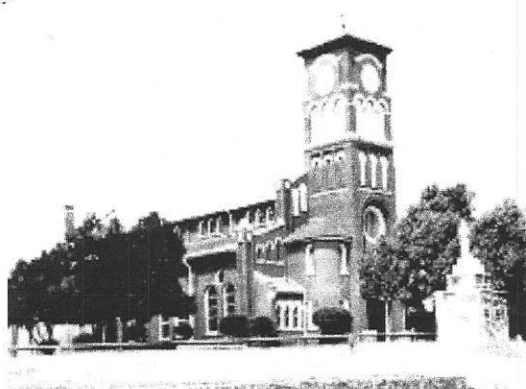


1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2022



*St. Mary Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

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Closed on Tuesdays

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:15 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least nine to 12 months prior
to wedding date

RCIA

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687
e-mail: mmmoloney@comcell.net

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as
soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Confession

Every Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm at the Rectory & Anytime, Any
Day by Appointment at the Rectory

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Protecting Our Children Sessions

Call Suzette Schreiber @ (940) 631-6301

Mass Schedule for the Week

Please practice social distancing at all Masses.

All Sunday Masses will be live-streamed

Monday
6:00 pm

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March 7 – St. Mary's

†Betty Humpert
by M.J. Geis Family

Tuesday

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March 8 – St. Mary's

Intention of Father Michael

Wednesday
6:00 pm

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March 9 – St. Mary's

Living & Deceased Members
by Knights of Columbus #1824

Thursday
6:00 pm

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March 10 – St. Boniface

†Margie Himmels
by Robert Krahls

Friday
3:00 pm

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March 11 – St. Mary's

†Floyd Hilbers
by Joey Schroeders

Saturday
12:00 am

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March 12 - St. Mary's

†Marilyn Wolf Bryant
by Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Saturday
5:00 pm

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March 12 – St. Mary's

†Floyd Humpert
by M.J. Geis Family
Parishioners

7:00 pm

Sunday
8:00 am

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March 13 – St. Boniface

†Jake Schenk
by Sr. Class of 1980

Sunday
10:30 am

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March 13 - St. Mary's

†Adam Berend
By Family

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday March 7 - Sunday March 13, 2022

MONDAY – MARCH 7TH

Reader – Volunteer

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH 6:00 PM

Reader – Suzette Schreiber

SATURDAY MARCH 12TH 5:00 PM

Servers – Larson Vieth, Gabby Hoegger, Gunner Hoegger

Reader – Chad Steinberger

Ushers – Julie & Roy Koetter, Doug Wolf, Leo Hoff Jr.

Eucharistic Ministers – Deb Schreiber, Diane Schroeder

SUNDAY MARCH 13TH

Servers – Thomas McCann, Lexsey McClemore,
Savannah McCann

Reader – Kristi Veitenheimer

Ushers – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, 2 Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers – Brenda & Justin Doyal

Children's Liturgy – Sidney Hoegger & Amie Conrady

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound – Mike Schreiber

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Two ministers will be assigned at the weekend Masses. One will serve in the middle aisle along with Father at first. When the Choir/Elderly Minister returns, both ministers please go to the middle of the front pew and continue to distribute Holy Communion. If you have any questions please call the office at 940-423-6687.

Eucharistic Ministers will be required to wear a mask while distributing the Eucharist. Masks are available in the front pew if one is needed in case one is broken or forgotten.

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$4719.00 Loose \$369.00
Building Fund \$100.00

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday March 7-Sunday March 13, 2022

SUNDAY MARCH 13TH

Reader – Missy Brown

Ushers – Dan Smith & Kenneth Veitenheimer

Eucharistic Ministers – Dena & Brad Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers will be required to wear a mask while distributing the Eucharist.

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$845.00 Loose \$87.00

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK for the welfare of Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 423-6687 to register. Thank you.

Next Baptism will be April 17th.

WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS meet every Tuesday at 1pm at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.

THE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, KETTLER COUNCIL #1824, will have a district meeting Wednesday, March 9th, in Seymour. Everyone will car pool immediately after Mass from the Church on the hill. All Knights are welcome and urged to attend. Boyd Burris, our State Warden will be in attendance. For more info call Mike @ 733-5638.

ST. MARY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be lead by the following organizations during Lent:

March 11th - 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Mark Veitenheimer & Michael Schroeder

March 18th – St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society

March 25th – 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus

Doug Berend & Craig Anderle

April 1st – Catholic Daughters of the Americas #296

For question or more information, please call Mike Schreiber @ 940-733-5638.

CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE BRANCH #30 will be hosting their branch social on March 27th at 11:30 am in the St. Mary's parish hall. Please RSVP to Karen Schreiber at 940-224-9884 by March 20th. Lunch will be served and a drawing will be held for door prizes. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY will be sponsoring a sock and underwear drive for children of the Appalachian Region. The items will be sent to the Glenmary Mission to be distributed to the children in need. A box has been placed at the back of Church for your donations. We appreciate your generous donations.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's wishes to thank Mildred Lindemann for her generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Deloras Riley.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK in memory of Dennis Smith by Mom

7 DAY LIGHTS : Bernice Hoegger who we love so much by Greg & Jackie; Bertha Mae Schenk, Patty Schenk & Family by Wina & Dean Church; Special Prayers for all who are sick and hurting by Joyce Moer.

ST. BONIFACE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1715 will meet on **Wednesday, March 9th** at 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

NOTE: 7 day lights for St. Mary's are \$1.00 & 7 day lights for St. Boniface are \$3.00. The Sanctuary light is \$5.00. The standard donation for a Mass is \$10.00 and need to be requested at least one month in advance of the date you are requesting.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO TEACH KINDERGARTEN CCD. Please call Mitzi Veitenheimer @ 733-5506, Gina Wolf @ 237-6717 or Father Michael at the Church Office.

