

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

When he calls on me,
I will answer him.

La alianza sellada entre Dios y Noe, salvado del diluvio (**PRIMERA LECTURA**), fue el esbozo de la alianza que iba a sellarse entre Dios y el hombre, con la muerte y resurrección de Cristo (**SEGUNDA LECTURA**). Por eso, en este domingo de la tentación, se nos muestra a Jesús tentado por Satanás en el desierto (**EVANGELIO**), como para asegurarnos que llegaron los tiempos del combate supremo y de la alianza eterna.



Intenciones de las Misas

sáb. 17 04:30 pm	Vigilia del I Domingo de Cuaresma +Hector Bolanos (Su Esposa y Familia) +Victor y Engracia Martinez (Irma Andrade) +Margarito Requejo (Familia)
dom. 18 10:30 am	I Domingo de Cuaresma Missa Pro Pópulo
Sun. 18 12:30 pm	I Sunday of Lent +Ana Maria Cardenas de Gomez (Husband & Daughters) +Ramon & Clemencia Morado (Herminia Torres) +Fernando & Nicolasa Garza (Children)
Mon. 19	NO MASS
mart. 20 08:00 am	Día de la Semana de Cuaresma +Marcelina Martinez
Wed. 21 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday +Marcelina Martinez
juev. 22 08:00 am	La Catedra de San Pedro Apóstol +Marcelina Martinez
Fri. 23 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday +Adelfa R. Villarreal (Her Sister)
Sat. 24 08:00 am	Lenten Weekday +Adelfa R. Villarreal (Her Sister)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for the
Health of Fr. Hector Vega
(Mrs. Alicia Villarreal)

Good News!

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Like Noah being prepared to navigate the Flood, so the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. Why was he sent there? Did he need to learn something he didn't know? Did he lack something he needed? Jesus as God didn't lack anything, of course, but he needed time to pray, reflect, and prepare for his mission. He also wanted to set an example to follow. Another Scripture says he went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. That time of spiritual combat was helpful for him.

We also need to go through trials and crises to grow both in our spiritual lives and human maturity. We each have had our desert where we are challenged to our core and stretched beyond our limits. Perhaps it was a crisis such as a health, employment, or relational issue. But it doesn't always have to be such a dramatic event. It can be as simple and constant as the prolonged embracing of daily challenges in a manner that leads to life. We probably look back and see these as some of our best times—if we truly encountered ourselves and our Lord.

The key is in peaceful acceptance, looking for what good can be learned from these inconveniences. In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God's presence and victory. It tells us that clouds and storms will not lead to total death, but rather to a purified rebirth, growth, and newfound life and strength. He has promised us this.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

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Why won't the priest hear my confession right before Mass?

Theoretically, any time is a good time for penitents to reconcile and renew their relationship with the Lord! In practice, the priest's refusal to hear your confession immediately before presiding at Mass may be as much for your benefit as his. In his preoccupation with last-minute details of leading the assembly, he may think: "How can I be more attentive to this individual and to a worthy celebration of the sacrament of penance without delaying Mass?" He might also be reacting to a penitent's mechanical understanding of the sacrament that fosters a scrupulous practice of devotional confessions—that is, confessing only minor sins in preparation for Communion.

Anyone who is conscious of serious sin is not to "receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess" (*Code of Canon Law*, 916). In this case, the person makes a sincere act of contrition, including a resolution to confess as soon as possible. "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1395). Nevertheless, "the Eucharist strengthens our charity...and this living charity wipes away venial sins [and] the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins" (CCC 1394–95).

Catholics in a state of grace show respect for the dignity of the Eucharist, but trying to confess grave sins to a priest right before Mass may lessen the dignity given to one sacrament over another if the celebration of the sacrament of penance is rushed or the celebration of Mass begins late. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Catholic Regulations for Lent

Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) are days of **fasting and abstinence**, and all Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence**.

Abstinence—requires all Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent (Code of Canon Law §1252). Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Salt and freshwater fish as well as shell fish are permitted; as well as products derived from animals such as dairy products and eggs.

