



# *Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception*

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

[www.brenhamcatholic.org](http://www.brenhamcatholic.org)

(979) 836-4441

## **MASS TIMES**

Tuesday 12:15 pm

Wednesday 12:15 pm

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 5:30 pm

### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

7:00pm (Español)

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm (Español)

## **CONFESSIONS**

**Weekdays, 30 minutes before  
Mass.**

**Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

## **CLERGY**

Rev. Raphael Ezech, MSP - Pastor

Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar

Deacon Steve Medina

Deacon Allen Prescott

Deacon John Pelletier

Deacon Brian McNaughton

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday **CLOSED**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

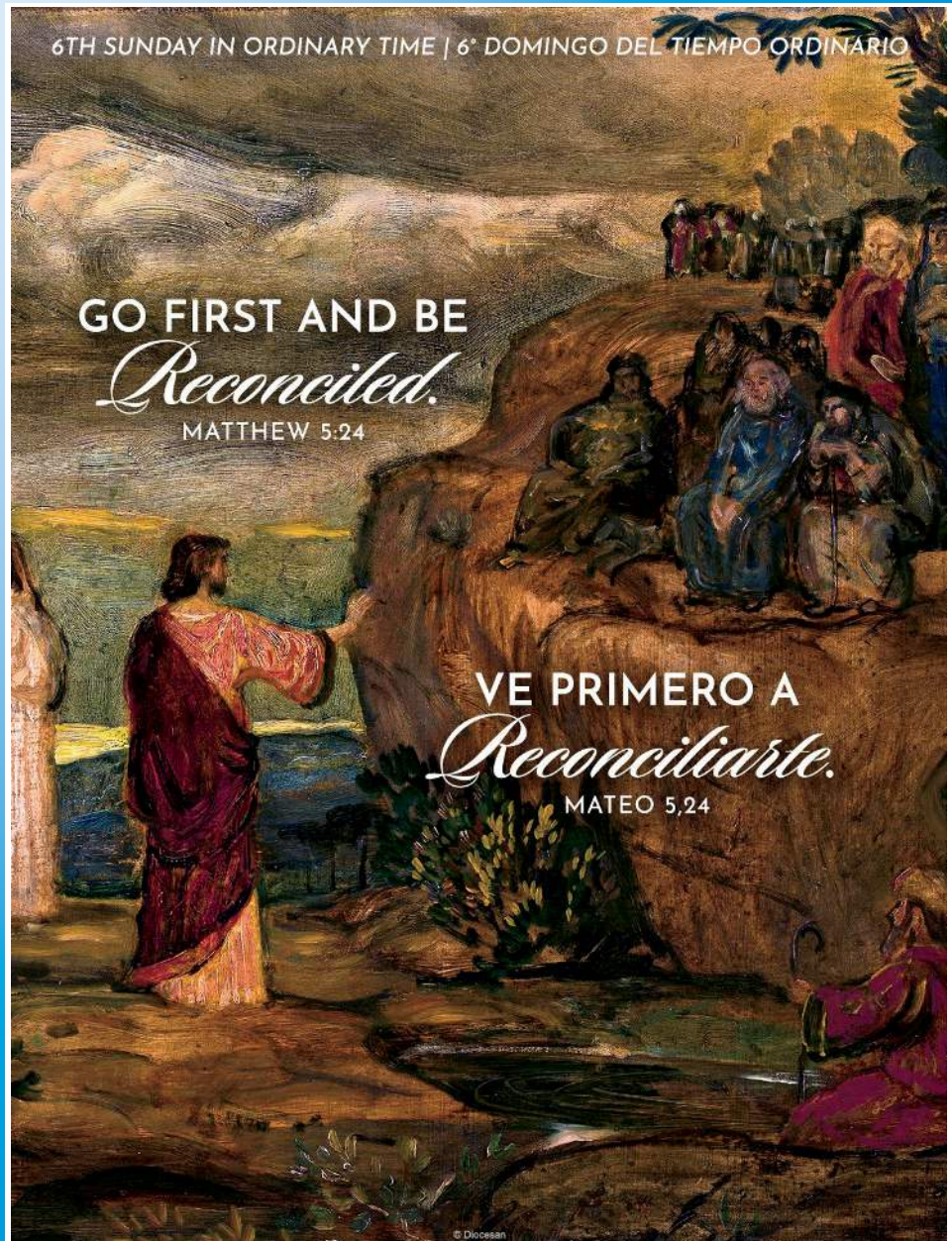
**Emergencies after office hours  
phone number:**

