



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

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IN THE GOSPEL

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MASS SCHEDULE



Parishioners are invited to come celebrate with us the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - Eng.
Friday 6:00 PM - Sp.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 4:00 PM - Eng.
Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 6:00 PM - Sp.
Sunday 8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 AM - Eng.
12:00 PM - Sp. 6:00 PM - Sp.

Confessions:

Fridays 4:00-5:30 PM and Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, or by appointment.

Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370.
Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25, 2023

4:00 PM † Emile Martel
6:00 PM (Sp.) Intentions of Gomez Family

Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:00 AM † Gumita Perilla de Cely
10:00 AM For the Members of Our Parish
12:00 PM (Sp.) † Kelly Meneses
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Nancy Corona

Monday, February 27, 2023

9:00 AM † Andres Gonzalez

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9:00 AM † Oscar Alonso Mira Jimenez

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, March 2, 2023

9:00 AM † Pedro Coto

Friday, March 3, 2023

9:00 AM † Giovanna Di Marzio
6:00 PM (Sp.) Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday, March 4, 2023

4:00 PM † Craig Wallner
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Jose Anselmo Landeros

Sunday, March 5, 2023

8:00 AM † Paule Carolyn Katich
10:00 AM For the Members of Our Parish
12:00 PM (Sp.) † Leodan Hernandez
6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco Hernandez Chavez

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Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3,164
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$130
Faith Direct January 1-14: \$4,185
Miscellaneous: \$5,158.26



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Our Catholic Appeal as we
continue to work to reach our
assessment.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place all day on **Fridays** in the church from 9:30 AM-5:00 PM.

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5. Make checks payable to Life Choice Pregnancy Center



Take a bottle
March 4-5
Return your bottle on
March 25-26



LENT: THE MEANING OF THE GOSPEL OF LOVE



We can think for a moment that Lent is a gloom-and-doom season, especially if we compare it to Advent, Christmas, or Easter. But the reality is that this precious time is a vibrant and lighted season in which we will have enough time to meditate and deepen our lives and relationship with God. Interestingly, the word Lent comes from a word that means springtime. When the days lengthen day by day, the sun becomes brighter day by day. It is the lengthening of the hope that winter is past, the cold weather is gone, and it is time to see how the plants, flowers, and grass are showing their most beautiful splendor. The birds in the field chirp. It all speaks about new life.

Pope Benedict XVI said, "Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an ever more radical way." At the heart of our Lenten observance is the Spirit inviting and guiding us to profoundly understand and realize the meaning of the Gospel of love. It prepares us for our encounter of Easter so that we would not only see the power of God over death but also experience the depth of God's love for us. We remember how the Son of God was willing to humble himself and die on the cross so that we may live. In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that choosing between the good, even in the most difficult situations, is possible not through our own efforts but through his help. As Jesus endured the three temptations, he responded with complete trust and unity with the Father.

Lent teaches us to live the love of Christ radically. It starts with acknowledging God's love for us from the beginning of our lives and remembering God's invitation to be one with Him.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Many thanks to all parents, grandparents, and guardians who have already registered your children for our Faith Formation program. Faith Formation is a lifelong journey; we continue to learn and grow our entire lives.

Even though our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will not receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion until they enter Grade 2, an early start in your child's faith formation will instill a love for the faith.

For those entering Grades 3, 4, & 5 in September who have already received First Communion, we now offer a Home Study Program that will include one classroom session each month. This will help your child to be better prepared when they reach the age at which they can begin preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I strongly hope parents in a position to do so will take advantage of this opportunity.

To help eliminate the confusion associated with the requirements of our Sacrament program, the following information is being provided:

Grades 2 & 3 in need of Communion: Communion to be received in May 2024.

Grades 4 & 5 in need of Communion: 2-year program; Communion to be received in May 2025.

All students in Grades 6-10 in need of Communion will also be prepared for Confirmation. Sacrament of Communion to be received in May 2025, and Confirmation in September 2025.

Students in Grades 11 & 12 in need of Communion will also be prepared for Confirmation. They will receive both Sacraments in September 2024.

Those in Grade 6 in need of Confirmation only will receive the Sacrament in September 2024 because they cannot receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before they enter Grade 8.

Grades 7-12 in need of Confirmation *only* will receive the Sacrament in September 2024.

For parents of those in Grade 6 in need of Confirmation *only*, please do not fall into the trap of waiting until your child is in Grade 7, as that is obviously a 1-year program.

More formation in the faith is better than less.

We all have the obligation for the salvation of souls, so continuing ongoing Faith Formation is everyone's obligation.

Thank you, and God bless all your families!

Rita Morano, CRE

ARE YOU READY FOR
REGISTRATION?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN LENT

Prayer

Prayer is our conversation with God, speaking to Him, and listening. When we develop a lifestyle of prayer in our daily life, we develop a closer relationship with each person of the Trinity. There is no right or wrong way to pray, and your prayer style will change over your stage in life and vocation.

Fasting

Fasting is one of the most ancient practices associated with Lent. Many of the early Desert Fathers imposed very strict fasts upon themselves as a way against temptation, strengthened their will, and relied on Jesus more deeply.

