

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

**“I will give you a new Spirit,”  
says the Lord.**

Dios se revela a Moisés en el monte Sinaí como “Yo-soy” (PRIMERA LECTURA) y allí le encarga la liberación del pueblo para introducirlo en la tierra de la promesa y de la libertad. Por su parte, san Pablo nos recuerda que la vida del pueblo escogido, mientras estuvo en el desierto, es una advertencia para nosotros (SEGUNDA LECTURA). San Lucas nos invita a la penitencia y advierte que no debemos ver en las catástrofes naturales ni en la violencia de los hombres un castigo de Dios, sino un aviso para sentirnos siempre en manos de nuestro Padre (EVANGELIO).



### Intenciones de las Misas

<b>sáb. 23</b> 04:30 pm	<b>Vigilia del III Domingo Cuaresma</b> +Isidro J. Soto – Anniversary (Javier Soto) +Virginia Martínez (M/M Alejo Ortiz, Jr.) +Margarito Requejo (Family)
<b>dom. 24</b> 10:30 am	<b>III Domingo de Cuaresma</b> +Nicolas Salmeron (Su Hija Catita Garcia) +Guadalupe Hinojosa (Son & Daughters) +Ricardo Aguero (Su Esposa y Hijos)
<b>Sun. 24</b> 12:30 pm	<b>III Sunday of Lent</b> Missa Pro Populo
<b>Mon. 25</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>mart. 26</b> 08:00 am	<b>de la Semana de Cuaresma</b> +Margarito Requejo (Family)
<b>Wed. 27</b> 08:00 am	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> +All Souls in Purgatory
<b>juev. 28</b> 08:00 am	<b>Día de la Semana de Cuaresma</b> +Jose Macias – Anniversary (Rene & Monica Alaniz)
<b>Fri. 29</b> 08:00 am	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> +All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat. 30</b> 08:00 am	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> +All Souls in Purgatory

### The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be Burning for  
+All Souls in Purgatory**

## Good News!

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Third Sunday of Lent (C)  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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## Dear Padre

March 24, 2019

**Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?**

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: "Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul" (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it's first blessed in a prayer to God "who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified" (*RM*).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn't permitted. To do so "is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts" (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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## 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.



### CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

In addition to our regularly scheduled Saturday confessions, additional Lenten confessions will be heard:

**Wednesday, April 3 & 10**

from

**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

## SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports important Catholic organizations that carry out God's work around the world—providing refugee resettlement, HIV/AIDS and international poverty relief, legal aid for poor immigrants, emergency and disaster relief, and advocacy for the promotion of global peace and justice. In our diocese, The Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for March 30-31, 2019. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity.

### Segunda Colecta

La colecta de Catholic Relief Services brinda apoyo a importantes organizaciones Católicas que realizan el labor de Dios en el mundo: Proporcionando la reubicación de refugiados, ayuda internacional para luchar contra la pobreza y el VIH-SIDA, asesoría legal a inmigrantes pobres, auxilio en casos de emergencia y de desastre y actividades que abogan por la justicia y la paz mundial. En la Diócesis de Laredo la colecta Catholic Relief Services se llevará a cabo el 30 y 31 de marzo de 2019 y nos brinda la oportunidad perfecta para expresar nuestra compasión y generosidad.

**FORGIVE**  
**as the Lord forgives**

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I AM



This is my name for all generations

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**Colecta de la Semana Pasada**

**Envelopes: \$ 2,344.00**

**Loose: \$ 279.81**

**Children's Envelopes: \$ 60.15**

**Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2683.96**

**Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,050.16**

## FRIENDLY REMINDER CONCERNING CHURCH AND MASS ETIQUETTE

Our church--the main body of worship space--is very sacred and proper respect should be observed. Silence before and during Mass should be shown. Cellular phones and audio pagers are not proper items to bring to Mass. Since Mass is a solemn celebration and the highest form of community worship for Catholics, proper attire should also be worn. Tank tops, shorts, halters and other inappropriate dress are not acceptable. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Father Nolasco.

*Jesus Christ Son of God & Savior*

**IXΘΥΣ**

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## WHEN YOU MOVE

... please inform the Parish Office, 724-6881, of your new address as soon as possible. It costs the Parish for each piece of mail sent out with a wrong address. If your phone number has changed, please call the office with that information as well.

### Cuando Usted Se Mueve

... por favor informarle a la Oficina de la Parroquia, 724-6881, de su nueva dirección lo más pronto posible. Le cuesta a la parroquia por cada pedazo de correo mandado a su dirección incorrecta. Si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, por favor llame a la oficina también con esa información.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, 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, Chelo Ruiz, Camila Elen Garza, and Alan Eliseo Perez and Maria Lopez.

**AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO MOSES IN FIRE FLAMING OUT OF A BUSH**

**MOSES! COME NO NEARER! REMOVE THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND.**



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