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Stations of the Cross

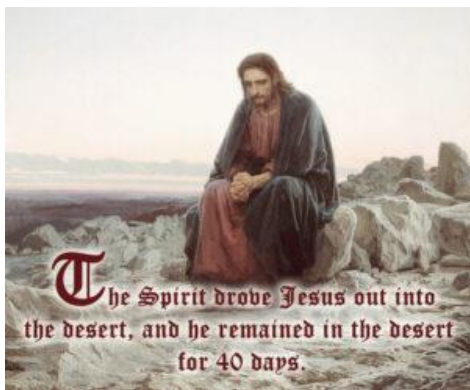


We will have Stations of the Cross on Thursdays (**Spanish**) at 6:30pm and Fridays (**English**) at 6:30pm in the Church.

Abstinence



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



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 PM For an end to abortion & a greater
respect for Human Life at all Stages by
Sherry Goelden & Lucy Krouskop

Wednesday, February 24

12:00 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory by Hermelinda
Jimenez

Thursday, February 25

12:00 PM †Robert A. Melton by Lucy Krouskop

Friday, February 26

12:00 PM †Ma Concepción Rivera by Patricia
Reyes

Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM †Abbie Anderson Sr. By James &
Melody Zimmer

Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †John & †Mary Hughes by Ben Elzner

12:15 PM †Eustacio De la Cruz Int. de Marina
Hernandez y Familia

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.

Prayer Requests



Joe Wages
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Maria Landaverde
 Becca Elliott
 Mike Gonzales
 Jessica Harris
 Tillie Trevino
 Frances LaPoint
 Juan Ramirez
 Elaine Kasper
 Clarence Gattenby
 Nancy Diaz
 Janie Garcia
 Stephen LaPoint
 Felipe Caballero
 Dominic Sanchez
 Abelino Reyes
 Salvador Ortega
 Jovita De la Garza

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Barbara Meshell
 Wayne Meshell
 Judy Aloï
 Nancy Bardsley
 Kenneth Elliott
 George Lawshe
 Maria Carmona
 Susie Connolly
 Cyndy Vargas
 Ernestina Bueno
 Cynthia Leal
 Bob Rowland
 Bobbie Goelden
 Candelaria Rangel
 Rojelio Garcia
 Danny Doak
 Salvador Mejia

Lectors Schedule ~ February 27/28

Saturday:

4:00 PM Cathy Burton

Sunday:

8:00 AM Ruby Berthelette
 10:30 AM Cynthia Rosales

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.

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Lent



The First Week of Lent



On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He's the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**.

Daily Prayer This Week

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.



En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. (Evangelio)

Abstenerse



Se les obliga abstenerse de comer carne 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.



“CONVIÉRTANSE Y CREEN EN EL EVANGELIO”



El Miércoles de Ceniza iniciamos nuestro camino de preparación para la Pascua del Señor.

- En el evangelio de hoy se nos habla de que, impulsado por el Espíritu Santo. Jesús pasó cuarenta días en el desierto, antes de iniciar su predicación.
- Su condición de Hijo de Dios no lo eximió de ser tentado por Satanás, sino todo lo contrario.
- Al concluir esta etapa, Jesús parte para Galilea y anuncia la cercanía del Reino de Dios e invita a la gente a convertirse y creer en el Evangelio.
- Esta invitación nos la hace también hoy a nosotros.
- El *Catecismo de la Iglesia católica* nos enseña: “El movimiento de retorno a Dios, llamado conversión y arrepentimiento, implica un dolor y una aversión respecto a los pecados cometidos, y el propósito firme de no volver a pecar. La conversión, por tanto, mira al pasado y al futuro; se nutre de la esperanza en la misericordia divina” (CEC 1490). Esto nos ha de llevar a la confesión sacramental.

“Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca”.

