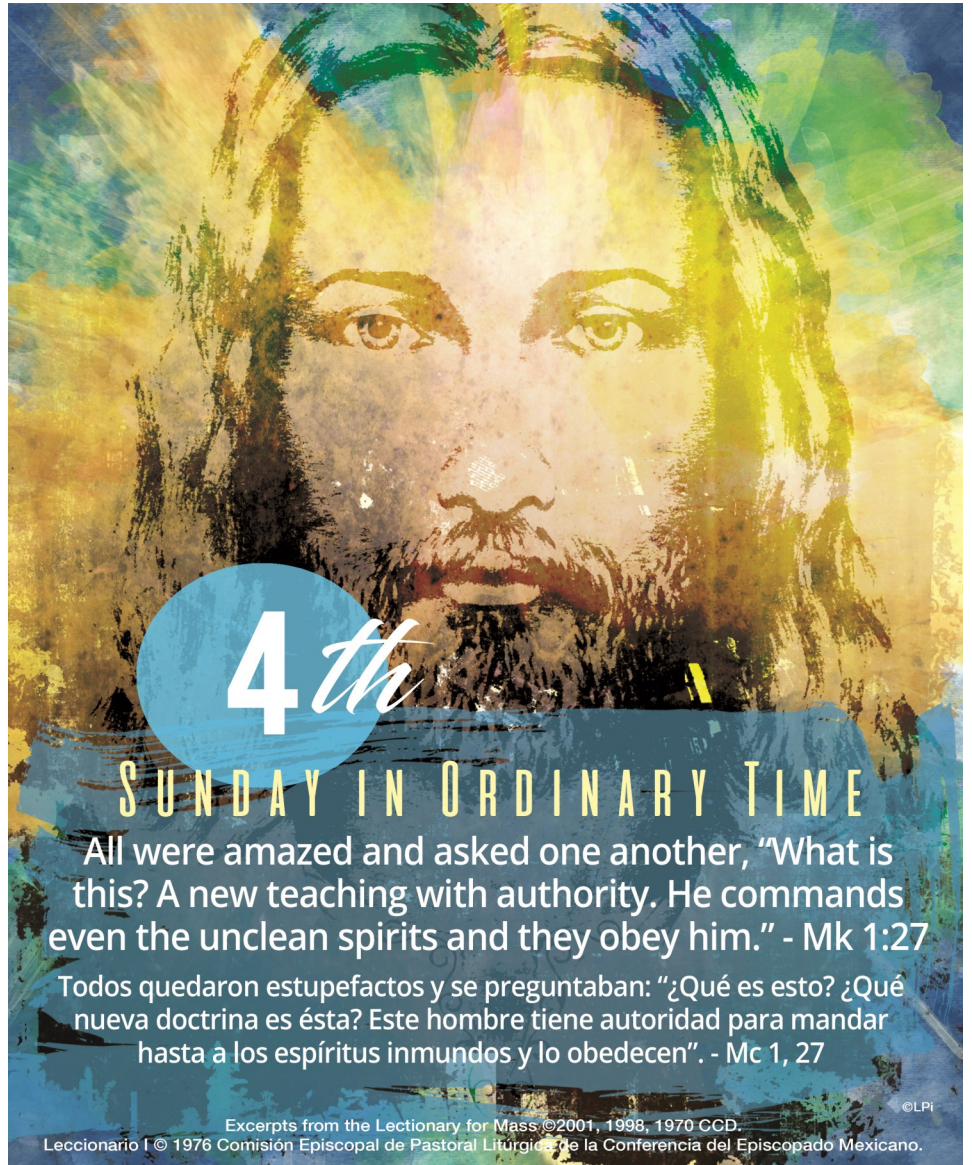
OFFICE HOURS*

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 5:30 PM
CLOSED FRIDAY - SUNDAY



OUR MISSION: We the faith community of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church strongly embrace the charisma of our patron in serving those in need.

We call upon the Holy Spirit to empower us to follow the example of our Lord to spread the Good News. We are a community that is welcoming, supportive and enabling to all in every phase of our life. Our mission is to be disciples in spreading the Good News through evangelization, education and worship.