Fasting—requires that a Catholic from the 18th birthday to the beginning of their 60th birthday reduce the amount of food eaten normally. The Church defines this as one meatless meal a day, and two smaller meatless meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

Dispensations—Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to the need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

Regulaciones Católicas para la Cuaresma

El Miércoles de Ceniza (14 de febrero) y el Viernes Santo (30 de marzo) son días de **ayuno y abstinencia**, y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de **abstinencia**.

Abstinencia—requiere que todos los Católicos que hayan cumplido sus 14 años de edad abstengan de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza, el Viernes Santo y todos los Viernes de la Cuaresma (Código de Derecho Canónico §1252). Se considera carne aquella la de los mamíferos y aves. Pescados de mar o de agua dulce al igual que otros mariscos están permitidos; también están permitidos productos derivados de animales como productos lácteos o huevos.

Ayuno—requiere que todos los Católicos desde la edad de 18 años hasta el comienzo de la edad de 60 reduzca la cantidad de comida consumida normalmente. La Iglesia define esto como una comida sin carne al día, y dos comidas sin carne más pequeñas que juntas no excedan la comida principal en cantidad. Comer entre comidas no está permitido, pero líquidos, incluyendo leche y jugos naturales, están permitidos.

Dispensas—Además de los límites de edad, aquellos de facultades mentales perturbadas, los enfermos, los frágiles, mujeres embarazadas o madres nodrizas según la necesidad de carne o nutrición, labradores manuales según la necesidad, huéspedes a una comida en la cual no podrían excusarse sin causar gran ofensa o causando enemistad y otras situaciones de imposibilidades morales o físicas a observar la disciplina penitencial.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2018

The Catholic Sharing Appeal Campaign begins the first week of March. Our participation in the past has proven that this parish is not only concerned with its own needs, but with those of others in the diocese that are less fortunate, as well as with different programs in the diocese that depend on our support. This year let us succeed and meet our goal of **\$15,149.27** and perhaps even exceed it.

Campaña Católica de Compartir 2018

La Campaña de Compartir empieza la primera semana de marzo. Nuestra participación en el pasado ha demostrado que esta parroquia no sólo se preocupa por su propia necesidad sino por las necesidades de otros y por los diferentes programas en la diócesis que son menos afortunados y que dependen de nuestro apoyo. Esperamos tener éxito este año y cumplir la meta de **\$15,149.27** y quizás sobrepasar la meta.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, as has been our custom in the past, we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm.

El Vía Crucis

Durante la Cuaresma, como ha sido nuestra costumbre en el pasado, rezaremos el Vía Crucis los viernes a las 6:00 de la tarde.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Pedro Murillo, Lorenza Valdez, Ruby Ann Inocencio, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Jorge Martinez, Fidela Ruiz, Dora Rodriguez, Pedro Malacara, Sister Thelma I. Gallegos, Ana Maria Trevino, Genoveva Ramirez, Deisy Garcia, Esther Salinas, David Riojas, Reynaldo Reyna, Victoria Carrillo and Chelo Ruiz.



Remember you are dust
and unto dust
you shall return

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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$2,275.75

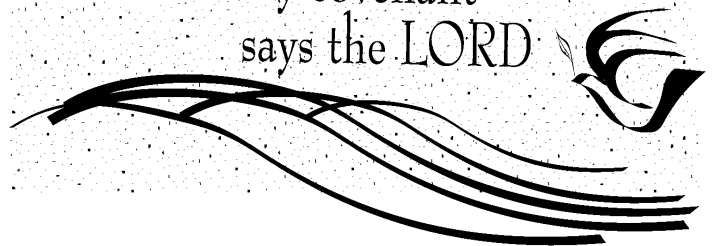
Loose: \$253.24

Children's Envelopes: \$96.35

Total Sunday Collection: \$2,625.34

Total Expenses Last Week: \$5,184.70

I will recall my covenant
says the LORD



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