(979) 451-9824

**Pastoral council email:**

Pastoralcouncil

@brenhamcatholic.org



*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Psalm 119*  
*Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor. Salmo 119*

# MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

## HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

February 17— February 22, 2026

### Tuesday/martes—February 17, 12:15pm

Well-being of Jacki Fries

### Wednesday/miercoles—February 18

#### Ash Wednesday

#### 6:30am—English Mass

† Leon Konieczny

#### 9:00am—English Mass

† Alfred & Velma Muegge

#### 12:15pm—English Mass

Health & well-being of St. Mary's clergy and office staff

#### 4:30pm—English Mass

Keith Mikolajchak—to be healed of cancer

#### 6:00pm—Bilingual Mass

Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary Nestor/Libbon families

#### 7:30—Spanish Mass

† Elena Victoria Hernandez Chona

### Thursday/jueves - February 19, 12:15 pm

† Julian Bolcerek

Well-being of Jack Ancone (sent off)

### Friday/Viernes - February 20, 5:30pm

† Cynthia Ramos

St. Mary's Parish—Brenham (sent off)

### Saturday/sábado—February 21, 5:00 pm

† Charlotte & Charles Rybarski, Sr.

† Aaron David Markizer (sent off)

† Bernice & Hugh Thiel (sent off)

#### 7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

### Sunday/Domingo—February 22, 8:00 am.

† Frank Januszewski

#### 10:30 a.m.

† Jean & Alvin Klusmann

#### 12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

† Gabina Espinos

## COLLECTION/COLECTA

Electronic giving - if you prefer to give electronically, there is a link at [www.brenhamcatholic.org](http://www.brenhamcatholic.org)

*Donación electrónica—para hacer su contribución automáticamente visitar [www.brenhamcatholic.org](http://www.brenhamcatholic.org)*

### February 7-8

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$21,092.00

Weekend collection .....\$24,350.80

Catholic Universities.....\$2,065.15



### Parishioner Registration

Welcome to St. Mary's.

We are so happy that you have chosen St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Parish as your faith community and spiritual home.

To become a registered parishioner, please complete a registration form on our website or in person in the Parish Office.

Please inform the parish office of any changes to your contact Information.

### Registro de feligreses

Bienvenido a St. Mary's.

*Estamos muy contentos de que haya elegido la Parroquia de Santa María Inmaculada Concepción como su comunidad de fe y hogar espiritual.*

*Para convertirse en un feligrés registrado, complete un formulario de registro en nuestro sitio web o en persona en la oficina parroquial.*

*Informe a la oficina parroquial de cualquier cambio en su información de contacto.*



Come pray the Rosary with us every Friday at 12:10 pm in the Church.

*Acompañenos a rezar el Rosario en inglés todos los viernes a las 12:10 pm en la Iglesia.*



# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar



### February 2026



Ash Wednesday

### February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

### March 2026



English Altar  
Servers Training



Holy Hour for  
Vocations

### March 4, 2026

English Altar Servers Training

### March 5, 2026

Holy Hour for Vocations

## This week on St. Mary's campus. February 16 thru February 22 2026

### 02/16 Monday

6:00am TMIY group, PAC Small mtng room  
8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
7:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo small community meeting, AV Room

### 02/17 Tuesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
10:30am Scripture Study, PAC small meeting room  
11:45am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church  
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
6:00pm Brenham Band Performance, Church  
6:30pm English Baptism Class, Cornerstone Mtng Room  
7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room  
7:00pm Wellness Committee Meeting, Office Meeting Room

### 02/18 Wednesday

6:30am Ash Wednesday English Mass  
8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
9:00am Ash Wednesday English Mass  
11:45am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church  
4:30pm Ash Wednesday English Mass  
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Bilingual Mass  
7:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow up, Providece Hall Room 102  
7:30pm Ash Wednesday Spanish Mass

### 02/19 Thursday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
9:00am AARP Tax Service, PAC Large Mtng Room  
10:00am Bella Brigata, KofC Hall  
11:45am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church  
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
6:00pm RCIA English, Cornerstone Room 202  
6:00pm Spanish Baptism Class, AV Room

