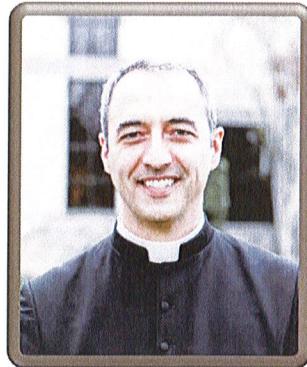


# LENTEN REFLECTION

St. Joseph's Catholic Mission Church

*Friday, February 27, 2026*

*"Return to Me with all your heart." — Joel 2:12*



*Join our parish community* as Fr. Larry and Fr. Sekar lead us in a full morning of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal as we enter more deeply into the penitential season of Lent.

- **8:00AM** - Stations of the Cross
- **8:30 AM** - Holy Mass
- **9:10 AM** - 1<sup>st</sup> Talk: Sacred Liturgy

\*\*\*Short Break\*\*\*

- **10:00 AM** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Talk: The Importance of the Holy Mass
- **10:45AM** - Special Benediction & Blessing & Confession

\*\*\*Refreshments to Follow\*\*\*

We are blessed to have this year's reflection offered by a gifted and local pastor with exceptional liturgical training and experiences abroad. We are grateful to Fr. Sekar for his caring leadership and support of this event.

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**Fr. Larry Machado, DO, STL**

Pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption, Turlock

Fr. Larry Machado, a Turlock native, first pursued a vocation in medicine, earning his Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine before discerning a call to the priesthood. He spent several years with the Miles Christi religious community studying humanities and philosophy, later continuing his formation for the Diocese of Stockton at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. There he completed both his Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB) and his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL), specializing in Liturgical Theology. Ordained in 2019, he has served the Diocese of Stockton as Parochial Vicar with devotion, and as of 2023 now shepherds Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

All are warmly invited to attend this Lenten gathering of prayer and reflection.

Please register by calling the Parish Office at 209.586.3161 (during office hours on Tues-Fri 9am to 1:30pm) for planning of hospitality refreshments.