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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 21, 2021**

**Primer Domingo de Cuaresma**  
**21 de Febrero de 2021**



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## **Religious Formation Office/**

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## **Office Hours:/Horas de Oficina:**

Mon.,Wed.,Thur., Fri./Lun.,Mar. Jue., Vier., 9am -12 noon

Tues./Mar., 10:30am- 12noon

## **Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas:**

Sat./Sab., Anticipated 5pm English

Sun./Dom., 7am, 11am Español

9am, 1pm English

Weekdays/Entre Semana 7am Español

Laudes: After Liturgy/Después de la Liturgia

Holy Days: As announced

Días de Precepto: Se anuncian

## **Reconciliation/Reconciliación:**

Sat./Sab. 3:45- 4:45 pm in the Mission/En la Misión

Or by Appt./O por cita

## **Holy Hour / Hora Santa**

Cancelled for now/ Cancellada por lo pronto

## **Infant Baptisms:**

Please read information on pg. 3

Schedule on pg. 3 is temporary, subject to change

## **Bautismos para Bebés:**

Please read information on pg. 3

Schedule on pg. 3 is temporary, subject to change.

## **Marriage/Matrimonios:**

Arranged with the Pastor 6 months prior to Wedding day. Arreglos con el Pastor 6 meses antes del día de la boda

## **Quinceañeras:**

Teen has to be a registered member of the Parish, and enrolled in a formation class. Celebrations are done the last Saturday of the month at 2pm in the Main Church. Arrangements need to be done 6 months in advance.

La joven debe estar registrada como miembro de la Parroquia, debe estar inscrita en una clase de Formación.

Las celebraciones son el ultimo sábado del mes a las 2pm.

En la Iglesia Grande. Arreglos 6 meses antes de la celebración.



**Primer Domingo de Cuaresma**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

## 1er Domingo de la Cuaresma

Preparados o no, estamos en el primer domingo de Cuaresma. El pasado miércoles, 17 de febrero, iniciamos la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para llevar a cabo más tiempo de calidad en la oración, ayuno y limosna. Estas prácticas cuaresmales ayudan a llegar a la Pascua preparados y ligeros de equipaje. Este tiempo es un llamado fuerte a la conversión. *"El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva"*. (Marcos 1:15). El Evangelio de Marcos no explica las tentaciones de Jesús como Mateo y Lucas. Marcos solo lo especifica así: *"Enseguida el Espíritu lo empujó al desierto. Estuvo cuarenta días en el desierto y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivía entre los animales salvajes y los ángeles le servían"*. (Marcos 1:12-13).

"Es saludable contemplar más a fondo el misterio pascual, por el que hemos recibido la misericordia de Dios. La experiencia de la misericordia, efectivamente, es posible sólo en un 'cara a cara' con el Señor crucificado y resucitado 'que me amó y se entregó por mí'. Un diálogo de corazón a corazón, de amigo a amigo. Por eso la oración es tan importante en el tiempo cuaresmal". El hecho de que el Señor nos ofrezca una vez más un tiempo favorable para nuestra conversión nunca debemos darlo por supuesto. Esta nueva oportunidad debería suscitar en nosotros un sentido de reconocimiento y sacudir nuestra modorra. (Tomado del Mensaje de Cuaresma del Papa Francisco 2020). ¿Qué debo sacudir de mi persona en esta Cuaresma?

## Mass Intentions

**Mon./Lun. Feb. 22**  
**The Chair of St. Peter**

**7am** All victims of covid-19  
1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

**Tue./Mar. Feb. 23**  
**St. Polycarp**

**7am** For all grieving families  
Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

**Wed./Mier. Feb 24**

**7am** For all Migrants  
Jon 3:1-10 Mt 7:7-12

**Thur./Jue. Feb. 25**

**7am** For members of our community  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

**Fri./Vier. Feb. 26**

**7am** +Abigail Arellano by Arellano Family  
Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

**Sat/Sab. Feb. 27**

**5pm** +Guadalupe Gonzales & Aurelio Gonzales Torres by Gehan Family, +Mr. & Mrs Reñe Maldonado by Abraham Gomez

**See Sunday's Readings**

**Sun/Dom. Feb. 28**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**7am** Apostolado de la Cruz  
+Felipe Sanchez Jr. by Parents  
**9am** +Jose Ramon Villela by Gracie & Jesus Villela Jr., +Raymond Lucero Sr. by Rosie Rios, +Clemencia Reyes by Family  
**11am** +Rosa Astorga, +Jose Nevarez, +Carlos A. & Esperanza B. Solis by Rosalia Solis  
**1pm** +Tury Casillas by Family, +Frances Silvas by Children, +Tonette Hernandez by Siblings  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

