

First Sunday of Lent
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

February 22nd 2026
Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17



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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." - Mt 4:3

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Fasting, Explained

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.



Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

Stations of the Cross, here in our Parish!

Every Friday during Lent, St. Joseph's will host Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am, before their morning Mass.

Every Friday during Lent, All Saints will host Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm with Soup Supper to follow. Soups will be completely meatless, served with bread & butter.

Please, join us in Christ's journey to Calvary!

Catholic Trivia

Question: According to the Acts of the Apostles, who was selected to replace the Apostle Judas?
Answer on page 3

Parish Mission Statement
 "Our Mission for All Saints Catholic Church in Twain Harte and Saint Joseph's Mission Church in Tuolumne is to celebrate the Holy Trinity through the adoration of the Holy Eucharist, sacraments and charity."

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:30 pm	Vigil	All Saints
Sunday	9:00 am		St. Joseph
Sunday	11:00 am		All Saints

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday	8:30 am	All Saints
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WEEK DAY MASSES

Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am	All Saints
Friday	8:30 am	St Joseph
First Saturday	9:00 am	All Saints

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	All Saints
Sunday	8:45 am	St Joseph

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday	3:00 pm	All Saints
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Parish Office Hours:
 18674 Cherokee Drive in Twain Harte
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
 Closed Saturday - Monday



Pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

Recently Deceased: Diane Costello

Pray for in Memoriam: Fr. George Lacey, Msgr. Thomas Hayes, Fr. Eshai Joseph, Fr. E. Donohoe, Dcn. Eddie Zoma, Don & Trudy Brenon, Bishop Steven E. Blaire, Fr. Kevin O'Grady, Fr. Lonachan Arouje

Our **Volunteer Ministry** is looking for volunteers for our 2026 events—in all areas! If you are interested in volunteering to make our Parish events successful, please contact Carolyn Blackmore at 209-288-8463.



To all our volunteers, thank you for being you!

Parish Offertory

Weekend of February 15th

All Saints: \$2,262 Last year: \$2,105
 2nd collection - BMA: \$323

St. Joseph's: \$930 Last year: \$1,086
 2nd collection - BMA: \$84

Next 2nd collection - March 8th: Black & Indian Missions

COMING UP AT THE PARISH

- Sun. 2/22 **BINGO after Mass at All Saints**
Doors open at 12:15 pm, games begin at 12:45 pm.
Food and drinks available for purchase.
CASH ONLY
- Tues. 2/24 OCIA, 5:30 pm, All Saints
- Wed. 2/25 FORMED, 9:15 am, All Saints
 Volunteer Mtg, 11:15 am, All Saints
 OCIA, 6:00 pm, All Saints
- Thur. 2/26 Finance Council Meeting
 11:15 am, All Saints
- Fri. 2/27 Stations of the Cross
 8 am, St. Joseph's w/ Mass at 8:30
 Lenten Reflection with Fr. Larry
 9:10 am, St. Joseph's (see flyer)
 Stations of the Cross
 5:30 pm, All Saints with
 Soup Supper to Follow
- Sat. 2/28 Franciscan Mass, 9 am, All Saints
 Meeting to follow
- Sun. 3/1 FORMED after 11 am Mass
 All Saints (see flyer)
- Tues. 3/3 OCIA, 5:30 pm, All Saints
- Wed. 2/25 FORMED, 9:15 am, All Saints
 OCIA, 6:00 pm, All Saints
- Fri. 3/7 Stations of the Cross
 8 am, St. Joseph's w/ Mass at 8:30
 Stations of the Cross
 5:30 pm, All Saints with
 Soup Supper to Follow



RENTAL NEEDED!

One of our parishioners is in need of a 1 bedroom rental that accepts Section 8 and pets. If you have something, please contact Margie at 209-703-0106. Thank you.

† Daily Mass Intentions †
 Feb. 22nd - Feb. 28th

SUNDAY
 Robert and Jean Hackamack

LENT is here!
 This year's lenten focus is on the sacraments. Please contact Fr. Sekar with any questions.

We have a Men's Group - Theology on Tap!

They held their first meeting on Thursday, February 12th, 5:00 pm at All Saints, in the Parish Hall. They started with the rosary, followed by theology, fellowship and beer. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

BMA 2026:

Fulfilling the Mission with a Generous Heart
 Our annual BMA is here. Our theme this year reminds us we are all called to be generous with the gifts God has given us. Stay tuned, more information to come!

Our pantry is 100% operational because of your donations. We are always accepting WalMart or any other grocery store gift cards. If you want to donate food, we are in need of the following canned items: diced tomatoes, green beans, peas, mixed veggies, carrots, soups, corn, baked beans, refried beans, chicken, tomato paste, tomato sauce. We also need Top Ramen, rice, pastas and ready-to-eat canned meals.

Please pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

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| Roger Karels | Linda Kelly | Linda Postma |
| Kelly Devlin | Bill Torrence | Trish Webster |
| Herbert Middleton | Tim Costello | Matthew Peller |
| Bob Farwell | Sean Dalton | Chris Cormier |
| Duane Prill | Poline King | Madonna Cote |
| Patrick Lamasney | Mark Pyburn | Ted Lima |
| Hannah & June Leage | Bob & Cheryl Groth | |
| Phillip & Joanne Steinhart | John & Charlene Weidner | |
| Kimberly Carpenter | | |

To add or remove a name to the list, please contact the Parish Office.

If you are not able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Deacon Joe Gomes in the Parish Office to set up a home visit.

GET INVOLVED

- Order of Franciscan Seculars / Blessed Giles of Assisi**
 Contact: Sara Ingalls (916) 450-0130
- All Saints' Ladies Guild**
 Contact: Carol Miller at (559) 827-5787
- St. Joseph's Guild**
 Contact: Sandy Thomas (408) 348-8795
- Newman Book Circle**
 Contact: Sue Sperry (209) 586-3161
- Choir Practice and Music**
 Contact: Parish Office
- Religious Education (children)**
 Contact: Lisa Byrum (707) 639-6776
- OCIA (Adult Education) & Scripture Studies**
 Contact: Mary Leamy (209) 352-3907
- Parish Pantry**
 Contact: Margie Hoskin (209) 703-0106
- FORMED**
 Contact Noli Farwell (209) 586-3161
- Events/Fundraisers/Social Media/Website/Bulletin**
 Athena Vaughn Ducker (907) 529-1428

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

Inquiry Sessions

Do you know someone who...

- is curious about Catholic beliefs & practices
- wants to return to the Church after being away
- is Catholic but has not received all the sacraments (Penance, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony)

If so, we have something for them!

All Saints is hosting an Inquiry Group on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
 Contact Mary Leamy at 209-352-3907 or meleamy@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

Catholic Trivia Answer: St. Matthias

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that would love a reboot but it's also for those that feel lonely, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness, others experience conflict in their relationship, and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. You are not alone. This Catholic program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the Modesto Retrouvaille program beginning with a weekend on February 27 - March 1, 2026 call/text 209-410-9395 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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