### 02/20 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm Mass, Church  
6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church  
7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church  
7:00pm Unidos en Cristo Community, Providence Hall, Room 102

### 02/21 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church  
7:00am Women's Spanish Prayer Meeting, Cornerstone Meeting Room  
1:30pm Wedding, Church  
3:30pm Confessions, Church  
5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church  
5:00pm Comunidad Unidos en un Corazón, Cornerstone Meeting Room  
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone Room 202  
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

### 02/22 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church  
9:15am CCE, All Campus  
10:30am English Mass, Church  
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE AV Room  
12:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
2:00pm Evangelization Meeting, KC Hall  
6:00pm Jr. High Youth Group, PAC All Rooms



The possible presiding priest for this Sunday's masses is:

|                |         |             |
|----------------|---------|-------------|
| Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm  | Fr. Raphael |
|                | 7:00pm  | Fr. Edwin   |
| Sunday         | 8:00am  | Fr. Raphael |
|                | 10:30am | Fr. Edwin   |
|                | 12:30pm | Fr. Edwin   |



# Ash Wednesday

February 18. 2026

6:30 AM  
English Mass

4:30 PM  
CCE English Mass

9:00am  
English Mass

6:00 PM  
Bilingual Mass

12:15 PM  
English Mass

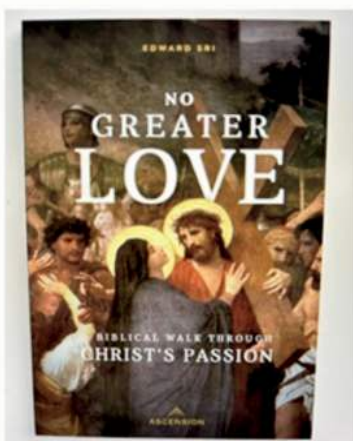
7:30 PM  
Spanish Mass

Imposition of ashes will be done  
in every Mass

Habra imposición de cenizas en  
todas las Misas

## Adult Formation

Ascension Press Lenten DVD Study. Dr.  
Edward Sri.



All Welcome!

Thursdays, Feb. 19 – April 2, KC Hall,  
10-11:45am, No Cost  
Bella Brigata, a beautiful brigade,  
by St. Catherine of Siena

(Q: 713.501.0663 Kathy)

## Perpetual Adoration

Spend time with the Blessed  
Sacrament 24/7

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlasting more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."*

*"Blessed Teresa of Calcutta"*

For more information or to sign up please contact the  
office at 979-836-4441

## Adoración Perpetua

Pasa tiempo con el Santísimo Sacramento 24/7

*El tiempo que pasas con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento es el mejor tiempo que pasarás en la tierra. Cada momento que pases con Jesús profundizará tu unión con él y hará que tu alma sea eternamente más gloriosa y hermosa en el Cielo, y ayudará a lograr la paz eterna en la tierra."*

*"Santa Teresa de Calcutta"*



Para mas información o para registrarse por favor comuníquese con la oficina al 979-836-4441

## PRIMARY VOTING SOON!!!



**February 17-27** Early voting

**March 3** Federal, State, and Local Election

Primary; includes 10 Propositions

**VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS **VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS **VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS **VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS

General voting information/registration:

[www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov)

Candidate Information: [www.ballotpedia.org](http://www.ballotpedia.org)

[www.ivoterguide.com](http://www.ivoterguide.com)

Local election information/polling places:

[www.co.washington.tx.us](http://www.co.washington.tx.us)

[www.austincounty.com](http://www.austincounty.com)

[www.co.fayette.tx.us](http://www.co.fayette.tx.us)

For additional Candidate information, visit their websites and Facebook pages.