4th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

Todos quedaron estupefactos y se preguntaban: "¿Qué es esto? ¿Qué nueva doctrina es ésta? Este hombre tiene autoridad para mandar hasta a los espíritus inmundos y lo obedecen". - Mc 1, 27

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**5 WAYS
TO GIVE**

TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Email: MySVDParish@gmail.com



Website: www.MySVDParish.org



IN PERSON

Drop your envelope in our secured mailbox located in front of the Parish Center



BY MAIL

Mail your contribution to:
St. Vincent De Paul Church
4222 SW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78227



ONLINE

Visit our website
www.MySVDParish.org
Click "Donate" and follow instructions



BY PHONE

Get your credit or debit card ready and call us at
210-674-1200
Mon-Thurs 9AM-12N

210-761-4049

BY TEXT

Text MySVD and the dollar amount you want to give to 2107614049

- PARISH INFORMATION -

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 31 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:00 AM †Carmen Lydia Vela Cano by Husband

12:00 PM For all Parishioners

2:00 PM †Arturo Alcorta Garza by Sons & Grandchildren

Monday, February 1 | Observance

8:00 AM †Karen & Suffering Souls

Tuesday, February 2 | The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM †Beatriz Ando by Delfina Morales

Wednesday, February 3 | Observance

8:00 AM

Thursday, February 4 | Observance

8:00 AM †Laura Van Pelt by Carole Henry

6:30 PM Mass (Spanish)

Friday, February 5 | St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM Fara, Tony & Jane

†Darsey Brasseaux by Margaret Dupuis

Saturday, February 6 | St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

5:00 PM †Arnulfo J. Luna, Sr.

By A. Luna Family

7:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

FAITH FORMATION & MORE

RCIA, ADULT CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE PREP, & LITURGY

Fr. Gerardo Cisneros

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NUTRITION CENTER

MON. & WED. 8A-1P AND FRI. 8A-12N

Linda Woodring

210.670.1800

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

TU & TH 9A-12N

Lupita Chavez

210.674.5861

January 31, 2021

†Memory of Maria Alicia Martinez Garza

By Alicia Hernandez

If you would like to donate Altar flowers to honor loved ones during 2020, please inquire at the Parish office. Thank You.

FLORES PARA EL ALTAR Si desea comprar flores para el Altar para honrar a sus seres queridos durante 2020, llame a la oficina de la Parroquia. Gracias.



Mass Intentions

Contact the Parish Office **no later than the 15th of the month** prior to the month you want the Mass Intention said. **A MASS FOR ANY DAY IN MARCH 2021 SHOULD BE SCHEDULED BY FEBRUARY 15TH.**

Cuando pida intenciones de Misas por favor asegúrese de que se ponga en contacto con la oficina parroquial **no más tarde del día 15 del mes** antes del mes que quiera la intención de misa. **UNA MISA POR ALGÚN DÍA EN MARZO 2021 DEBE PROGRAMARSE ANTES DEL 15 DE FEBRERO 2021.**

STATEMENTS FOR 2020

THE END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED OUT FEBRUARY 1, 2021. IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED, PLEASE LET US KNOW. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

- NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -



ANGER MANAGEMENT Virtual Class for Men and Women

Catholic Charities Counseling offers an online Anger Management class that will empower you and teach you about:

- Managing different states of feeling that impact your life
- Understanding your own unique outlook and others' views
- Acknowledging your sensations and perceptions
- Attending fully to what is needed at this moment in your life



**REGISTER
TODAY!**

Contact Elizabeth Garcia
at egarcia@ccaosa.org

\$20 per class
or FREE to parents
who are pregnant or
parenting a child
under 3 years old

(210) 377-1133
ccaosa.org/counseling



From February 17 – March 28, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to

abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood located at 2140 Babcock Rd. and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information – especially if you would like to volunteer to help – please contact: cathy@sacfl.org You can visit our website at www.sacfl.org or sign up for an hour to pray at: www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Please call the Parish Office at 210-674-1200 and dial "4." Once prompted please leave a detailed message. A staff member will contact you as soon as it is possible.



We would like to make it possible for our parishioners to get their bulletin every week. While there are circumstances that do not allow everyone to get their bulletin at church in person, you can log on by going to:

<https://www.parishesonline.com/> Your bulletin is sent through to *Parishes Online* website where parishioners can also in many cases see ads from fellow parishioners who need patronage during these tough times. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Beyond Cana – A Marriage Enrichment

Virtual Event Dates: February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 2021

Time: Sign in at 6:45 PM, Event starts at 7 PM

Where: Zoom Meeting



In celebration of Marriage, the Beyond Cana Marriage Outreach presents four one-hour events on Thursdays in February. Events will include a couple's panel that will discuss Marriage and COVID, Father Roger Keeler will talk about the Sacrament of Marriage, Deacon Mike and Cathy Portele will talk on the biblical concept of Marriage and the final event will be an evening of music with David Kauffman. For more information, please call Jo Anne and Dave Dimitriou at 210-618-6672 or

send an email to beyondcancaretreat@gmail.com. There is no cost for the event and once your email address is registered a Zoom meeting number will be provided.

