

FEBRUARY 18, 2024– FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 8:00AM

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 8:00AM

†Roland Moncivais †Gloria Aguirre

†Jesse Moncivais, Jr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 8:00AM

†Eddie Moncivais †Mary Ramirez

†Jesse Moncivais, Sr.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 6:00PM

†Gloria Aguirre †Monica Jones

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 5:00PM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 9:00AM

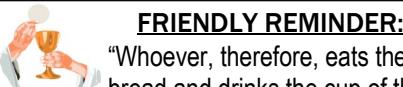
†Peggy Lois Lehoski †Lillie Mae Porter

†Jimmy Pecos, Sr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 11:00AM

†Sebastian Valdivia

†Hermelinda Campos Alvarado



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 [I Cor. 11:27-29]."

Lector/Lectores Schedule

Saturday, February 24:

5:00 PM– P Berlan

Sunday, February 25:

9:00 AM– N Galvan, 11:00 AM– C/O Jorge

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

Ezekiel 18:21-28, Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Matthew 5:43-48

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31B-34, Mark 9:2-10



We pray for our sick parishioner's!

Si usted deseque

oremos por su familiar enfermo!

Alfonso Alvarado, Jr.

Sandra Anthony

John Charles Fazzino

Marilyn Frenzel

Loesleigh Jutson

Jesse Lopez

Suzanne Moltz

Leslie Nolan

Maria Pompa

Megan Ruiz

Mary Joyce Scamardo

Patty Syzdek

Dennis Zeig

Names will remain for 2 months, after 2 months names will be removed. Please call the Church office to re-add a name to the list.

Sanctuary Candle

in Loving Memory Of

†Joe A. Stratta

By Anna Stratta



WITH DEEPEST sympathy

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

†Monica Michelle Jones,
who died recently. On behalf of St.
Mary's Church, we extend our
prayerful sympathy to her family.
Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Stewardship of Treasure Report/

Reporte de Mayordomía:

February 10-11, 2024

Amount Needed Weekly:\$3,600.00

Catholic Higher Education; \$941.00

Children's Collection: \$49.00

Actual Collection: \$4,553.00

Above Weekly Collection: \$953.00

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." [Mk. 1:14]

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a Stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Thank you for your support & generosity!

First Sunday of Lent

-- Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God's eternal forgiveness.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

-- Las cenizas y los arcoíris forman una combinación rara. Las cenizas son sucias, suelen manchar y resultan feas. Los arcoíris, por el contrario, son hermosos e inspiran. Pero nos encontramos con ambos al comienzo de la Cuaresma este año. El miércoles emborronaron nuestras frentes como signo de nuestra mortalidad y pecaminosidad. Hoy escuchamos que Dios ha puesto un arcoíris en el cielo como signo de su alianza con nosotros. Al dar comienzo a este tiempo de Cuaresma reconoczcamos ambas verdades: una, que siempre tenemos la necesidad de arrepentirnos, y otra, que Dios está siempre dispuesto a perdonarnos. Así como las cenizas nos recuerdan arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados, que los arcoíris nos recuerden la indulgencia perpetua de Dios.

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



"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

"He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned."

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

"Él permanece entre nosotros hasta el fin del mundo. Él habita en tantos altares, muchas veces ofendidos y profanados."

-San Maximiliano Kolbe

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

What is Lent? -- Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. Lent this year began on Feb. 14, 2024. It is a penitential season celebrated primarily by the Catholic Church and some other Christian traditions. During Lent there is a strong focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These spiritual exercises help prepare us for the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, more frequently known as the Paschal Mystery.

¿Qué es Cuaresma? -- La Cuaresma es el periodo de 40 días previo a la Pascua que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina el Jueves Santo. La Cuaresma este año comenzó el 14 de febrero. Es una temporada penitencial celebrada principalmente por la Iglesia Católica y algunas otras tradiciones cristianas. Durante la Cuaresma hay un fuerte enfoque en la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Estos ejercicios nos ayudan a prepararnos para la celebración de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús más conocida como el Misterio Pascual.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

[In the words of Pope Francis]

1. Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
2. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
3. Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
4. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
5. Fast from worries and have trust in God.
6. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
7. Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
8. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
9. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
10. Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
11. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

QUIERES AYUNAR ESTA CUARESMA

[En las palabras de Papa Francisco]

- Ayuna de palabras hirientes y di palabras amables
- Ayuna de la tristeza y llénate de gratitud
- Ayuna de la ira y llénate de paciencia
- Ayuna del pesimismo y llénate de esperanza
- Ayuna de la preocupación y ten confianza en Dios.
- Ayuna de las quejas y contempla la simplicidad
- Ayuna de las presiones y ora más
- Ayuna de la amargura y llénate tu corazón con la alegría
- Ayuna del egoísmo y se compasivo con otros
- Ayuna del rencor y reconcíliate
- Ayuna de las palabras y quédate en silencio para que puedas oír.



A PRAYER FOR LENTEN 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.

MESSAGES FROM BISHOP VASQUEZ

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded of our vocation to holiness. Lent is an invitation to renew our relationship with God and remain faithful to the Gospel. Throughout these next 40 days, we are called to fast, pray and give alms as an expression of love for God and our neighbor. May we be renewed and grow in holiness. We are called to be faithful witnesses to Christ. May we walk together in this season knowing that together we are his Mystical Body. - **Bishop Joe Vázquez**

Hermanos y Hermanas, Al comenzar este tiempo de Cuaresma, recordamos nuestra vocación a la santidad. La Cuaresma es una invitación a renovar nuestra relación con Dios y permanecer fieles al Evangelio. A lo largo de estos próximos 40 días, estamos llamados a ayunar, orar y dar limosna como expresión de amor a Dios y al prójimo. Seamos renovados y crezcamos en santidad. Estamos llamados a ser testigos fieles de Cristo. Caminemos juntos en este tiempo sabiendo que juntos somos su Cuerpo Místico.

- El Obispo José Vásquez

FRIDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 16 THRU MARCH 22, 2024 IN THE CHURCH



Stations of the Cross / VIACRUCIS

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the 6:00 PM Mass

Viacrucis cada viernes durante la Cuaresma después de la Misa de 6:00 PM



Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2024

Let us pray for our Confirmation Students who will have their retreat on Saturday, February 17th from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Please keep these young adults in your prayer as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.