**Remember!** It is our Catholic duty to educate ourselves and **VOTE**. The USCCB reminds us of our political responsibility to vote in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. To read further on shaping our political choices according to Catholic teaching, start with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

[www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship)

The *Catechism* states: "A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. Everyone must avail himself of the means to form his conscience." (1798)

## ¡¡¡HORA DE VOTAR PRONTO!!!



**17-27 de Febrero** Votación anticipada para las primarias

**3 de Marzo** Elecciones primarias federales, estatales y locales; incluye 10 Propositiones

**VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS **VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS **VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS **VOTE AMERICA** EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Información general de votación/registro:

[www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov)

Información de los candidatos:

[www.ballotpedia.org](http://www.ballotpedia.org) [www.ivoterguide.com](http://www.ivoterguide.com)

Información sobre las elecciones locales/

lugares de votación:

[www.co.washington.tx.us](http://www.co.washington.tx.us)

[www.austincounty.com](http://www.austincounty.com)

[www.co.fayette.tx.us](http://www.co.fayette.tx.us)

Para obtener información adicional sobre los candidatos, visita sus sitios web y páginas de Facebook.



**¡Recuerda!** Es nuestro deber como católicos informarnos y VOTAR. La USCCB nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad política de votar de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la iglesia católica. Para leer más sobre cómo moldear nuestras decisiones políticas según la enseñanza católica, comience por el sitio web de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos:

[www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship)

El *Catecismo* afirma: "Una conciencia bien formada es recta y veraz. Formula sus juicios según la razón, conforme al verdadero bien querido por la sabiduría del Creador. Cada uno debe valerse de los medios para formar su conciencia". (1798)



# JH YOUTH NIGHT

FEB 22 6 - 8 P M

Meet in the PAC. Dinner is provided.

FOR 6-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



Due to icy weather in January, this is our FIRST Jr. High Youth Night of the semester!! Let's kick off BIG--plan to come and bring a friend!!

thank you

Thank you to **Shad Turner and Navyman Exteriors** for the powerwashing of the church entry and northside of the church.

The difference is remarkable.



*Congratulations to the newest members of the Body of Christ /  
Felicidades a los nuevos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo*



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

Kennedy Anne Marburger  
Madeline Ariadne Estrada Lara  
Nahomi Gutierrez Lara

Whom received the sacrament of Baptism on February 7, 2026

*Quienes recibieron el Sacramento del Bautismo el día 7 de Febrero, 2026.*

We also congratulate their parents and godparents.

*Tambien felicitamos a sus padres y padrinos.*



**TMiy**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

We are continuing the series on "The Fight of Faith", This week we begin the exploration of the seven deadly sins for Lent, Lust as a distortion of love.

Come join us for these Lenten meditations and discussions.

Mondays from 6:00 am.-7:30 am in the PAC.  
Coffee & breakfast is provided.

Text or call Lee Pardue at 832-236-4661 for information.



## St. Mary's Prayer Line

If you or a loved one needs prayers, call, text, or email:

**Shirley Rowan at 979-421-3332 or**

**Shirley.rowan@att.net**

**If you would like to become a Prayer Warrior please contact Shirley Rowan.**

## Linea de Oración de St. Mary's

Si usted o un ser querido necesita oraciones, llame, mande un mensaje de texto o correo electrónico: **Shirley Rowan al**

**979-421-3332 ó Shirley.rowan@att.net**

**Si usted gusta ser un Guerrero de oración, por favor contacte a Shirley Rowan.**



**St. Teresa of Calcutta Society** helps those in need.

For assistance phone **979-525-0090.**

Calls remain confidential.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

**La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcutta** ayuda a esos en necesidad.

Para recibir ayuda llame al **979-525-0090.**

Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

"No siempre podemos hacer grandes cosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor."

- Santa Teresa de Calcutta

## LENTEN TOILETRY DRIVE

During Lent, the CCE Classes will be collecting toiletries to benefit the STRIVE Women's Prison Ministry.

STRIVE is designed to give female inmates the tools they need to be successful when they re-enter life outside prison. Representatives from St. Mary's take items to the O'Daniel

Unit in Gatesville every few months. Collection boxes will be in the Religious Education classrooms throughout Lent.

For more information, call or text Debbie Skinner at 979-353-2483.

Thank you for your generous support.

