

FEBRUARY 25, 2024– SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 8:00AM

†Gloria Aguirre

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 8:00AM

†Sister Brenda Monahan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 8:00AM

†Simon Ruiz

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 6:00PM

†Monica M. Jones

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 5:00PM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 9:00AM

†Remigio Sr. & Margarita Piña

†Michael Baker †Gloria E. Aguirre

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 11:00AM

†Sebastian Valdivia

†Hermelinda Campos Alvarado



We pray for our sick parishioner's!
Si usted desea que oremos por su familiar enfermo!

Alfonso Alvarado, Jr.

Ken Elliott

John Charles Fazzino

Suzanne Moltz

Clara Mushinks

Patty Syzdek

Maria Pompa

Megan Ruiz

Mary Joyce Scamardo

Dennis Zeig

-Names will remain for 2 months. If a name needs to remain on the prayer list, please call the Church office or email secretarysm402@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Candle
in Loving Memory Of
†Bernardo Saenz, Jr.
& †Bernardo Saenz, Sr.



By Fidel & Margaret Serna

Second Sunday of Lent

As we continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

En tanto que continuamos con nuestra travesía cuaresmal, escuchamos hoy los relatos de dos travesías significantes en la historia de nuestra fe. Abraham se dirige a una tierra distante con su hijo amado Isaac, donde su devoción y obediencia a Dios se pondrían a la prueba mayor. Jesús lleva a sus discípulos hacia un monte alto donde se transfigurará y ellos verán su gloria. Que nuestra práctica de las disciplinas cuaresmales del ayuno, la oración y la limosna nos transforme en discípulos más amantes y entregados

The best prayer Catholics have is the Mass... which is the greatest gift of all!



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.
[1 Cor. 11:27-29]."



Stations of the Cross / VIACRUCIS
Stations of the Cross every Friday during
Lent after the 6PM Mass



Viacrucis cada viernes durante la Cuaresma después de la Misa de 6PM

Lector/Lectores Schedule

Saturday, March 2: 5:00 PM– B Lott

Sunday, March 3:

9:00 AM– J Lastor , 11:00 AM– C/O Jorge

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

Daniel 9:4B-10, Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Matthew 23:1-12

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29:

Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY, MARCH 1:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY, MARCH 2:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY, MARCH 3:

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 , John 2:13-25



Stewardship of Treasure Report/ Reporte de Mayordomía: **February 17-18, 2024**

Amount Needed Weekly:\$3,600.00

Ash Wednesday: \$1,706.50

Children's Collection: \$62.00

Actual Collection: \$4,544.50

Above Weekly Collection: \$944.50

"Here I am!" he answered." - [Gen. 22:11]

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times, stewards are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Thank you for your support & generosity!



"Starting in 2022 and for the next three years, every Catholic diocese, parish, school, apostolate, and family are invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."- **USCCB**



"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the Greatest Gift of Love -- the tender love of Our Father in Heaven."
- **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

"Estar a solas con Jesús en adoración y unión íntima con Él es el mayor regalo de amor: el tierno amor de Nuestro Padre Celestial". - **Santa Teresa de Calcuta**

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent, let us remember Jesus is waiting for us in the confessional. He wants to breathe new life into our hearts that wither from sin. With his grace, we will never tire of hearing the words "...may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."

Why do we need to go to confession? We need to remember that our relationship with God should be the most important thing in our lives and that it requires communication and nurturing just like our marriages, friendships, work relationships, team relationships, etc. We have to get to know one another and practice our communication to grow the relationship. Sometimes, we say or do something that causes hurt to others. It's the same with God. As Pope Francis has stated in *Evangelii Gaudium* [The Joy of the Gospel, "Whenever we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace." How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

WHAT IF I HAVEN'T BEEN TO CONFESSION FOR MANY YEARS?

- First, don't be afraid. Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent."
- Second, try to prepare with the help of a Good Examination of Conscience.
- Third, get the largest sins off your shoulders first. Finally, don't wait.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

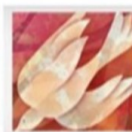
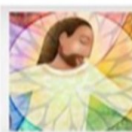
**A PRAYER
OF
SIMPLICITY**

Free me, Lord Jesus from anything that obstructs my way to you.
Clear away the clutter of petty grudges.
Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.
Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy and self-pity.
Create space in my life for more kindness and less spite fullness,
Greater generosity and stronger compassion.
Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude,
This LENT; so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay abundance
All around me. In your name, I pray. Amen.



FOUR STEPS TO RECONCILIATION

- Step 1- **Contrition** -- Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again."
- Step 2- **Confession**- The confession [disclosure] of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others
- Step 3- **Absolution**- The priest speaks the words by which "God, the Father of mercies" reconciles a sinner to himself through the merits of the Cross
- Step 4 - **Satisfaction** -- An important part of our healing is the "penance" the priest imposes in reparation for our sin.



Faith Formation

1st communion

Save the Date: First Communion: April 20, 2024:

Wed, April 17- First Communion Practice & Confession
Saturday, April 20- 10AM- First Holy Communion Mass