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

- ◆ \$2,122.50 was received from the Parishioners for the Angel Tree. This includes 11 gift cards.
- ◆ Groceries for food baskets were bought for 30 families, plus 25 gift cards (\$25 ea.) for children
- ◆ Each family received 1 turkey, 10lb bag of chicken thighs, 2lbs of ground beef, 2 packs of hot dogs, bread, milk, eggs, juice, cereal & canned goods
- ◆ Food baskets were delivered to 9 families. The rest of the food went to the Friendship House to serve the rest of the community.

A million blessings to all who participated in the Angel Tree Program by donating, helping and praying. *Deacon Ed*

Nos gustaría hacer posible que nuestros feligreses reciban su boletín cada semana. Si bien hay circunstancias que no permiten que todos reciban su boletín en la iglesia en persona, usted puede bajarlo en "online": <https://www.parishesonline.com/>

Su boletín se envía a través del sitio web de *Paroquias Online*, donde los feligreses también pueden en muchos casos ver anuncios de compañeros feligreses que necesitan patrocinadores en estos tiempos difíciles. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

READINGS

Readings for the week of January 31

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

LAS LECTURAS

Las lecturas de la semana del 31

Domingo: Dt 18, 15-20/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28

Lunes: Heb 11, 32-40/Sal 30, 20. 21. 22. 23. 24 [25]/Mc 5, 1-20

Martes: Mal 3, 1-4/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10 [8]/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32

Miércoles: Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15/Sal 102, 1-2. 13-14. 17-18 [cfr. 17]/Mc 6, 1-6

Jueves: Heb 12, 18-19. 21-24/Sal 47, 2-3. 3-4. 9. 10-11 [cfr. 10]/Mc 6, 7-13

Viernes: Heb 13, 1-8/Sal 26, 1. 3. 5. 8-9 [1]/Mc 6, 14-29

Sábado: Heb 13, 15-17. 20-21/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [1]/Mc 6, 30-34

Domingo siguiente: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 3]/1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/Mc 1, 29-39

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



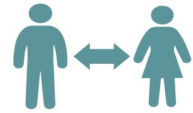
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Distraction During Prayer

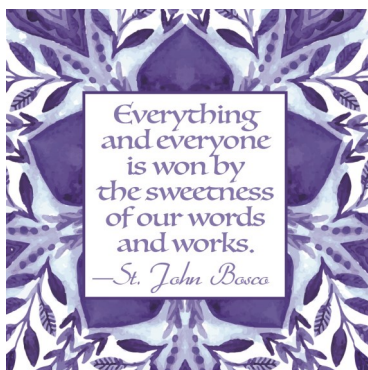
Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer: The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!



There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

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-CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO-

Many are Called

Dear friends and parishioners of St Vincent de Paul, I gladly turn again to you and I want to share this reflection where it is very important for our Church and where we must all ask for vocations to religious life and priesthood. It is a task of each and every one of us to respond to God, but the urgency is that we need more young people will be able to respond to this vocation. Conchita helps us meditate on this point in the book, "Before the Altar".

"But why are there so few chosen, my Jesus? Why out of a thousand souls called by you to a life of perfection, are there so few who respond to your call? -Because they do not love the Cross or a life of sacrifice... the idea of suffering appalls them... because they do not love me enough.

I called them, my dear son, I called them to the highest perfection, but how few there are who listened and who keep their hearts pure in their ears attentive to my voice? Very few are they, alas, who are detached, humble and mortified, who give themselves to me unreservedly, and who respond to my call by allowing themselves to be molded as I will.

The souls who are the chosen ones are those who are humble of heart. I love these souls with a special love. To them I give light to know themselves, to convince themselves of their own nothingness, and to be happy in that thought. They understand that they deserve hell a thousand times, and that if they escape from it, it is only owing to God's grace and to the help given them by those charitable souls who have assisted them. Their pride does not resist these thoughts so full of justice.