### **STRIVE is currently in need of the following toiletry items:**

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Body Wash  | Bar Soap    |
| Shampoo    | Conditioner |
| Toothpaste | Deodorant   |

*\*New Containers only, please*

*Durante la Cuaresma, las clases de catequesis recolectarán artículos de higiene personal para el Ministerio Penitenciario Femenino STRIVE.*

*STRIVE tiene como objetivo brindar a las reclusas las herramientas necesarias para que tengan éxito al reintegrarse a la vida fuera de la prisión. Representantes de la parroquia de St. Mary's llevan los artículos a la Unidad O'Daniel en Gatesville cada ciertos meses.*

*Habrà cajas de recolección en los salones de catequesis durante toda la Cuaresma.*

*Para obtener más información, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a*

*Debbie Skinner al 979-353-2483.*

*Gracias por su generoso apoyo.*

### **STRIVE necesita actualmente los siguientes artículos de higiene personal:**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Gel de ducha     | Jabón en barra |
| Champú           | Acondicionador |
| Pasta de dientes | Desodorante    |

*\*Solo envases nuevos, por favor.*

# VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BRENNHAM,  
TEXAS

VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL  
**2026**

**JUNE 8TH-JUNE 11TH**

EMAIL

HOPESBURKHART@GMAIL.COM OR  
CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION



### New Altar Server Training



Training those that have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and are interested in becoming an Altar

Server, please attend this training session:  
Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 in the church

Please respond to [catherinekenjura@gmail.com](mailto:catherinekenjura@gmail.com)  
if your child will be attending.



The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.



## 10 things to remember during Lent

- 1. Remember the formula.** The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
- 2. It's a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
- 3. It's a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
- 4. It's a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."
- 5. It's about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
- 6. Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.
- 7. Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
- 8. Be patient with yourself.** When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
- 9. Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.
- 10. Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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La Cuaresma es un tiempo de preparación para la celebración litúrgica del sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo. Muchos católicos dedican este tiempo a las tres prácticas de la Cuaresma: oración, ayuno y limosna. También es un tiempo para participar en el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación.

La Cuaresma dura desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la tarde del Jueves Santo. Si se excluyen los domingos, la duración es de cuarenta días. La duración de cuarenta días de la Cuaresma se basa en el uso bíblico del número cuarenta. Cuarenta suele indicar un tiempo de prueba, penitencia, purificación y renovación. En el Nuevo Testamento, cuarenta días es la duración del tiempo de prueba de Jesús en el desierto como preparación para su ministerio público, proclamando el Evangelio.



## 10 cosas para recordar durante la Cuaresma

**1. Recuerda la fórmula.** La Iglesia hace un buen trabajo capturando ciertas verdades con listas y fórmulas fáciles de recordar: los 10 mandamientos, los 7 sacramentos, las 3 personas de la Trinidad. Para la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos da casi un lema: Oración, Ayuno y Limosna, como las tres cosas en las que debemos trabajar durante el tiempo.

**2. Es tiempo de oración.** La Cuaresma es esencialmente un acto de oración que se extiende a lo largo de 40 días. Al orar, emprendemos un camino que, con suerte, nos acerca a Cristo y nos transforma al encontrarnos con él.

**3. Es tiempo de ayuno.** Con los ayunos del Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo, los viernes sin carne y nuestras disciplinas personales intercaladas, la Cuaresma es el único momento en que muchos católicos hoy en día realmente ayunan. Y quizás por eso recibe tanta atención. "¿A qué renuncias durante la Cuaresma? ¿Perros calientes? ¿Cerveza? ¿Gominolas?" Para algunos es casi un juego, pero el ayuno es en realidad una forma de penitencia que nos ayuda a alejarnos del pecado y acercarnos a Cristo.

**4. Es un tiempo para trabajar la disciplina.** Los 40 días de Cuaresma también son un buen momento para trabajar la disciplina personal en general. En lugar de renunciar a algo, puedes hacer algo positivo. "Voy a hacer más ejercicio. Voy a rezar más. Voy a ser más amable con mi familia, amigos y compañeros de trabajo".

**5. Se trata de morir a uno mismo.** El aspecto más serio de la disciplina cuaresmal es que va más allá del autocontrol: se trata de encontrar aspectos de uno mismo que no se parecen a Cristo y dejarlos morir. El sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo son lo más importante en nuestras mentes durante la Cuaresma, y nos unimos a estos misterios sufriendo, muriendo con Cristo y resucitando de forma purificada.

**6. No te excedas.** Es tentador convertir la Cuaresma en un período ambicioso de reinención personal, pero es mejor mantenerla simple y enfocada. Hay una razón por la que la Iglesia trabaja en estos misterios año tras año. Pasamos toda nuestra vida acercándonos a Dios. No intentes abarcarlo todo en una sola Cuaresma. Es una receta para el fracaso.