ACTS OF CHARITY: Please use hand sanitizer upon entering Church. This is an act of charity to our neighbors

SCAM ALERT: There is still a scam going on. Fr. Michael is not texting anyone for gift cards/money etc. Please be aware, if Father needs your help he will contact you personally.

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be in the home of Pat & Bernard Scheffe the week of March 13th. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

March 20th Lester Anderle Family

March 27th Joey Schroeder Family

Confessions: Father Michael will be hearing confessions on Saturdays at 3:00 to 4:00pm or by appointment.

MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

Mass will be at 8:00 am at St. Mary's on Monday March 14th. The Church Office will be closed Thursday, March 17th.

ADULT FORMATION – THE BIBLE & THE MASS: Sundays at 9:30 in the 3rd section of the Parish Hall. This is a 10 week program. All are Welcome. Father encourages all volunteer ministry leaders to engage in continuing faith formation. **There will be no Adult Formation on March 6th.**

CCD CLASSES are Monday thru Thursday @ 7:25am for grades K to 5. On Friday mornings @ 7:25 there will be a Word Service. 6-12th grades meet @ 6:45pm on Wednesday evenings

RCIA CLASS: Sundays after Mass in the convent. **No RCIA March 6th.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Sundays at 4:00pm – 5:30pm.

1ST RECONCILIATION SESSION: Sundays at 5:30 to 6:45 pm. The children will meet in Church & the parents will meet in the 3rd section of the Parish Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Thursdays after Mass at St. Boniface

Fridays at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's

SAFE ENVIRONMENT is a class that is mandatory to continue your work in the Church. If you have not taken it in the last 2 years, you are out of compliance and in jeopardy of not being able to continue your work in the Church.

Two classes in March have been set up for St. Mary's and St. Boniface, Monday, March 7 and Thursday, March 17 starting at 6:30 in St. Mary's Convent. You may enroll in a class through your Virtus account or call me and I will get you enrolled. If you cannot participate in one of these classes, there is a list on Virtus of other classes in the area that may be more convenient for you. Please check them out.

Both classes will start immediately after Mass on those evenings. Please be punctual and no one under 18 is allowed. Once the video starts, you cannot get credit for the class if you are late. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions. (You cannot take this class online, only sign up for a class online) Suzette Schreiber 940-631-6301

2ND COLLECTION: Today, our parish will take up the 138th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$14,000 from Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass or through our parish online giving. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: The special collection for CRS on March 26-27 will help support Ukraine along with other programs that serve the poor, but you are welcome to drop checks in the collection basket **now** indicating CRS/Ukraine in the memo space.

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH'S SAUSAGE & FRIED CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, March 20th Rhineland, TX K of C Hall 11:00-1:00- Dine -IN or Drive Thru.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Monday, March 28th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's.

CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN COLLECTION: CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Collection is a voluntary Special Collection. This year, CRS Rice Bowl will introduce us to our neighbors in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda. We'll learn how the dreams of our sisters and brothers are inspiring them to overcome challenges that impact their daily lives. To dream bigger. To help their families and communities succeed. 75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in your own community. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 140 million people with lifesaving support. Thank you for changing lives this Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl Collection will be taken up at St. Mary's on Holy Thursday and at St. Boniface on Palm Sunday.

LORETO HOUSE- PREGNANCY & PARENTING RESOURCE

CENTER is seeking sacramentals to be placed under the foundation of the new Loreto House facility being built in Flower Mound. Any old scapulars, medals, or rosaries will be greatly appreciated. The pouring of the foundation will begin in 30 days and the donated sacramentals will be placed in the trenches before the concrete is poured. This building is a sacred place and they want the foundation to rest on these sacred items. Please bring or mail your sacramentals to the Denton office at 1100 N. Bonnie Brae St. God Bless.

RESERVE THE DATE: Calling all military, both veterans & active duty, to please reserve **Sunday, April 24th on your calendars.** The Auxiliary of the Scotland/Windthorst VFW Post 2676 wants to extend our love and appreciation to you by providing an evening of food, fun and prizes in your honor. Reserve the date NOW---you won't want to miss it!! Watch for more details to follow later.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor D. Anderson (Army), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

FAITH DIRECT

eGiving with Faith Direct

As we welcome the Lenten season, I am asking everyone in the St. Mary's & St. Boniface's family to prayerfully consider eGiving. Let me explain why I hope you will embrace this new approach to giving as part of Lent.

To me, this is a meaningful time for the faithful to think deeply about stewardship. Our Lenten practices of "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving" invite each of us to not only grow in relationship with Christ, but also in our community of faith. During this special time, I invite you to give special thought to starting a recurring gift through Faith Direct, our online giving platform. Your recurring online gifts will save our parish time, money and effort. It will help us spend less on paper envelopes, and compared to cash & checks, online gifts are simpler & more secure for our staff to process. This will free up time, resources, & staff hours that can be better utilized in growing our ministries and mission. By "giving up envelopes" & committing to sharing your treasure through online giving, you will sustain our faith community & expand the impact of the ministries that mean the most to you.

Signing up with a recurring gift is easy, and Faith Direct Will help if you need assistance. You can enroll by visiting faith.direct/TX1144 for **St. Boniface** and faith.direct/TX1143 for **St. Mary's**. May God Bless you & your loved ones this Lenten season & throughout the year.

In His name,

Father Michael



THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH:

Fast & Abstinence are to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday until one has celebrated his/her 59th. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. The Church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The Church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity. These can be performed throughout the week; however, it is especially appropriate that these acts be performed on Fridays in place of the Friday fast.