When talking about fasting, it is important to remember that there are many different ways to fast other than eating less food, though that is common.

The prophet Isaiah insisted that fasting without changing our behavior is not pleasing to God. This shows us the goal of fasting is very closely linked to prayer and the proper disposition of the heart. Prayer and fasting together bring us to what Lent is all about: a deeper conversion to Jesus Christ.

Almsgiving

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives us a basic definition of almsgiving: to provide for the material needs of the Church according to their ability (CCC 2041-2043). Helping the poor is one of the most concrete acts of charity for our brothers and sisters. But just as with fasting, almsgiving is more than just giving money.

Almsgiving is an act of justice that pleases the heart of God when we care for our neighbor in need, whomever it is, or whatever the situation is. When we give alms, the hope is that we will learn to be generous and more dependent on God to meet our needs, rather than providing for ourselves while forgetting the needs of the less fortunate.

OCIA RITE OF SIGNING/SENDING

On February 16, those preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church signed the Book of the Elect, indicating their choice to follow the example of Christ and his Church. This weekend, these 22 Catechumen will be officially sent by you, their community, their sponsors, and Fr. Alfonso to the Bishop as part of the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. We will welcome them back next week with a name change. The Church will officially refer to them as the ELECT.



We are travelers on a journey; we are pilgrims on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE TRAVELERS!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul has food distributions for our neighbors in need on Monday & Wednesday, 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM.

Food Distribution weekly averages:

December: 879 people from 176 families
January: 945 people from 215 families
February, so far: 1,065 people from 264 families

To volunteer, donate, or request help, call (863) 419-4819, or e-mail svdp4819@gmail.com.

Our services are described on our website: svdpstann.org.



DAY OF MERCY

Our Day of Mercy will be on
Thursday, March 16.

There will be 4 priests available for confessions.

9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
&
2:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Please note that this will be our penance service for this upcoming Lent.



SAINT OF THE WEEK: DAVID OF WALES



David is the patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous British saint. Ironically, we have little reliable information about him.

He became a priest, engaged in missionary work, and founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey in southwestern Wales. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. Their austerity was extreme. They worked in silence without the help of animals to till the soil. Their food was limited to bread, vegetables, and water.

In about the year 550, David attended a synod where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. The episcopal see was moved to Mynyw, where his monastery was now called St. David's. He ruled his diocese until he reached a very old age. His last words to his monks and subjects were: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things you have seen and heard with me."

St. David is pictured standing on a mound with a dove on his shoulder. The legend is that while he was preaching, a dove descended to his shoulder, and the earth rose to lift him high above the people so he could be heard. Over 50 churches in South Wales were dedicated to him in pre-Reformation days.

Reflection: Were we restricted to hard manual labor and a diet of bread, vegetables, and water, most of us would find little reason to rejoice. Yet joy is what David urged on his brothers as he lay dying. Perhaps he could say that to them and us because he lived in and nurtured a constant awareness of God's nearness. As someone once said, "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence." May his intercession bless us with the same awareness!

DURING LENT

Sometimes we take for granted the celebration that is the Mass. During the period of Lent, areas around the church and the Mass undergo several changes to remind us of the glorious celebration waiting for us on Easter Sunday. Here are just a few things that change:

- No Flowers. This means there will be no flowers in front of the altar or statues in the assembly area or at weddings, funerals, or Quinceaneras.
- No Gloria and no Alleluia. Both call to mind the rejoicing at the work of salvation complete in the resurrection and are, therefore, not used from Ash Wednesday until the Easter Vigil.
- Changes to Mass settings or music selections to complement the season. During the Lenten season, we will switch to the Chant Mass in Latin.
- OCIA participants become an important part of our congregation as the readings at the 10:00 AM and Noon Masses are different on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, like those in OCIA. We revisit three unique encounters with Jesus Christ: the woman at the well, the man born blind, and Lazarus.
- We add Stations of the Cross on Fridays as we are asked to contemplate, in a special way, the suffering Jesus endured to accomplish the work of our salvation. Participation in the Stations also provides participants with a plenary indulgence.
- No baptisms will be celebrated during Lent. The Rite of the Baptism of Children recommends, in number 47: "Since Lent is a time of preparation for Baptism of catechumens and renewal of the baptismal conscience of the faithful, it seems opportune that said sacrament not be celebrated during Lent, precisely so that the Easter Vigil and the day of the Resurrection appear as the "baptismal day" par excellence."

Be sure to read the bulletin to stay up with all the unique opportunities to give more, do more, and pray more.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent

**Repose of the
Holy Sacrament**

4:45 PM

5:00 PM - English
6:00 PM - Spanish

The Way of the Cross, or the Stations of the Cross, is a Christian devotion that commemorates the events of Good Friday, from Jesus being condemned to death to the moment He is laid in the tomb.