They see clearly there is spiritual poverty, their weaknesses, their nothingness. They place within my hands all that in justice belongs to me and remain joyful and happy in the thought of their poverty and nothingness. My dearly beloved son, such are the souls who are chosen and who are especially beloved by me. They are those who have understood the language of the Cross, and have put it into practice, who are dead to themselves and to their own self-will, and who live my life of victim, abandoning themselves entirely to my will.

Do you wish to follow me quite closely? Take up the Cross and renounce yourself for love me. The chosen souls are also those who love a hidden life, who passed through the world unseen and, who fill the heavens with the perfume of their virtues. My chosen ones are also pure, detached from all things earthly and material as a result of repeated victories over themselves. They are detached from everything here on earth and always forgetful of themselves. Pure of heart, they cannot but love since they bear within themselves the source of love, God himself." Page 81-83

I invite to pray to God especially for our youth. Each of us need to respond to God, living our holiness every day. Let us pray that God send more laborers into his church.

With my prayers,

Fr. Gerardo Cisneros, M.Sp.S.

Muchos son los llamados

Amigos y parroquianos de San Vicente de Paul, con gusto me dirijo nuevamente a ustedes y les comparto esta reflexión donde es muy importante para nuestra Iglesia y donde todos debemos pedir por las vocaciones a la vida religiosa y sacerdotal. Es tarea de todos y cada uno tenemos que responder a Dios, pero la urgencia es que necesitamos más jóvenes que respondan a esta vocación. Conchita nos ayuda a meditar en este punto en el libro, "Ante el Altar".

"¿Y por qué, mi buen Jesús, son tan pocos los escogidos? ¿Por qué, de mil almas que llamas a la perfección, apenas hay diez que responden a tu voz? -Porque no aman la Cruz ni en ella se sacrifican... porque las espanta al padecer... por qué no me aman lo suficiente.

Yo amo, hija mía; pero ¿quiénes son los que me escuchan, los que tienen el corazón limpio y los oídos dispuestos para oír mi voz? Muy pocas son las almas que, vacías de sí mismas, mortificada y humildes, se entregan sin reserva y se presta a dejarse hacer, correspondiendo a mí llamado.

Las almas escogidas son las humildes de corazón. A estás yo les doy una luz del propio conocimiento, que las hace empaparse de su nulidad y ser felices; comprenden que merecen mil infiernos, y que todo lo que eso no sea, es favor de Dios y de las criaturas; con esto hacen espíar a sus pies su loco orgullo.

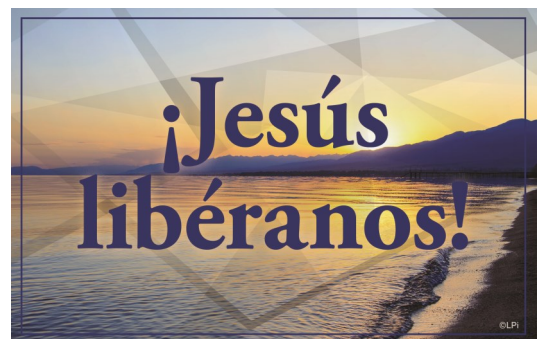
¡Con que claridad palpan su indigencia, su debilidad, su no ser, devolviéndome lo mío y quedándose gozosas en su miseria! Estas son, hija mía, las almas escogidas entre las llamadas; las que han entendido el lenguaje de la Cruz y lo han puesto en práctica; las que, muertas a sí mismas y a todo propio querer, viven solo de mi vida de víctima, abandonadas a mi voluntad.

¿Quieres tú seguir muy de cerca? Toma tu Cruz y renúnciate por amor. Las almas escogidas son almas ocultas, de esas que, pasando inadvertidas para el mundo, envían al cielo todo su perfume. Las almas escogidas son almas puras, desligadas de la materia a fuerza de vencerse, libres de las cosas de la tierra y aún olvidadas de sí mismas; esos corazones puros no pueden más que amar, porque llevan a ellos a la fuente del amor, que es Dios." Página 93-94.

Los invito a que sigamos orando por los jóvenes, y que cada uno responda al llamado que Dios nos hace, pidamos al dueño la mies, que envíe mas trabajadores a sus campos.

Con mis oraciones y cariño,

P. Gerardo Cisneros, M.Sp.S.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

The following friends and members of the Parish need your prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the Parish Office to have names added or removed to the list. Names will be removed after three months unless the office is notified.