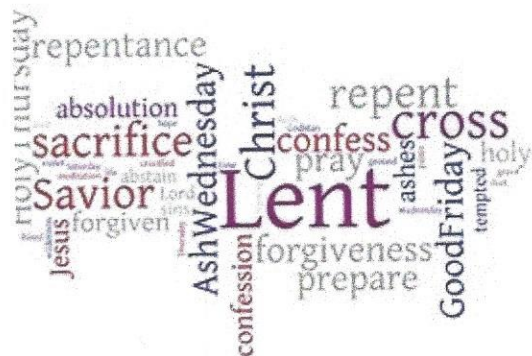
No one can be dispensed from the necessity of doing penance. Catholics are strongly urged to practice voluntary acts of mortification and works of charity. The bishops of the United States have urged Catholics to consider abstaining from meat on Fridays "as a tangible sign of our need and desire to do penance for the cause of peace."

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of the Lord. St. Joseph was the favorite of St. Teresa of Avila, and of many popes, including St. Pius X and St. John XXIII. Who wrote: "O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons and daughters, especially entrusted to you. You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose of which they were created by God" (Prayer for Workers). Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, of workers, and of the universal Church. St. Joseph, pray for us!



ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: Carol Sales, Lugenia Zotz by CDA #296; My Family, Tammie Gutierrez, Frances Hoffman, Mary Baumer, Terry & Kathy Hoffman, Shirley Williams, Donnie & Gloria Moer, John & Maxine Veitenheimer, Danny & Yvette Smith, Charles & Glenda Schroeder, Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer, Bob & Carolyn Schreiber, Ernie & Billie Hoff, For Rain, For Peace in the World, In Thanksgiving for Favors, My Special Intention by Joann Hoff; Special Intentions for Carol Sales, Annette Fleitman, Good Health for the Family by Ann Veitenheimer; Lindsey Bezona & Baby Girl, a Safe Delivery & Healthy Mom & Baby by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Complete healing & in thanksgiving for a successful surgery for Elaine by Rosalie Schenk; Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer, Carol Sales, Hessey Meurer, Caroline Anderle, Ann Veitenheimer, Fred & Adelaide Lenty, Mary & Walter Berend, Betty & Doug Wolf, World Peace, A nice rain by Cordella Berend; Happy Birthday Scott, Speedy Recovery for Layne, All the Sick of Our Communites, Our Special Intentions by Joyce & Frank Wolf; +Paul Schenk, +Jake Schenk, +Bobby Lindeman, +Leo Gilmore, Happy Birthday Pauline, Happy Birthday Tootie, Diane & Butch Schroeder, Carolyn & Bobby Schreiber, Shirley Williams, Billie Mae & Ernie Hoff, All the Sick by Rosalie Schenk; Happy 1st Birthday in Heaven, Daddy- We Love & Miss You by Mike & Tanya; Rosalie Schenk, Pauline Hoff by Wina & Dean Church; Terry Hoffman, Amy Jackson, Yvette Smith, Patty Schenk & Family, Bountiful Rain, Special Intentions by Suzette & Richard Schreiber; Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family; +Russell Williams by Shirley Williams; Safety of Our Military & the People of Ukraine, Carol Sales, Shirley Williams, Our Children & Grandchildren, Mom by Denise & Jerry Cooper; Healing for Jim, My Children by Mom; Healing for Rick & Continued Healing of Ryan, All My Granchildren by Grandma; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296

YEARLY LIGHTS: For a very special intention, The health of our entire family, The upcoming marriage of Grace Hoegger & Brady Tackett by Jackie & Greg Hoegger; Terry & Carol Sales by Ray & Dorothy Berend; +Leroy Anderle by Caroline & Family; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & for my family, Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane Zotz & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumbera & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For +Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; +Arnold & +Lillian Lindeman by the Family; +Thomas & +Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Inentions of the Members of St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society by the Christian Mothers' Society; For my Family & for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen & Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Corey George, Greg Schlumpf, Holly Johnston, Sabrina Johnston, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; "Thanksgiving prayer for all blessings received for my family, community and our country" by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our

Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For Our Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; In memory of Duane & for Our Family by Pat & James Zotz; For those battling cancer & heart disease by Joyce & Charlie Vieth; Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Wina & Dean Church; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Angie Berend, Bernadine Berend, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Nellie Berend, Patience Blake, Toni Blaze, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Lonnie Buerger, Billie Burks, David Carcaño, Bill Cardin, Jesús Colchado, John Deeson, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Art Frerich, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, **June Gibson**, Jerry Green, Jim Green, Sister Marie Green, Artie Hallenbeck, Stan Hammack, Chris Hemmi, Betty Hilbers, Terry Hoffman, Melissa Hogan, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Joyce Moer, Ida Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Amy Jackson, Donnie Johnson, Gary Julian, JoAnn (Schenk) Klein, Elsie Koetter, Robert W. Krah, Misty Lindley, Brian Lucore, Tyler Marlar, Agnes McDonald, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Skylar Mueller, Travis Nelson, Rita Pearson, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Ernie Prescher, Phillip Rafferty, Bradley Rodgers, Mary Jo Russe, **Carol Sales**, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Madi Scogin, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Margaret Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Yvette Smith, Weldon Snyder, Sue Steinberger, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, Paul Wachsman, David Williams, Charles Winkles, Gladys Wolf, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, Harola Zotz .

