

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Our Ash Wednesday schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 AM ~ Mass [English] and Distribution of Ashes
- 12:05 PM ~ Distribution of Ashes
- 6:00 PM ~ Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 PM ~ Servicio del Miércoles de Ceniza

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Stations of the Cross



We will have Stations of the Cross on Thursdays (**Spanish**) at 6:30pm and Fridays (**English**) at 6:30pm in the Church.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 13

4:00 PM †Baby Cassie Lynn Sifuentes – In Memory of her Anniversary of Death by Carmen Sifuentes & Family

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory – Fr. Orosco
10:30 AM †Helen Conway by Paula Payne
12:15 PM † Evangelina Guzmán Int. de sus Padres y Familia

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 AM Danny Stockton by James & Melody Zimmer

Wednesday, February 17 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

8:30 AM For our Parishioners

Thursday, February 18

12:00 PM †Abbie Anderson & Family by McCook Family

Friday, February 19

12:00 PM In Honor of St. Joseph

Saturday, February 20

4:00 PM †Doug Koller by Doris & Joe Madden

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM †Helen Lipinski by Chris Probst
10:30 AM Pro Populo
12:15 PM †Aderaldo Arteaga Int. de las Familias Arteaga Velázquez

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 return to the office a completed Mass Intention envelope. We have Mass Intentions envelopes in the foyer of the church.

 Mass Intention Offering Envelope

Mass for _____

Living Deceased

Date Requested: _____ Time: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount: _____ Date Received: _____

Received by: _____

Prayer Requests



Joe Wages	Nick Morales, Sr.
Rosann Kinkaid	Barbara Meshell
Maria Landaverde	Wayne Meshell
Becca Elliott	Judy Aloï
Mike Gonzales	Nancy Bardsley
Jessica Harris	Kenneth Elliott
Tillie Trevino	George Lawshe
Frances LaPoint	Maria Carmona
Juan Ramirez	Susie Connolly
Elaine Kasper	Cyndy Vargas
Clarence Gattenby	Ernestina Bueno
Nancy Diaz	Cynthia Leal
Janie Garcia	Bob Rowland
Stephen LaPoint	Bobbie Goelden
Felipe Caballero	Candelaria Rangel
Dominic Sanchez	Rojelio Garcia
Abelino Reyes	Salvador Ortega
Salvador Ortega	Salvador Mejia
Jovita De la Garza	Danny Doak

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

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.

Lectors Schedule ~ February 20/21

Saturday:

4:00 PM Suzy McCook

Sunday:

8:00 AM Karen Mathers
10:30 AM Shelilah Dean

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection:	5,188.00
2 nd Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund):	7,977.00
Diocesan Coll. (Church in Latin America):	378.00
Blue Pay (Jan. 13/Feb. 2):	725.00

Lent

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S N R E C I F I R C A S T N R K L
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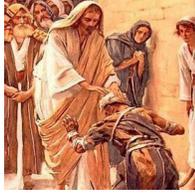
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fasting
forgiveness
holy week

lent
meditation
penance
prayer
prepare
reconciliation
sacrifice
sorrow
spring

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time and First Four Days of Lent

We have only three days of the **Sixth Week of Ordinary Time**. **Ash Wednesday** begins the season of **Lent**.

The first few days of this week are the last of the Ordinary Time readings until the day after Pentecost Sunday, which will end the Easter Season. The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper must 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**.



On Monday and Tuesday in **Mark's Gospel**, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter.

Beginning of Lent

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 great week to pray for simplicity, and all the graces that flow from this gift. Simplicity does not mean being simple minded or naive. It means being like the little children Jesus called us to imitate and the little children he embraced.

It is easy to take few moments each morning this week to ask for the graces that we need to look into our busy calendars, and into our very full hearts, and find the areas that need greater simplicity. Of course, part of that prayer comes out of a desire to be less complicated, to be less stressed by conflict and to not be pulled in too many directions.

Another level of that prayer is that we might be more trusting, more vulnerable, and more dependent upon God. This is to ask for that great grace of living a life that comes together - with the various parts in harmony with each other, i.e., the me that goes to church on Sunday is the same me that interacts with my family and the me that goes to work each day.

A key focus, as we begin Lent is to remember that this is a season, not so much about what acts we will do for God, but how we can be open to what God wants to give us. If we make sacrifices, it will be in service of getting rid of what gets in the way of our openness and trust in God and adding what can help me hear and receive what is being offered me.

Each of us will find ways to ask for these graces according to our own circumstances. Some of us may be able to set time aside every day to pray. But even those of us who cannot seem to find that time can choose to focus our consciousness enough to gather our interior movements together in ongoing brief, but very meaningful, conversations with our Lord. If our days can begin with naming the desire that will give shape to our thoughts and desires throughout the day, then that discipline will pay off richly in our ability to re-connect to that desire when we are in the midst of doing almost anything. It starts to become easy to recall what we asked the Lord for in just 30 or 40 seconds in the morning. While walking somewhere or while doing almost anything else that used to just be filled with worry or anxiety or "day-dreaming," we can now talk with our Lord about this event or that conflict, this person or that habit of mine. Each brief, "background" encounter with our Lord will help us repeat our desire to be made simpler. "Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

Isaiah 58 - from Friday and Saturday - offers a rich reflection on the kind of fasting our Lord desires of us.

Miércoles de CENIZA

La jornada Cuaresmal empieza con el Miércoles de Ceniza el **17 de febrero**. El horario de las Misas son las siguientes:

8:30 AM ~ Misa [Inglés] con Distribución de Cenizas
12:05 PM ~ Distribución de Cenizas
6:00 PM ~ Distribución de Cenizas
7:00 PM ~ Servicio del Miércoles de Ceniza

Ayunar y Abstenerse

Se les obligue 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 obligue abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de cuaresma a personas mayores de 14 años.

Vía Crucis

Todos los jueves durante la Cuaresma tendremos el Vía Crucis en español a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia.



Clases Pre-Bautismales ~ 2021

ANOTEN: La siguiente clase Pre-Bautismal es el **20 de marzo** y podrá inscribirse el 22 de febrero.



HOY JESÚS SIGUE HACIENDO MILAGROS, "PEQUEÑOS Y GRANDES"

En el evangelio de este domingo se nos narra uno de los muchos milagros que realizó Jesús durante su vida en Tierra Santa: la sanación de un enfermo de lepra.

- Sabemos que Cristo está vivo, y esto lo recordamos en cada Misa: "resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras", "al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos", "anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección".
- Y porque está vivo, y porque sabemos que él es Dios, acudimos a él en todo tiempo, y especialmente en los momentos más difíciles de nuestra vida.
- Y mucha gente da testimonio de las maravillas que le ha concedido el Señor:
- Aquel hombre que superó la enfermedad, cuando todos temían que no saliera bien librado de ella.
- Aquella mujer que abandonó su afición al alcohol o aquel joven que dejó de utilizar las drogas.
- Aquella persona que le encontró el sentido a su vida al escuchar la Palabra de Dios.

Mantengamos viva nuestra fe en el poder del Señor, y acudamos a él, porque quiere ayudarnos.

