



††† Masses
For The Week

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **February 14th**. Our Ash Wednesday schedule is as follows:

- 6:15 AM** Distribution of Ashes
- 8:00 AM** Mass and Distribution of Ashes
- 12:05 PM** Mass and Distribution of Ashes
- 6:30 PM** Distribution of Ashes
- 8:00 PM** Distribución de Cenizas (Español)



Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays (Spanish) at 6:45pm and Fridays (English) at 7:00pm in the Church.



Lenten Masses

During the Season of Lent we will have a 7:00pm Mass in English on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of every week.

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry



The KC will be hosting an “*All you can Eat*” Fish Fry Dinner every Friday during Lent starting February 16th from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Parish Hall. The cost (includes tea and dessert) will be \$10 adults and \$5 children (12 and under). See you there!

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after the 8:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.



Saturday, February 10

4:00 PM Kolbe Driver & Family by James & Melody Zimmer

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM †Katy Mulvihill by Mike Mulvihill

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Martha Alicia Villa Int. de Agustin Villa

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM †Ann Glynn by Martha Kasper

Wednesday, February 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

8:00 AM Pro Populo

12:05 PM Special intention

Thursday, February 15

7:00 PM Fr. Orosco

Friday, February 16

8:00 AM Frank & Elaine Kasper by Norma & Nick

Saturday, February 17

4:00 PM †Elton Kinkaid (brother of Rod Kinkaid) by Frank & Elaine Kasper

Sunday, February 18

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Paulita Nevares by Norma & Nick Morales

12:15 PM †Ramiro Velazquez Int. de Esposa y Hijos

Mass Intentions



Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Prayer Requests



Richard Collier
 Richard Lozano Sr.
 Kenny Montgomery
 Nancy Bardsley
 Curtis Rushing
 Paul Smith
 David Salinas
 Paul Gumler
 Olivia Nicole Yates
 Stanley Quist
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
 Brenda Larsen
 Carol Dossey
 Cindy Kinkaid
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Juan Cleto Castillo
 Patti Sikors Garrett
 Angel Gabriel Godinez
 Tomas Samuel Garcia
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks
 Myra Arrellano
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
 Marianne Marsden
 Maria Landaverde
 Casandra Lopez Ramirez
 Luisa Regina Ramirez Pérez
 Jovita De la Garza
 Bob Rowland
 Judy Aloï
 Gayla Jackson
 Oscar Ramirez Robles
 Amie Voigt
 Maria Guillen
 Darlene Blankenship
 Bacilisa Garcia
 Richard Lyon & Family

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Lee Wilde
 Vicki Stevens
 Brenda Newburn
 Henry Taft
 Joyce Salisbury
 Jose Ivan Ramirez
 Mason Gumler
 Lois LaDay
 Joe Wages
 Ziggy
 Margaret Wages
 Sheila Wages
 Kevin Huggins
 Johnnie B. Malouf
 Pascual Meza
 Robert Repka, Sr.
 Michelle Elliott
 Crystal Sanchez
 JoAnn Martinez
 Warren Terry
 Elmer Marsden
 Odin Kizer
 Claire Taft
 Jackie Petricka
 Claudia Aronoff
 Efrain Valenzuela
 Colleen Eldred
 Shirley Taft
 Jose Aramil
 Bruce Leleux
 Jackie Hull
 Daniel Guillen
 Blaine Miller
 Consuelo Luna
 Bill Blankenship

**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of
 February 17/18**

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Suzy McCook
 Sun. 8:00am Seth Jungman
 Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Tammy Guerra

Extraordinary Ministers:

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/Rick Salisbury Argie Benavidez
 Sun. 8:00am Robin Truett/Mary Pat Samuels
 Lou Roberts/Donna Roberts
 Sun. 10:30am Karie Hammond/Bud McClure
 Bill Bedrick/Shelilah Dean

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler*/Suzy M./Steve R./Paul M.
 Sun. 8:00am Robert Brown*/David B./Cindy K./Rachel H.
 Sun. 10:30am Richard Jr.*/Kevin P./Dennis C./Erik A.

