



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.”

MATTHEW 4:1



Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



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Reflect

What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times

- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

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Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST MICHAEL

TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

*"COME ADORE THE LORD TRULY PRESENT IN THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT"*

Parish Lenten Retreat

March 13-14, 2026

St. Michael's Catholic Church

405 N. Missouri Street • West Memphis, AR 72301

Come and encounter Jesus —

He longs to fill your hungry hearts this Lenten season!

Retreat Directors:

Debbie Eckert & Fr. John Marconi

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ 6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Light Supper to Follow
- ◆ Short Talk

- ◆ 8:00 AM – Holy Mass
- ◆ Coffee & Donuts
- ◆ 9:00 AM – Retreat Talks
- ◆ Lunch Provided
- ◆ Retreat Concludes ~ 3:00 PM

No Cost to Attend!

Please Register through **Flocknote**
or Call the Church Office

Join us for a time of Prayer, Reflection & Renewal!

Retiro Parroquial de Cuaresma

13-14 de Marzo, 2026

Iglesia Católica San Miguel

405 N. Missouri Street • West Memphis, AR 72301

Ven y acércate a Jesús,

Él quiere llenar tus corazones hambrientos en esta Cuaresma.

Directores del Retiro:

Debbie Eckert y P. John Marconi

Viernes, 13 de Marzo

Sábado, 14 de Marzo

♥ 6:00 PM - Via Crucis
♦ Cena ligera y plática corta

✠ 8:00 AM - Santa Misa
♦ Cafe, pan dulce y convivencia
♦ 9:00 AM - Charlas del retiro
♦ Almuerzo incluido
♦ Conclusión del retiro ~ 3:00 PM

Sin costo.

Favor de registrarse por
Flocknote o llamando a la oficina
parroquial.

Te esperamos para un tiempo de oración, reflexión y renovación.



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD

Meeting

Saturday, March 7

After the 9:00 AM Mass

School Cafeteria

Contribution Statements
2025

are available in the church vestibule.





This Week AT SMCS

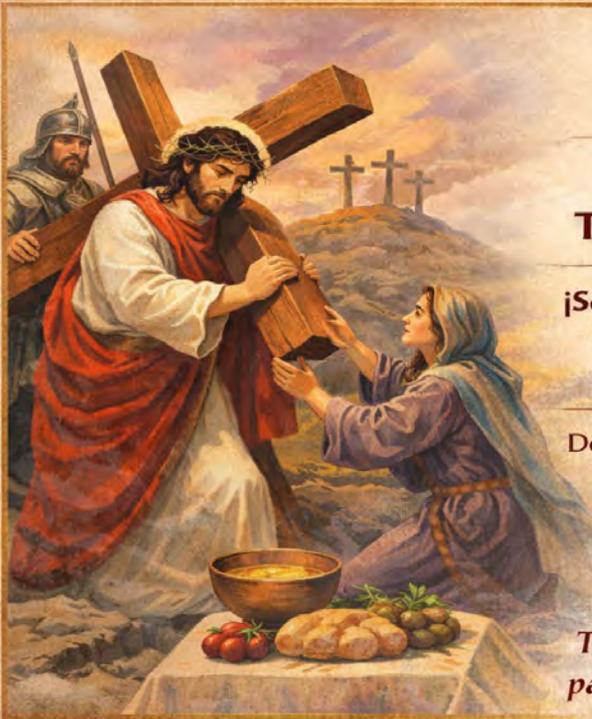


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Vía Crucis

Únase a nosotros en **San Miguel**
Todos los viernes a las 6:00 PM

¡Sea voluntario para leer una de las estaciones!
Inscribase a través de Flocknote o comuníquese
con la oficina parroquial

Después del servicio, acompáñenos en el gimnasio
escolar por una **cena sencilla** de Cuaresma

A cargo de los Caballeros de Colón y
— la **Cofradía del Niño de Praga** —

Tódos son bienvenidos
para oración, reflexión
y convivencia



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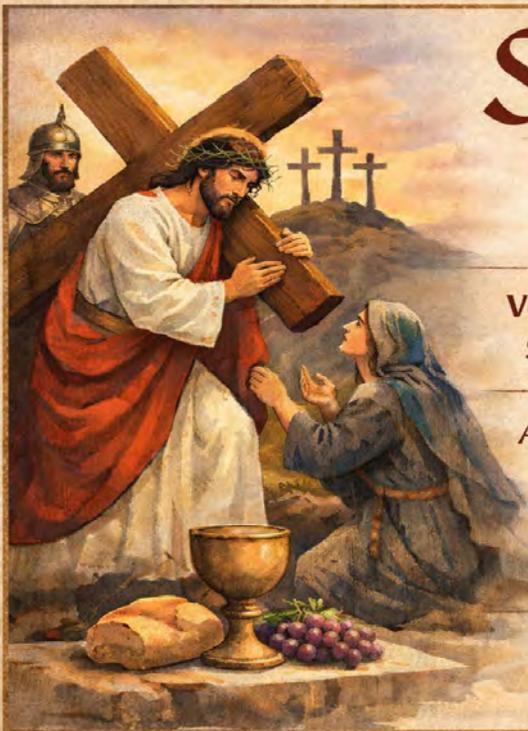
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- Adoption Services
- And many other diocesan programs

Make a Difference Close to Home

Please give generously and join us in supporting CASA 2026. Together, we can care for our neighbors and build a stronger Church in Arkansas.