CUARESMA: EL SIGNIFICADO DEL EVANGELIO DEL AMOR



Podemos pensar por un momento que la Cuaresma es un tiempo de tristeza y oscuridad, especialmente si la comparamos con el Adviento, la Navidad o la Pascua. Pero la realidad es que este precioso tiempo vibrante y de luz en el que tendremos suficiente tiempo para meditar y profundizar nuestra vida y relación con Dios. Curiosamente, la palabra Cuaresma proviene de una palabra que significa primavera. Cuando los días se alargan día a día, el sol se vuelve más brillante día a día. Es la expectativa de la esperanza de que el invierno ya pasó, el frío se fue y es hora de ver cómo las plantas, las flores y el pasto van mostrando su más bello esplendor. Los pájaros en el campo cantan. Todo habla de una nueva vida.

El Papa Benedicto XVI dijo: “La Cuaresma nos enseña cómo vivir el amor de Cristo de una manera cada vez más radical”. En el corazón de nuestra observancia Cuaresmal está el Espíritu que nos invita y nos guía a comprender y darnos cuenta profundamente del significado del Evangelio del amor. Nos prepara para nuestro encuentro de Pascua para que no solo veamos el poder de Dios sobre la muerte, sino que también experimentemos la profundidad del amor de Dios por nosotros. Recordamos cómo el Hijo de Dios estuvo dispuesto a humillarse y morir en la cruz para que nosotros vivamos. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos recuerda que elegir entre el bien, incluso en las situaciones más difíciles, es posible no con nuestro propio esfuerzo sino con su ayuda. Mientras Jesús soportó las tres tentaciones, respondió con total confianza y unidad con el Padre.

La Cuaresma nos enseña a vivir con radicalidad el amor de Cristo. Comienza reconociendo el amor de Dios por nosotros desde el comienzo de nuestras vidas y recordando la invitación de Dios de ser uno con Él.

Padre Alfonso Cely
Pastor

2023-2024 REGISTRACIONES OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Muchas gracias a todos los padres, abuelos y tutores que ya han registrado a sus hijos en nuestro programa de Formación en la Fe. La formación en la fe es un viaje de toda la vida. Continuamos aprendiendo y creciendo toda nuestra vida.

A pesar de que nuestros estudiantes de Kindergarten y Grado 1 no recibirán el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión hasta que ingresen al Grado 2, un comienzo temprano en la formación de fe de su hijo inculcará un amor por la fe.

Para aquellos que ingresan a los grados 3, 4 y 5 en septiembre que ya han recibido la Primera Comunión, ahora ofrecemos un Programa de Estudio en el Hogar que incluirá una sesión en el aula cada mes. Esto ayudará a su hijo a estar mejor preparado cuando llegue a la edad en que pueda comenzar la preparación para recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Espero firmemente que los padres que estén en condiciones de hacerlo aprovechen esta oportunidad.

Para ayudar a eliminar la confusión asociada con los requisitos de nuestro programa sacramental, se proporciona la siguiente información:

Grados 2 y 3 que necesitan comunión: la comunión se recibirá en mayo de 2024.

Grados 4 y 5 en necesidad de comunión: programa de 2 años; La comunión se recibirá en mayo de 2025.

Todos los estudiantes en los grados 6-10 que necesiten la Comunión también estarán preparados para la Confirmación. El sacramento de la Comunión se recibirá en mayo de 2025 y la confirmación en septiembre de 2025.

Los estudiantes en los grados 11 y 12 que necesitan la Comunión también estarán preparados para la Confirmación. Recibirán ambos sacramentos en septiembre de 2024.

Aquellos en el Grado 6 que necesitan Confirmación solo recibirán el Sacramento en septiembre de 2024 porque no pueden recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación antes de ingresar al Grado 8.

Los grados 7-12 que necesiten Confirmación solo recibirán el Sacramento en septiembre de 2024.

Para los padres de aquellos en el Grado 6 que necesitan Confirmación solamente, por favor no caigan en la trampa de esperar hasta que su hijo esté en el Grado 7, ya que obviamente es un programa de 1 año.

Más formación en la fe es mejor que menos.

Todos tenemos la obligación de la salvación de las almas, por lo que continuar la Formación en la Fe continua es una obligación de todos.

¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga a todas sus familias!

Rita Morano, CRE

ARE YOU READY FOR
REGISTRATION?



DIA DE MISERICORDIA

Nuestro día de la misericordia será el jueves 16 de marzo. este día tendremos 4 sacerdotes todo el día disponibles para confesiones.



9:30 AM a 12:00 PM
y desde las
2:00 PM a 8:00 PM

Tenga en cuenta que este será nuestro servicio de penitencia para esta próxima cuaresma.

FAMILIA DE SAN JOSÉ



Les invitamos a participar los miércoles de oración y meditación en comunidad.

Será todos los miércoles de el mes de Enero a las 7:30 PM, en el hogar de la familia:

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Todos los Viernes de
Cuaresma

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5:00 PM (Ing.)
6:00 PM (Esp.)

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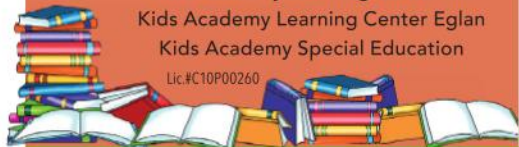
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