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

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Sunday, Mar 06, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; RITE OF ELECTION

Dig a little deeper this Lent

If practicing our religion is easy, we're not practicing our religion. This is one valuable lesson we glean from the time Jesus spends in the desert. Challenges to spiritual discipline are many: the desire for creature comforts, the hunger to be admired, the quest for control. Engaging this 40-day exercise each year strengthens the will and purifies the heart. It enables us to prepare for the real temptations that life offers. Is my prayer vital? Have I grown self-indulgent? Is my hand open to others? Our Lenten practice should be a response to those probing questions.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (24). *"[Jesus] was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil."*

Monday, Mar 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

My peace I leave you

Saints Perpetua and Felicity shared an intense intimate bond. These two North African women were young new mothers imprisoned together by the Roman Empire for being Christians. Perpetua was a noblewoman and Felicity was her enslaved servant—but their unequal relationship was upended by their new faith, in which Saint Paul said there is "neither slave nor free." The two held each other in the moments before their grisly public executions in an amphitheater and gave each other the kiss of peace before dying. In the face of any horror—from slavery to persecution to execution, all of which still exist in our modern times—love has power over hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (224). *"When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?"*

Tuesday, Mar 08, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

Give your life in noble pursuit

The Order of Brothers Hospitallers honors the work of Saint John of God, who was born and died on this day. John's tumultuous path—as orphan, then soldier, then suffering from mental illness—eventually led to a humble spiritual life of tending the sick and dying poor. John died as he lived, in noble pursuit: He succumbed to pneumonia after rescuing a drowning man. Founded on the *Rule of Saint Augustine*, the order consoles the world's sick and poor but also, officially, oversees medical care of the pope. Pray Augustine's "Watch, O Lord" prayer to remember the sick and dying today—and all who comfort them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225). *"So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will."*

Wednesday, Mar 09, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Let your legacy be one for the ages

On this second day of National Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome. Her renown as a servant of the poor was so great that centuries after her death, she became an inspiration for the first community of black nuns in America: Baltimore's Oblate Sisters of Providence, founded in 1829 by Servant of God Mary Lange (one of the church's six venerated African Americans). Dedicated to teaching black

children during slavery, the Oblates named their flagship school in the Italian noblewoman's honor, and St. Frances Academy is today the oldest continually operating black Catholic school in the nation. Like those holy sisters, let's model the charism of Saint Frances this day and always.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 (226). *"My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn."*

Thursday, Mar 10, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let faith lead you to freedom

Today is the death date of abolitionist Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), whose life embodied Christian liberation. A deeply religious woman, Tubman risked her life repeatedly to lead enslaved men and women to freedom, relying on a deep bond with God for strength during these dangerous missions. Today, many people suffer injustice and lack of freedom. Whether it be a phone call to a legislator or an act of solidarity with an exploited group, take one step today that honors the tradition of Harriet Tubman.

TODAY'S READINGS: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (227). *"For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Friday, Mar 11, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Second chances are a first principle

The good news of God's forgiveness is the most confounding of Christian teachings. For those who rarely turn away from God in sin, it seems unjust that God's mercy is indiscriminate, and for those who have turned away time and again and finally come to terms with their sinfulness, it seems impossible that God's mercy is at hand. As Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. says, "Perhaps forgiveness is the last thing mentioned in the Creed because it is the last thing learned in life." Lent is our annual crash course in the practice of forgiving—ourselves and others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228). *"If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, . . . none of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him."*

Saturday, Mar 12, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

To those to whom much is given . . .

Jewish diarist Anne Frank, whose death is observed today, once wrote: "Why can't people who have more than they need for themselves give that surplus to their fellow citizens?" In most societies, alas, gaining wealth seems more the point than giving it away. But during Lent, Catholics customarily practice almsgiving, the tradition of sharing our wealth with those in need. Remembering that "charity covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8), what better time than Lent to send some of our money to our diocesan Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229). *"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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One Minute Meditations

The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments – God's most important laws – only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one more way God lets us know how very much He wants us to love one another.

Just adore

Do you ever run out of things to say during your prayer time? Or worse, do you ever get weary of saying the same things over and over? Why not just sit in silent adoration of the one who loves you more than you can imagine? What words can be better or more appropriate than that?

"Then you shall delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken"
(Isaiah 58:14).



3 ways to become holier during Lent

Jesus said, a disciple *"when he is fully taught will be like his teacher"* (Luke 6:40). Lent is our chance to shed the worldly baggage that keeps us from becoming more like Christ. Consider these ideas for routing out sin and embracing virtue:

Remove the wooden beam. We delight in pointing out the sins and shortcomings of others. This is the sin of detraction, disclosing someone's faults and failings to others without an objectively valid reason. We can use the season of Lent to search for our own faults and remove them instead.

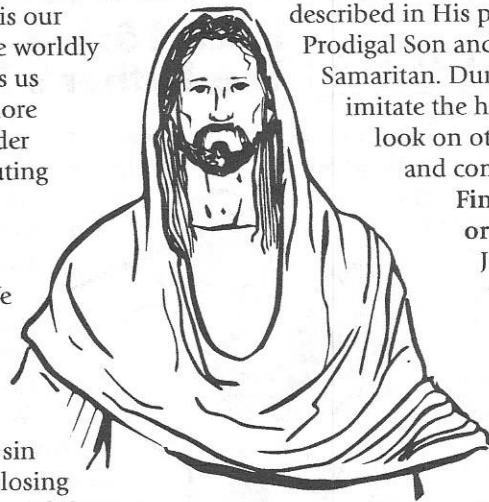
Look like Christ. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that we all crave

being looked upon with love. Christ looks upon us with pure love, as described in His parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. During Lent, let's imitate the heart of Christ and look on others with empathy and compassion.

Find the sacred in the ordinary. St.

Josemaria Escriva taught that there is a call to holiness that can be lived by sanctifying our everyday life. He said, "Carry out the little duties of each moment: do

what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing ... There is no other way, my daughters and sons: either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or we shall never find Him."



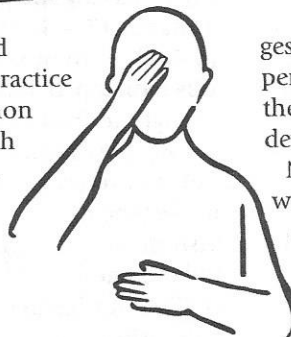
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?

Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such

gestures were ritual ways to honor a person of great power. The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and request His blessings for ourselves.



"Giving up" or "giving for?"