Become a CASA supporter today.

Every contribution helps meet real needs, strengthen our faith community, and serve those most in need throughout our diocese.



Stations of the Cross

Join us at **St. Michael's**
Every Friday at 6:00 PM

Volunteer as a reader for one of the Stations!
Sign up via Flocknote or contact the church office.

After the service, please join us in the school cafeteria
for a **Lenten Meal**

Compliments of the Knights of Columbus &
Infant of Prague Guild

*All are welcome for prayer,
reflection & fellowship*

Lenten Lessons from the Saints

Prayer



Pray in your vocation.

- Offer interruptions as prayer.
- Pray while doing chores.
- Set a small daily prayer time.

Fasting



Fast from distractors.

- Limit screen time.
- Give up a comfort.
- Fast from negativity.

Almsgiving



Share Your Blessings

Give to Others.

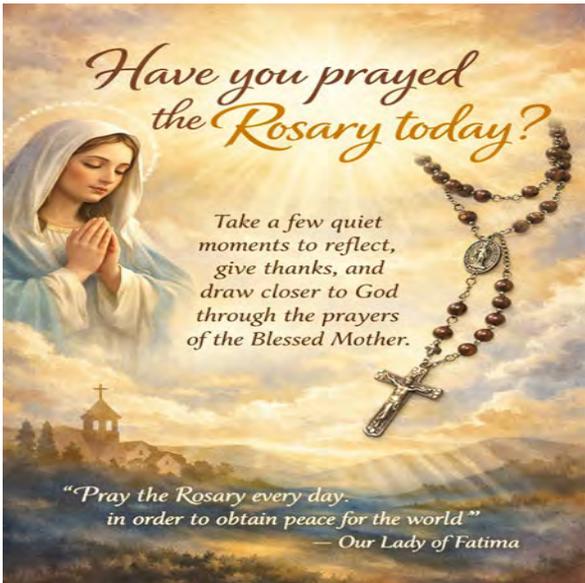
Do Small Acts of Love

"Be who you are and be that well." — St. Francis de Sales.

Holiness is for everyone—at home, at work, in every walk of life.

Lent is a time for simple, intentional devotion.

Have you prayed the Rosary today?



Take a few quiet moments to reflect, give thanks, and draw closer to God through the prayers of the Blessed Mother.

"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world"
— Our Lady of Fatima

¿Has rezado el Rosario hoy?



Tómate unos momentos de silencio para reflexionar, dar gracias y acercarte más a Dios a través de las oraciones de la Santísima Madre.

"Recen el Rosario todos los días para obtener la paz para el mundo"
— Nuestra Señora de Fátima

WE HAVE NEW GAMES!!



Bingo is played in the school cafeteria on Tuesdays at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm.

Scan for the latest Bingo Information

We now have two Jackpots for \$1,000 currently at 46 & 54 numbers called
Raffle is up to \$ 1,550





LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES



Week of	February 28, 2026	March 1, 2026
Lector	Rebecca Warner	Meline Beyers
Linens	Mary Ann Tyrone	
Communion	Fairly Vega	Libby Burroughs
	JoAnn Vega	Clay Aureli
	Elizabeth Reese	Sarah Horton
Offertory	Bonnie Waller	Aureli Family
	Margie McCain	
Greeters	Rita Fratesi	Yancy & Lisa Tindell

Parish Organizations



- ❖ **Infant of Prague Guild: meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. Watch here for announcements.**
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus business meeting 1st Sundays at 7:00 P.M.**
- ❖ **Parish Finance Council meeting Thursday, Feb. 26th at 5:00 pm.**
- ❖ **Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday, Feb. 26th at 6:15 pm.**
- ❖ **1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch March 1st, after Mass**
- ❖ **2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch March 8th, after Mass - PC**

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	February	21	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Betty Guiltner†
Sunday	February	22	8:30 am 10:30 am	Hilda Philips Ernest Miller Sr †
Monday	February	23	NO MASS	
Tuesday	February	24	6:00 pm	Evelyn McLemore Sr†
Wednesday	February	25	8:00 am 5:30pm	Ruben Saldivar Ned Marchessault CSSp†
Thursday	February	26	8:00 am	Fr Daniel Moris Macha, CSSp†
Friday	February	27	8:00 am	Betty Etter†
Saturday	February	28	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration James Simpson†
Sunday	March	1	8:30 am 10:30 am	Paul Sabuni † Curt Beyers †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Carol Burdison, Mary Margaret Riley, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Peggy Mengarelli, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Danny Foster, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Guiltner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

February 8, 2026 St. Michael \$3,044.00
Sacred Heart \$404.00

Dear Padre,

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●



GREGORY SHENITZ

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tm 1:8b-10
						Mt 17:1-9

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



JIM WEST

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025