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**Happy Birthday / Feliz Cumpleanos...** March/Marzo 22, Beneranda Torres; 23, Nancy Salazar, Mary Lentz; 24, Issac Lopez; 25, Alejandro Casteneda; 27, Ezequiel Bahena; 28, Getsemani Gabutan; 31, Alejandro Casteneda.

**Anniversaries / Aniversarios...** March/Marzo 1, Audel y Lilia Arellano, 38 años.

## Weekly Readings

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**Mar. 22, Sunday-Domingo**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma**  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Eph/Ef 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

**Mar. 23, Monday-Lunes**  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

**Mar. 24, Tuesday-Martes**  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

**Mar. 25, Wednesday-Miércoles**  
**Annunciation / La Anunciación**  
Is 7:10-14, 8-10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk/Lc 1:26-38

**Mar. 26, Thursday-Jueves**  
Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

**Mar. 27, Friday-Viernes**  
Wis/Sab 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Mar. 28, Saturday-Sábado**  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

**Mar. 29, Sunday-Domingo**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma**  
Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45

## Mass Intentions

**Sat, March 21, 4:30 p.m.**  
Parish

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Jan Scobee

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Pastoral Plan Discenment

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†Virus Victims

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Parish



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## The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A, Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, el año A del evangelio de San Mateo March-Marzo 22, 2020

*From Deacon John...*

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*El obispo Shawn ha solicitado cada misa parroquial en vivo de la iglesia local. Su deseo es que cada comunidad continúe adorando juntos. Vamos a transmitir misas en vivo con el Padre Pat como nuestro presidente, cada fin de semana en los horarios de misa del domingo, 8:30 am en inglés y 11:00 am en español. En este momento debe ir al sitio web de la parroquia, [stmary.church](http://stmary.church) para unirse a estas transmisiones. En las próximas semanas, esperamos expandirnos a otros sitios de visualización. Visite el sitio web de la parroquia antes del domingo por la mañana para familiarizarse con los alrededores. Si tiene intenciones particulares de oración, envíelas por correo electrónico a [prayer@stmary.church](mailto:prayer@stmary.church). Los incluiremos en la oración y las peticiones de la comunidad. Tenga en cuenta las necesidades no satisfechas de cualquier persona, física o financiera, que esta pandemia pueda haber creado. Trabajando juntos como una comunidad de fe, haremos todo lo posible para satisfacer esa necesidad. Por favor, transmita las necesidades conocidas a mí mismo, Edwin Pacheco o Jerónimo Chinchilla. Peace, Deacon John*

## Pastoral Council

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Pedro Arriola, Tom Nee, *Buildings*; Irma Bahena *Activities*;

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Mariam Camacho, Cecelia Pacheco, *Youth*; Roman Bahena, *Social Justice*;

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**Please remember**, even in this time of isolation, that we still pray and worship together as a community of faith. Prayer is never constrained by human limits or locations. In our prayer, we join together with the entire communion of saints.

**We lift up to the Lord** all those who have died, may they enjoy the fullness of Christ. We pray too, for those suffering from illness or stress, especially those touched in anyway by this public health crisis, and for all others who are sick or suffering. May we be strong and persistent in our desire to live our faith. And may we believe in the psalm message from our liturgy, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Durante esta crisis de salud pública**, el obispo Shawn exime a todos los feligreses de su obligación dominical de asistir a misa. Los que están enfermos deben quedarse en casa. Aquellos que tienen un alto riesgo de contagio (es decir, los ancianos, los enfermos, los inmunocomprometidos, los bebés y los niños pequeños) deben evitar las reuniones de cualquier tipo.



### Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church

For the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as our local church discerns a new pastoral plan.



### Intención del mes de marzo del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por los dones de sabiduría, conocimiento y entendimiento durante el discernimiento del nuevo plan pastoral de nuestra iglesia local.

**Recuerde**, incluso en este tiempo de aislamiento, que todavía rezamos y adoramos juntos como una comunidad de fe. La oración nunca está limitada por límites humanos o ubicaciones. En nuestra oración, nos unimos a toda la comunión de los santos.

**Elevamos al Señor** a todos los que han muerto, para que disfruten de la plenitud de Cristo. Oramos también por aquellos que padecen enfermedades o estrés, especialmente aquellos afectados por esta crisis de salud pública, y por todos los que están enfermos o sufriendo. Que seamos fuertes y persistentes en nuestro deseo de vivir nuestra fe. Y que creamos en el mensaje del salmo de nuestra liturgia: "El Señor es mi pastor; no hay nada que quiera.



Giving and Spending	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Collections	\$6,918	\$58,468
Bills Paid	\$5,808	\$63,401
Balance	\$1,110	-\$4,933

## Question of the Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent — John 9:1-41

### Key Passage:

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### Question for adults:

How has seeing with faith made life easier? How has it made life more difficult?

### Question for children:

How has believing in Jesus helped you make a decision?

## Pregunta de la Semana

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma-- Juan 9:1-41

### Pasaje Crucial:

Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró, le dijo: "¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?" Él contestó: "¿Y quién es, Señor, para que yo crea en él?" Jesús le dijo: "Ya lo has visto; el que está hablando contigo, ése es." Él dijo: "Creo, Señor."

### Pregunta para los adultos:

¿Cómo ha visto con la fe hecha vida más fácil? ¿Cómo ha hecho la vida más difícil?

### Pregunta para los niños:

¿Cómo te ayuda creer en Jesús a tomar tus decisiones?

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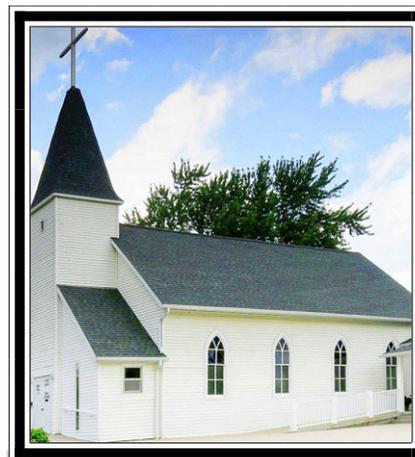
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Bills Paid	\$1,899	\$20,155
Balance	\$1,097	\$8,083

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### (The Gospel continued)

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Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41.

Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

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Sun Mar. 15, 8:30a	Jan Scobee
Sun Mar 15 11:00a	Pastoral Plan
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4th Sunday Lent—John 9:1-41

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