Lent implies deprivation and uncomfortable penances, but it can be more meaningful. Consider turning your offerings into gifts of gratitude for God's gifts:

Give time in prayer: God, who created the universe, wants to spend time with you. Whether it's reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or attending daily Mass, know that God is delighted you're spending time with Him, and will give you all the graces you need to stay close to Him.

Give small gifts with great love: St. Therese of Lisieux was expert at turning small sacrifices into



powerful deeds by her love. Our Lenten sacrifices, entrusted to God, do immense good that we'll see fully in Heaven. Whoever knew that our simple Lenten offerings can be part of God's saving work?

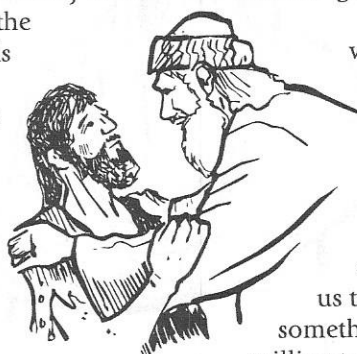
Give half your cloak: According to legend, St. Martin of Tours gave half of his cloak to a cold beggar. That night, Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. When we serve others, it is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift.

from Scripture

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, The Father's heart

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't get a reward to celebrate



his obedience—and he was the "good one!"

Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.

Q & A How can I get over my fear of Confession?

For many Catholics, going to Confession is unsettling. Facing and admitting our faults to another person – even in a confidential setting – is uncomfortable, even painful. In this



case, the priest is acting in the person of God and it takes courage and humility to present ourselves before God. In Confession we say to God, "Please forgive me

for intentionally rejecting You and Your love."

If you feel uncomfortable while waiting in the Confession line, it's a good sign. It means your conscience is healthy and working. Remember that God sees us standing in line and He is ready to welcome us back. He isn't angry or brooding, or smug because our poor choices proved He was right. In fact, when we are sincerely repentant, He and all of heaven celebrate because we're returning to Him (Luke 15:10). When the priest says the words of absolution, imagine God embracing you, saying, "My child, your sins are forgiven you... Go and sin no more." We receive powerful graces, and are asked to make amends where possible. Rejoice in the chance to start again.

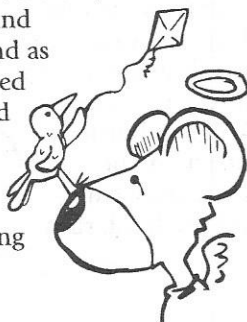
Feasts & Celebrations

March 2 – Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent. Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross (1734). St. John joined a group of Franciscans called the Reform of St. Peter of Alcantara. Despite his elevated position and spiritual gifts, he remained humble, doing menial tasks around the monastery.

March 8 – St. John of God (1550). Originally, St. John was a soldier known for his violence and immorality. After nearly dying in battle, he converted and dedicated his life to serving the poor and sick.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.



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Meditaciones breves

El desequilibrio de los Mandamientos

Sólo los tres primeros de los Diez Mandamientos —las más importantes leyes de Dios— se ocupan de cómo hemos de respetar al creador del universo. Los otros siete detallan cómo hemos de tratarnos los unos a los otros. Es una manera más que tiene Dios de decirnos cuánto quiere que nos amemos mutuamente.



Simplemente adoren

¿Se queda a veces sin cosas que decir mientras reza? O aún peor, ¿alguna vez se cansa de decir lo mismo una y otra vez? ¿Por qué no se sienta adorando silenciosamente a quien le ama más de lo que usted puede imaginar? ¿Qué otras palabras pueden ser mejores o más apropiadas?

"Entonces te sentirás bien con Yavé. Yo te llevaré por las cumbres de la tierra y te mantendré con la propiedad de tu padre Jacob; la boca de Yavé te lo aseguró" (Isaías 58:14).



3 formas de ser más santo durante la Cuaresma

Jesús dijo que *"cuando el discípulo llegue a ser perfecto, será como su maestro"* (Lucas 6:40). En Cuaresma tenemos la oportunidad de desprendernos de bagaje mundanal que impide que nos parezcamos más a Cristo. Tengan en cuenta estas ideas para eliminar el pecado y abrazar la virtud:

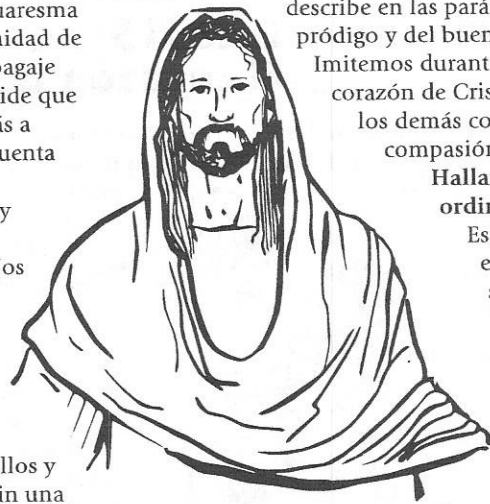
Retirar la viga: Nos encanta señalar los pecados y los defectos de los demás. Esto es el pecado de detracción, la revelación de los fallos y los errores ajenos sin una razón objetivamente válida. En lugar de esto, podemos usar el tiempo de Cuaresma para buscar nuestras propias faltas y eliminarlas.

Parecernos a Cristo. El papa emérito Benedicto XVI dijo que todos deseamos

que se nos contemple con amor. Cristo nos contempla con puro amor, como se describe en las parábolas del hijo pródigo y del buen samaritano. Imitemos durante la Cuaresma el corazón de Cristo y contemplemos a los demás con empatía y compasión.

