

The True Meaning of Fasting



Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.

Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.

Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.

Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.

Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.

Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.

Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.

Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.

Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.

Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.

Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.

Stations of the Cross



Please call the office for information.

Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

PLEASE NOTE: The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry has been cancelled for the remainder of Lent.



Masses For The Week

Bishop Burns of the Diocese of Dallas has suspended all Masses, Sunday & daily Masses until March 30th.

For further information please call the Church Office 972-563-3643.

Anointing of the Sick



Sacrament of Anointing

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.



He smeared the clay on [the man's] eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam." (Gospel)



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Reporting Abuse:

If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of past or present abuse or sexual abuse, please notify law enforcement. In the event the abuse involves a minor, please also contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org. Finally, if the abuse involves a member of the clergy, a parish employee, or diocesan employee, please also notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812 or blandregan@cathdal.org

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 22

9:15 AM R.E. classes Suspended

Monday, March 23

8:00 AM Daily Mass Suspended
 1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 PM R.E. classes Suspended

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 PM R.E. classes Suspended

Thursday, March 26

10:30 AM Daily Mass Suspended
 7:00 PM RCIA classes Suspended

Friday, March 27

10:30 AM Daily Mass Suspended
 6:00 PM Confessions Suspended

Saturday, March 28

6:00 PM Platicas Bíblicas para adultos Suspendidas

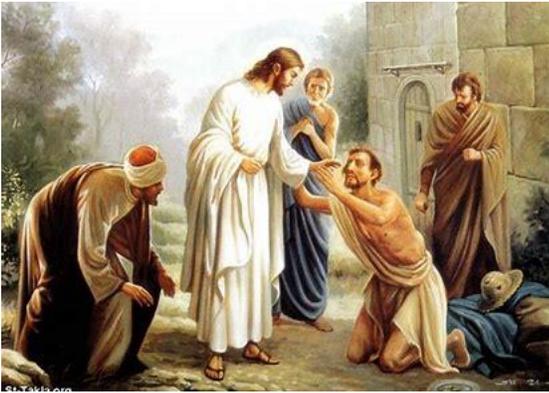
Religious Education

Religious Education classes and the Youth Group has been suspended until further notice.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

The Fourth Week of Lent



The **Fourth Sunday of Lent** brings the story of the man born blind from **John's Gospel**. His disciples ask, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus heals the man who now sees more clearly than the Pharisees the true identity of Jesus. "I do believe, Lord." At some Masses, we will hear the [Scrutinies](#) for RCIA candidates.

The first readings this week can be read as powerful messages to us from our God about our Lenten journey. They also seem to be chosen with an eye to the persecution Jesus will experience.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**.

Our gospels this week are all from the **Fourth Gospel**. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the sabbath. Because of this, and that he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus say his opponents do not want to come to him for life. Unafraid of them, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, "for his hour had not yet come." Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that prophets don't come from where Jesus is from.

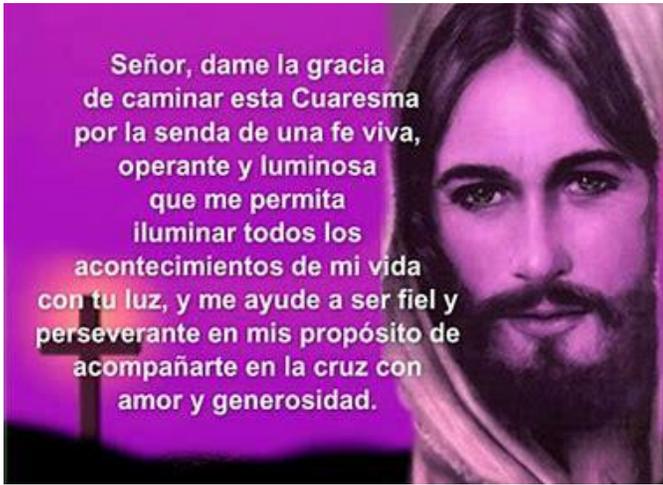


Daily Prayer This Week

The readings this week make it very clear that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? With whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. It isn't grace to "beat up on" ourselves. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.



Vía Crucis

Favor de llamar a la oficina para más información.



Abstenerse

Se les obliga abstenerse de comer carne todos los viernes de cuaresma a personas mayores de 14 años.

Los Caballeros de Colon



Los Caballeros de Colon han cancelado su *“Cena de Pescado Frito”* por el resto de la Cuaresma.



Las clases de la Doctrina y el Grupo de Jóvenes se han suspendido.

AVISO:

El Obispo Burns de la Diócesis de Dallas ha suspendido todas las Misas de los domingos y durante la semana hasta el 30 de marzo.

Para más información favor de llamar la oficina de la Iglesia 972-563-3643.

Unción de los Enfermos



Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.

JESUS HA VENIDO A ESTE MUNDO PARA QUE LOS CIEGOS VEAMOS

En muchos aspectos de la vida, los seres humanos hemos caído en la arrogancia de sentirnos los “infalibles”, aquellos que en todas nuestras decisiones actuamos correctamente.

- Lo cierto es que sólo Dios es quien puede hacer que veamos la realidad de la vida.
- Necesitamos tener la humildad de aquel ciego de nacimiento:
 - Porque creyó en Jesús, quien le mandó que fuera a lavarse a la piscina de Siloé, y él lo hizo con fe, sin poner objeciones.
 - Porque, por el milagro que se le concedió, fue capaz de creer que Jesús es Dios, y por eso le rindió adoración.

Que el Señor abra nuestros ojos, para que veamos las cosas como él las ve.