## LENT

### • The 3 Pillars of Lent

• **PRAYER** - nurturing your relationship with God

<http://www.pewresearch.org/religion-and-public-life/>

• **FASTING** - giving something up to be closer to God

<http://www.nationalcatholic.com/faith/faith-articles/>

• **ALMSGIVING** - sharing with those in need

<http://www.pewresearch.org/religion-and-public-life/>



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a time to  
pull up WEEDS or  
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## Mass Schedule

The celebration of Masses is back to its regular schedule. Daily week Mass is at 7am in Spanish in the Main Church. Weekend Masses are at 5pm (English) on Saturday, On Sunday Masses are at 7am and 11am (Spanish), 9am and 1pm in English. The weekday Masses for the exception of Monday are done virtually, 9am and 11am Sunday Masses are also done virtually, you may tune into the Mass through The parish app. Currently Mass attendance is at 25% capacity.



Confessions are back on schedule, Saturday's from 3:45pm to 4:45pm in the Mission. If you wish, you may also call the parish office for an



For now all baptismal classes and Baptisms celebrations are cancelled until further notice..



Funeral Masses are still not being celebrated. Vigils are done on a virtual basis if the funeral home has the resources to do it.

Our priests are doing graveside services.. Please call the office or have the funeral home call the office if you need our priests to do a graveside service for your loved ones.



Pending celebration of sacraments, that is 1st Communion, Confirmation, etc., that were scheduled for last spring are still on hold. As dates are decided for the celebration, All parents, teens and children will be notified with plenty of time to be ready of the day.

## Office HOURS

The parish office is still closed, however, you may call and leave a message. All messages are picked up on a daily basis, calls are being answered.



The Diocese has assigned several priests to attend to the sick and to the dying, during these trying times.

The priests will come to your home or hospital. They do the anointing and assist you with your spiritual needs if needed. If you need assistance from one of these priests please call the Diocesan Hot Line, 915-834-9006. This number is available to you 24/7.



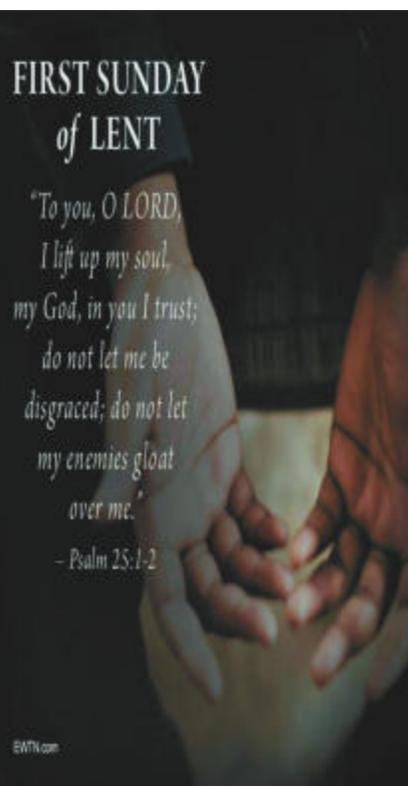
### Sunday Collection 02/14/21

Collection Needed	\$6000.00
Donations Received	\$3609.00

## CORONAVIRUS: PRAYER FOR HEALING

Father God,  
I come before you today to seek mercy and healing.  
Have mercy on your children who are infected with coronavirus.  
You alone can restore their health. Heal them and make them whole again. Give them the strength to carry on. Comfort them in these scary times of their life. I dedicate doctors and nurses to you. Lord. Help them in all their doings. Protect them from this disease. And give them the heart to continue taking care of the sick.  
In Jesus name.  
Amen

THE BLISSFUL CHAPTER



## DAY OF fasting & abstinence

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE:

All Fridays during the Lenten Season  
\* All meat and poultry are not to be consumed on these days  
\* The age of abstinence is from the age of 14 to age 60  
\* Persons who are ill or the elderly are exempt

### DAYS OF FASTING:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
\* Fasting means eating only one full meal during the day. Two smaller meals the remainder of the day that do not equal to 1 full meal. No snacking between meals.  
\* Fasting is for persons 18 years of age through 60.  
\* Persons who are ill or older are exempt. (Minors or elders who are bound by this law of abstinence and fast are required to substitute with other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

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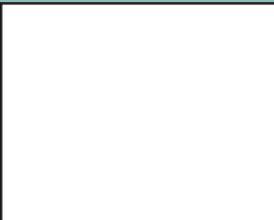
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