Hallar lo sagrado en lo ordinario. San Josemaría Escrivá enseñaba que existe una llamada a la santidad que puede vivirse santificando nuestra vida cotidiana. Dijo: "Lleven a cabo las pequeñas tareas cotidianas: hagan lo que tienen que

hacer y concéntrense en lo que están haciendo... No hay otra manera, hijas mías e hijos míos: o aprendemos a hallar a nuestro Señor en la vida ordinaria y cotidiana, o nunca lo hallaremos".



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué hacen los católicos la señal de la cruz?

Cuando esta costumbre se estableció en el siglo segundo, era normal honrar a un gobernante con un gesto de respeto. Hacer una genuflexión o tocarse la frente eran gestos rituales



para honrar a una persona poderosa. La señal de la cruz se convirtió en una devoción de ese tipo para honrar a la Santísima Trinidad.

Ahora es una oración en sí misma y cada vez que hacemos la señal de la cruz expresamos respeto a Dios y pedimos que nos bendiga.

¿Privarse o dar?

La Cuaresma implica privaciones y penitencias incómodas, pero puede tener más sentido. Piense en convertir sus ofrendas en regalos de gratitud por los dones de Dios:

Dé tiempo en oración: Dios, creador del universo, quiere pasar tiempo con usted. Cuando lea la Sagrada Escritura, rece el rosario o vaya a misa diariamente, sepa que Dios está encantado de que usted pase tiempo con él y le dará todas las gracias necesarias para permanecer cerca de él.

Dé pequeños regalos con gran amor: Santa Teresa de Lisieux era experta en transformar con su amor pequeños



sacrificios en grandes obras. Nuestros sacrificios cuaresmales, confiados a Dios, hacen un inmenso bien que veremos por completo en el cielo. ¿Quién hubiera imaginado que nuestras ofrendas pueden ser parte de la obra salvadora de Dios?

Dé la mitad de su abrigo: Según la leyenda, San Martín de Tour dio la mitad de su manto a un mendigo que tenía frío. Esa noche Jesús se le apareció a san Martín en un sueño vestido con su manto. Cuando servimos a los demás, al final es Jesús quien recibe nuestro don.

de las Escrituras

Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32, El corazón del padre

En este pasaje evangélico, Jesús cuenta la historia del hijo prodigo (o insensato). Trata de lo siguiente. Un día, el hijo más joven le pidió a su padre que le entregara la parte que le correspondía de su herencia. Se marchó y la malgastó lejos de casa.

Cuando se le terminó el dinero su situación se volvió desesperada y regresó a casa de su padre, humillado y pidiendo clemencia. El padre se llenó de felicidad por el regreso de su hijo y organizó una gran fiesta. Sin embargo, el hijo mayor se resintió por la bienvenida dada a su hermano y se quejó a su padre porque nunca había recibido una recompensa para celebrar su obediencia



¡y él era el "bueno"!

Jesús prometió que cuando nos acercamos a Dios con un corazón verdaderamente arrepentido, podemos regresar siempre a casa. No es que Dios quiera que nos sintamos mal, pero, como cualquier padre, quiere que entendamos que hicimos algo mal y estamos dispuestos a cambiar. Mediante esta parábola Jesús nos explica que Dios es un padre amante y generoso en cuya más profunda naturaleza hay un amor compasivo e indulgente. Recordamos que siempre podemos regresar a casa.

P & R ¿Cómo puedo superar mi miedo a la confesión?

A muchos católicos les inquieta ir a confesar. Hacer frente a nuestras faltas y admitirlas ante otra persona—incluso en un marco confidencial—es incómodo, hasta doloroso. En este caso, el sacerdote



actúa en lugar de Dios y se necesita valor y humildad para presentarnos ante Dios. En la confesión le decimos a Dios: "Perdóname, por favor, por deliberadamente

rechazarte a ti y a tu amor".

Si le resulta incómodo esperar en la fila de la confesión, es buena señal. Significa que su conciencia está sana y en funcionamiento. Recuerde que Dios nos ve esperando en la fila y está listo para acogernos de nuevo. No está enojado o taciturno ni se ufana porque nuestras malas elecciones demostraron que él tenía razón. Lo cierto es que, cuando nos arrepentimos de verdad, él y el cielo entero lo celebran porque regresamos a él (Lucas 15:10). Cuando el sacerdote nos da la absolución, imagine que es Dios quien lo abraza y dice: "Hijo mío, tus pecados son perdonados... Vete y no peques más". Recibimos gracias importantes y se nos pide que reparemos el daño cuando sea posible. Alégrese por la oportunidad de empezar de nuevo.

Fiestas y celebraciones

2 de marzo – Miércoles de Ceniza. Primer día de Cuaresma. En señal de penitencia sobre la frente se colocan las cenizas de palmas quemadas. El Miércoles de Ceniza es día de ayuno y abstinencia: una comida normal y dos más pequeñas que no equivalgan a una comida completa.

5 de marzo – San Juan José de la Cruz (1734). San Juan se unió a un grupo de franciscanos de la Reforma de san Pedro de Alcántara. A pesar de su elevada posición y dones espirituales, fue siempre humilde y realizó tareas de baja categoría en el monasterio.

8 de marzo – San Juan de Dios (1550). Al principio san Juan era un soldado conocido por su violencia y su inmoralidad. Tras casi morir en una batalla, se convirtió y dedicó su vida a servir a los pobres y a los enfermos.

17 de marzo – San Patricio de Irlanda (c.461). Nacido en Escocia, san Patricio fue raptado y llevado a Irlanda como esclavo. Se escapó pero más tarde regresó para convertirse en obispo de Irlanda y se le atribuye el establecimiento de la Iglesia en ese país.