Sunday, February 11

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, February 12

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John

7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM Daily Mass

6:30 PM R.E. classes

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

6:15 AM Distribution of Ashes

8:00 AM Mass w/Distribution of Ashes

12:05 PM Mass w/Distribution of Ashes

6:30 PM Distribution of Ashes

6:30 PM **NO R.E. classes**

8:00 PM Distribución de Cenizas

Thursday, February 15

7:00 PM RCIA class

7:00 PM Daily Mass

Friday, February 16

8:00 AM Daily Mass

6:00 PM KC "Fish Fry" @ Parish Hall

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Calendar for February:

Sunday Classes: 11, 18, 25

Tuesday Classes: 13, 20, 27

Wednesday Classes: 21, 28 (No classes on the 14 – Ash Wednesday)

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

Sixth Week of OT and First Four Days of Lent



The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, “Unclean, unclean!” as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

The first reading for the next two weeks is from **James**. It begins with instruction for living our lives in Christ. “Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?”

In **Mark's Gospel** the Pharisees are asking for a sign of Jesus' authenticity. Jesus warns his disciples not to be as unbelieving as the Pharisees in the face of the signs he has given them.

The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet **Joel** helps us begin our journey: “return to me with your whole heart.” “Rend your hearts, not your garments,” reminds us that this is an interior journey. The **Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51**, has the antiphon: “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.” Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians** says, “be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.”

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. “Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.”

Friday and Saturday: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah, Chapter 58**, as we begin. “This is the fasting that I wish” gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, “I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.”

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a wonderful week to ask the question: “Who do We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

For these first four days of Lent, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

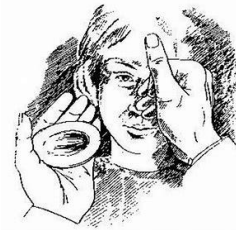
Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	7,340.32
2 nd Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund):	3,457.93
FY' 17-18 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY' 17-18 Average Sunday Coll. thru 01/31/18:	7,491.02
Attendance:	1,033



**RECIBIR LA CENIZA
ES UN COMPROMISO CON DIOS**



El Miércoles de Ceniza es la puerta de entrada al Tiempo de Cuaresma, cuarenta días de preparación para la Pascua.

La temporada de Cuaresma empieza con el Miércoles de Ceniza el 14 de febrero. El horario es la siguiente:

- 6:15 AM** Distribución de Ceniza
- 8:00 AM** Misa con distribución de Ceniza
- 12:05 PM** Misa con distribución de Ceniza
- 6:30 PM** Distribución de Ceniza
- 8:00 PM** Distribución de Ceniza

Ayunar y Abstenerse: Se les obliga ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo a personas mayores de 18 años y que no han celebrado sus 60 años. Se les obliga abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma a personas mayores de 14 años.

El Vía Crucis: Todos los miércoles durante la Cuaresma tendremos el Vía Crucis en español a las 6:45pm en la Iglesia.

Misas Cuaresmales: Durante la Cuaresma tenemos Misa los Lunes, Martes y Jueves de cada semana a las 7:00pm en Inglés.

Los Caballeros de Colon: Los Caballeros de Colon van a tener cena de "Pescado Frito" cada viernes de Cuaresma comenzando el 16 de febrero de 6:00-8:00pm en el Salón Parroquial. El costo: \$10 adultos y \$5 niños (menores de 12 años).

- ❖ La ceniza en nuestra cabeza es un signo de que queremos llevar una vida conforme con la voluntad de Dios y abandonar todo lo que nos aleja de él.
- ❖ Nadie tiene que obligarnos a recibirla; cada quien lo hace libremente, porque el auténtico amor exige libertad.
- ❖ Hoy se nos recuerda que nuestro paso por este mundo es relativamente breve, que existe una realidad que va más allá de lo que alcanzamos a percibir con nuestros ojos.
- ❖ Es una oportunidad de acercarnos al sacramento de la Penitencia o Reconciliación y empezar de nuevo nuestra relación con Dios, con actitudes que vayan más de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de Jesús.

“Conviértanse al Señor su Dios, porque es compasivo y misericordioso, lento a la cólera, rico en clemencia, y se conmueve ante la desgracia”.

Grupo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen cada lunes a las 7pm en la Casa St. John.



Clases de Pre-Bautismales

Tenemos clases Pre-Bautismales cada primer sábado de cada mes en el Centro Parroquial a las 6:00pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para más información.



LA DOCTRINA...

Calendario para el mes de Febrero:

Clases de Domingo: 11, 18, 25

Clases de los Martes: 13, 20, 27

Clases de los Miércoles: 21, 28 (No hay clases el 14-Miercoles de Ceniza)