Lord, hear our prayers for... Tich Aguirre, Elva Biediger, Liz Carr, Gabriel Chavez, Jr., Maria De La Luz C. Galaviz, Cristal Kay, Carmen Langley, Carlos Martinez, Charles Martinez, Humberto Martinez, Liz Maziek, Fred & Berta Mound, Sue Nasto, Lucille O'Barr, Steve & Anastasia Perez, Mary Sanchez Parker, William Ramos, Irma Rivera, Perla G. Ruiz, Gutierrez Family, Russel Gutierrez, Nancy Smallwood, Lina Valdez & Guerra Family.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

PRIEST SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUN: 31 st	8AM	Fr. Hugo
	10AM	Fr. Gerardo
	12PM	Fr. Hugo
	2PM	Fr. Gerardo
MON: 1 st	8AM	Fr. Hugo
TUES: 2 nd	8AM	Fr. Gerardo
WED: 3 rd	8AM	Fr. Hugo
THURS: 4 th	8AM 6:30 PM	Fr. Gerardo TBA
Fri.: 5 th	8AM	Fr. Hugo
Sat.: 6 th Confessions	3:30PM 5PM 7PM	Frs. Gerardo & Fr. Hugo Fr. Hugo TBA

"SPREAD LOVE EVERYWHERE YOU GO."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them The face of Christ."-- Pope Francis

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

On these pages, you will find a variety of suggestions and resources to help you "raise up," "sacrifice," and "offer" during this Lent and to embrace your baptismal commitment.

Catholics are also encouraged to make going to confession a significant part of their spiritual lives during Lent. The U.S. Bishops' statement, "God's Gift of Forgiveness: The Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation" can be distributed and shared in parishes. Dioceses are encouraged to make the sacrament available often during Lent and to use these resources to promote participation. We also have resources to help individuals who have not been to confession in a while "rediscover" the sacrament. ~USCCB

February 17, 2021

Mass with Ashes

6:30AM Church

8AM Church

Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

12PM Church

5PM Church

6PM Church

7PM Misa en Español con imposición de Cenizas

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent by Altar Society –8:30AM English

Viernes durante Cuaresma dirigidas por los Diaconos a las 7:00 p.m. Español

Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe.



-STEWARDSHIP-

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Aceptando el Cambio en Cristo

Oficialmente ha pasado un mes desde que abrimos el champán, brindamos por 2021 y escribimos una lista de resoluciones. Este suele ser el momento en el que empezamos a mirarnos detenidamente en el espejo para evaluar lo que hemos hecho, o no hemos hecho, en el primer mes de este nuevo año.

Los años nuevos pueden dar miedo, ¿no? Llenos de promesas, seguro, pero también llenos de espacio para el fracaso. Llenos de espacio para nuestro viejo equipaje, viejos miedos y la continuación de viejos errores.

Lo mismo se puede decir de Cristo y de la nueva vida que nos ofrece, si somos lo suficientemente valientes para aceptarlo. Oportunidades como esa pueden resultar intimidantes. En ese momento, podríamos encontrarnos como el hombre con el espíritu inmundo que gritaba: "¿Qué tienes que ver conmigo, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a destruirnos?"

Jesús es un consolador de los afligidos; es una figura consoladora, pero también desafiante. A veces nos hemos apegado a nuestras aflicciones. La idea de corregir malos hábitos o formar nuevos es francamente aterradora para nosotros. Tenemos una voz en el fondo que ve a Cristo y su invitación al arrepentimiento, y grita de miedo: "¡Sé quién eres!"

Cuando vivimos en el presente, renegando del equipaje del pasado o del miedo al futuro, nos sometemos a la promesa de la redención. Seamos corresponsables valientes todos los días e invitemos el poder sanador de Cristo a nuestras vidas. No nos arrepentiremos, estoy seguro de que el endemoniado nunca lo hizo.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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- Drop off your contribution in an envelope of cash, check, or money order and place it inside our secure mailbox located in front of the Parish Center.
- Call our office at 210-674-1200 between 9AM-12Noon and your contribution can be placed with your credit/debit card information and we can send you a receipt via email/mail. These contributions are made using Square.
- Visit our website at www.MySVDParish.org and click on DONATE on the top right area of your screen. These contributions are made using WeShare.

- Text MySVDParish and the amount of your donation to 210-761-4049 and your gift will go straight to our parish. You may also text Sunday and the amount.
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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
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