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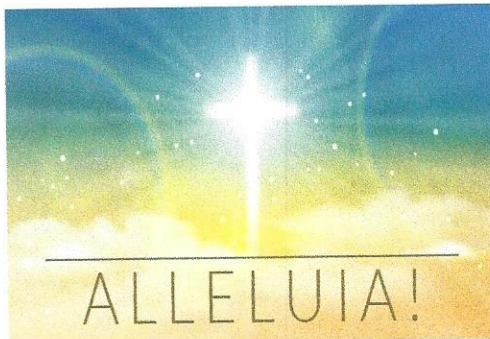
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<div>6</div> <div>The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (ROM 10:8).</div> <div>The WORD is love. Say "I love you" to one you rarely do.</div>	<div>7</div> <div>For I was a stranger and you welcomed me (MT 25:35).</div> <div>Who needs your welcome and acceptance? Offer it warmly.</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Deliver us from evil (MT 6:13).</div> <div>Be a moral leader. Use your voice to support truth and good.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>At the preaching of Jonah they repented (JON 11:32).</div> <div>Make amends with one person you've offended.</div>	<div>SPIRITUAL WORK 10</div> <div>Knock and the door will be open to you (MT 7:7).</div> <div>INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT: Give someone the chance to learn a skill from you.</div>	<div>ABSTINENCE 11</div> <div>Settle with your opponent quickly (MT 5:25).</div> <div>Abstain from holding onto hurt before it turns into resentment.</div>	<div>CORPORALWORK 12</div> <div>You are to walk in God's ways (DT 26:17).</div> <div>VISIT THE PRISONER: Write a person in prison or one bound by fear.</div>
<div>13</div> <div>"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (LK 9:35).</div> <div>Spend time in silence to hear God's call. VISION Vocation Guide can help.</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Give and gifts will be given to you (LK 6:38).</div> <div>Support vocations. Consider a donation to VocationFund.org</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Make justice your aim (IS 1:17)!</div> <div>Write a letter, make a call, or stand in protest to fight an injustice.</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant (MT 20:26).</div> <div>Lend a helping hand to one who usually serves you.</div>	<div>SPIRITUAL WORK 17</div> <div>"I am suffering torment from these flames" (LK 16:24).</div> <div>ADMONISH THE SINNER: Help someone avoid a harmful choice.</div>	<div>ABSTINENCE 18</div> <div>Here comes that master dreamer (GN 37:19)!</div> <div>Abstain from ridiculing or belittling others. Be particularly kind today.</div>	<div>CORPORALWORK 19</div> <div>He took his wife into his home (MT 1:20).</div> <div>SHELTER THE HOMELESS: Donate toiletries to a local shelter.</div>
<div>20</div> <div>"I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish!" (LK 13:5).</div> <div>Say an Act of Contrition and be mindful of your actions that are not loving.</div>	<div>21</div> <div>No prophet is accepted in his native place (LK 4:24).</div> <div>Be open to the wisdom of others. Read opposing views on a hot topic.</div>	<div>22</div> <div>How often must I forgive (MT 18:21)?</div> <div>Stop tracking the sins against you. Be indiscriminate in your mercy.</div>	<div>23</div> <div>What great nation has gods so close as our God is to us (DT 4:7)?</div> <div>Draw on the wisdom of the Spirit before a quick decision.</div>	<div>SPIRITUAL WORK 24</div> <div>Faithfulness has disappeared (JER 7:28)?</div> <div>COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL: Offer a note of hope to one in the despair today.</div>	<div>ABSTINENCE 25</div> <div>Must you weary my God? (IS 7:13)!</div> <div>Abstain from criticism. Offer positive feedback to someone today.</div>	<div>CORPORALWORK 26</div> <div>He will come to us like the rain (HOS 6:3).</div> <div>GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY: Conserve water for the sake of others.</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Everything I have is yours (LK 15:31).</div> <div>Offer mercy, the "beating heart of the gospel" it to those who've disappointed you.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>I create people to be a delight (IS 65:18).</div> <div>Be joyful and delight in those around you today. Laugh!</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Look, you are well. Do not sin anymore (JN 5:14).</div> <div>In return for compassion you've received, offer it to others.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Whoever hears my word and believes has eternal life (JN 5:24).</div> <div>Pray the Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)</div> <div>Remember the great things the Lord has done.</div>	<div>SPIRITUAL WORK 31</div> <div>Let your blazing wrath die down (EX 32:12).</div> <div>BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY: Take steps to cool your anger before you act.</div>	<div>SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY</div> <div>Counsel the doubtful / Instruct the ignorant</div> <div>Admonish the sinner / Comfort the sorrowful</div> <div>Forgive injuries / Bear wrongs patiently</div> <div>Pray for the living and the dead</div> <div>(Go to USCCB for further reading)</div> <div>CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY</div> <div>Feed the hungry / Give drink to the thirsty</div> <div>Shelter the homeless / Visit the sick</div> <div>Visit the prisoners / Bury the dead</div> <div>Give alms to the poor</div> <div>(Go to USCCB for further reading)</div>	

(Turn over to see April Lenten reflections.)

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3	4	5	6	SPIRITUAL WORK 7	ABSTINENCE 8	CORPORALWORK 9
<div>"See, I am doing something new!" (IS 43:19).</div> <div>Try a new prayer practice, such as meditation, song, or dance. Find ideas in VISION.</div>	<div>Thus, was innocent blood spared (DN 13:62).</div> <div>Aid one who is falsely accused. The Innocence Project is a good place to start.</div>	<div>I say only what the Father has taught me (JN 8:28).</div> <div>Stop the spread of misinformation. Show the truth of God's all-inclusive charity.</div>	<div>One who commits sin is a slave of sin (JN 8:34).</div> <div>Free yourself of one sinful action, such as greed, envy, or pride.</div>	<div>I keep his word (JN 8:55).</div> <div>COMFORT THE SORROWFUL: Call a friend in mourning; show that love has the last word.</div>	<div>He has rescued the life of the poor (JER 20:13).</div> <div>Abstain from indifference. Do one thing toward fighting poverty today.</div>	<div>What do you think? That he will not come to the feast (JN 11:56)?</div> <div>GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR: Donate food for an Easter meal.</div>
10	11	12	13	SPIRITUAL WORK 14	FAST & ABSTINENCE 15	CORPORALWORK 16
<div>"Pray that you may not undergo the test" (LK 22:40).</div> <div>Commit to strengthening your faith. Take Five for Faith can help.</div>	<div>He shall bring forth justice to the nations (IS 42:1).</div> <div>Fight tyranny at home and abroad. Send aid to refugees.</div>	<div>I will make you a light to the nations (IS 49:6)?</div> <div>Support the immigrants in your area.</div>	<div>He opens my ears that I may hear (IS 50:4).</div> <div>Really listen to a loved one's concerns today.</div>	<div>HOLY THURSDAY</div> <div>You will understand later (JN 13:7).</div> <div>PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD: Say the Lord's Prayer.</div>	<div>GOOD FRIDAY</div> <div>He came and took his body (JN 19:38).</div> <div>Observe silence at 3 p.m. today in reverence for Jesus' sacrifice.</div>	<div>HOLY SATURDAY</div> <div>He rested on the seventh day (GN 2:2).</div> <div>BURY THE DEAD: Allow a loved one to rest in peace. Let go!</div>
<div>EASTER 17</div> <div>EASTER SUNDAY</div> <div>He had to rise from the dead (JN 20:9)!</div> <div>See and believe the good news of God's glory. Embrace a new life in love!</div>				<div></div> <div>Celebrate the many BLESSINGS God has given us through his death and resurrection. Rejoice and be glad!</div> <div>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</div> <div>Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.</div> <div>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.</div> <div>Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.</div> <div>Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.</div> <div>Blessed are the clean in heart, for they will see God.</div> <div>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.</div> <div>Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (MT 5:1-10).</div>		

COVID TRENDS IN WICHITA FALLS

DATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	HOSPITALIZED	HOSPITALIZED CRITICAL	NEW DEATHS	POSITIVITY RATE
12/10	185	421	15	3	1	17%
12/17	164	392	20	5	3	14%
12/27	258	510	28		3	14%
12/31	636	950	28		6	28%
01/07	1302	1648	47		8	35%
01/14	2728	3272	81	14	8	55%
01/21	2722	4023	102	25	16	55%
01/28	2042	4082	82	16	16	51%
02/04	625	3681	65		7	34%
02/11	250	2421	58	13	9	27%
02/18	128	1617	41	13	9	13.3%
02/25	53	1360	22	5	9	8.1%

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.

Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

Prayer written by Kerry Weber, executive editor of America.

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SATURDAY MARCH 5 1st SATURDAY St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM Mothers' Society Pilgrimage St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Please use hand sanitizer 2 nd Collection: Black & Indian Mission Collection	SUNDAY MARCH 6 1st SUNDAY OF LENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer Sausage Meal 1 st Reconciliation with Father M. 3PM Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm 2 nd Collection: Black & Indian Mission Collection	MONDAY MAR. 7 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer Safe Environment 6:30pm Convent	TUESDAY MARCH 8 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY MARCH 9 CCD class grades K-5 @7:25 St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm 3 rd Degree K of C #1824 @ Seymour 3 rd Degree K of C #1715 7pm	THURSDAY MARCH 10 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY MARCH 11 Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
SATURDAY MARCH 12 St. Mary's Mass 12:00 Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Please use hand sanitizer	MARCH 13 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Parish Hall St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hour 10:00am St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer RCIA after Mass in convent Scotland Sr. Citizens 12 noon Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:00pm 2 nd Sunday Youth Group 1 st Communion 5:30 to 6:45pm	MONDAY MAR. 14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK -- St. Mary's Mass 8:00am Please use hand sanitizer VFWD/VFW Ladies Aux. 6:00pm	TUESDAY MAR. 15 NO SCHOOL Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY MARCH 16 NO SCHOOL St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CDA #296 after Mass	THURSDAY MARCH 17 NO SCHOOL St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Please use hand sanitizer Safe Environment 6:30pm Convent Church Office closed	FRIDAY MARCH 18 NO SCHOOL Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
SATURDAY MARCH 19 St. Mary's Mass 8:00 St. Mary's 2:00PM Troccoli/Scheffe Wedding Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Please use hand sanitizer St. Joseph Men's Retreat 8am-4pm Berend Family Center	SUNDAY MARCH 20 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Parish Hall St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer RCIA after Mass in convent Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm 1 st Reconciliation 5:30 to 6:45pm	MONDAY MAR. 21 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm Please use hand sanitizer	TUESDAY MAR. 22 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed Sr. Citizens 1pm	WEDNESDAY MARCH 23 CCD class grades K-5 @7:25 St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm	THURSDAY MARCH 24 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY MARCH 25 Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
SATURDAY MARCH 26 St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM St. Mary's Spanish Mass 7:00PM Please use hand sanitizer Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services	SUNDAY MARCH 27 1ST OF LENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am St. Mary's Parish Hall St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses will be live-streamed Please use hand sanitizer Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services RCIA after Mass in convent Confirmation 4:00pm – 5:30pm 1 st Communion 5:30 to 6:45pm	MONDAY MAR. 28 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Mary's Mass 6:00pm 7:00pm Reconciliation Service St. Mary's Please use hand sanitizer 4th Degree K of C after Mass	TUESDAY MAR. 29 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 Mass St. Mary's Church Office closed	WEDNESDAY MARCH 30 CCD class grades K-5 @7:25 St. Mary's Adoration 5:45 Mass 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please use hand sanitizer CCD 6-12 th grades 6:45pm	THURSDAY MARCH 31 CCD class grades K-5 begins @7:25 St. Boniface Mass 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Please use hand sanitizer	FRIDAY APRIL 1 1st FRIDAY Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please use hand sanitizer Stations of the Cross 6:00pm