**7. La Cuaresma nos recuerda nuestra debilidad.** Por supuesto, incluso cuando nos fijamos metas sencillas durante la Cuaresma, seguimos teniendo dificultades para cumplirlas. Cuando ayunamos, nos damos cuenta de que estamos a solo una comida de pasar hambre. En ambos casos, la Cuaresma nos muestra nuestra debilidad. Esto puede ser doloroso, pero reconocer nuestra impotencia nos impulsa a buscar la ayuda de Dios con renovada urgencia y sinceridad.

**8. Sé paciente contigo mismo.** Cuando nos enfrentamos a nuestra propia debilidad durante la Cuaresma, la tentación es enojarnos y frustrarnos. "¡Qué mala persona soy!". Pero esa es la lección equivocada. Dios nos llama a ser pacientes y a vernos como él nos ve, con amor incondicional.

**9. Acércate con caridad.** Al experimentar debilidad y sufrimiento durante la Cuaresma, debemos renovar nuestra compasión por quienes tienen hambre, sufren o están necesitados. La tercera parte de la fórmula cuaresmal es la limosna. Se trata de algo más que echar unos dólares extra en la colecta; se trata de acercarse a los demás y ayudarlos sin cuestionarlos, como una forma de compartir la experiencia del amor incondicional de Dios.

**10. Aprende a amar como Cristo.** Entregarnos en medio de nuestro sufrimiento y abnegación nos acerca a amar como Cristo, quien sufrió y se entregó incondicionalmente en la cruz por todos nosotros. La Cuaresma es un viaje por el desierto hasta los pies de la cruz el Viernes Santo, mientras lo buscamos, pedimos su ayuda, nos unimos a su sufrimiento y aprendemos a amar como él.



## DEACON'S CORNER

In this weekend's readings we hear about the commandments. In the Old Testament Moses received the 10 commandments from God. But by the time of Jesus the Jewish leaders taught that there were more than 600 commandments that governed every aspect of a person's life. Some were in the bible and some were man made.

In today's Gospel Jesus says ***unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you will not enter the kingdom of heaven***. How can anyone's righteousness surpass over 600 commandments? First, because sometimes the Jewish leaders did not keep the commandments. Second, Jesus needs to more clearly reveal God's original intent in giving the commandments. Jesus fulfills, perfects and raises the commandments to a higher level than Moses and the Jewish leaders taught. Jesus claims extraordinary teaching authority; greater authority than Moses. Jesus tells the Jews what God meant when God gave the commandments to Moses! Jesus gives a higher moral standard; for example teaching that evil thoughts and attitudes can be just as evil and sinful as evil deeds or actions. ***Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you will not enter the kingdom of heaven***. Jesus calls all of us to righteousness and holiness by following Jesus' commandments.

A perfect opportunity to once again strive for righteousness and holiness presents itself to us as Lent begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). These 40 days of penitence prepare us for the joy of Easter. We will hear ***"remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"*** or ***"repent and believe in the Gospel"*** as ashes, blessed and imposed after the homily, are placed on our forehead as a sign of repentance. Lent is a time of fasting and abstinence. Stations of the Cross are encouraged. The ashes, fasting and abstinence should also remind us that this life is temporary. Our true home is in heaven.

**Deacon John**

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

*En las lecturas de este fin de semana escuchamos sobre los mandamientos. En el Antiguo Testamento, Moisés recibió los diez mandamientos de Dios. Pero en tiempos de Jesús, los líderes judíos enseñaban que existían más de 600 mandamientos que regían cada aspecto de la vida de una persona. Algunos estaban en la Biblia y otros eran de origen humano.*

*En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice **que si nuestra justicia no supera la de los escribas y fariseos, no entraremos en el reino de los cielos**. ¿Cómo puede la justicia de alguien superar más de 600 mandamientos? Primero, porque a veces los líderes judíos no cumplían los mandamientos. Segundo, Jesús necesita revelar con mayor claridad la intención original de Dios al dar los mandamientos. Jesús cumple, perfecciona y eleva los mandamientos a un nivel superior al que enseñaban Moisés y los líderes judíos. Jesús reclama una autoridad de enseñanza extraordinaria; mayor autoridad que la de Moisés. ¡Jesús les dice a los judíos lo que Dios quiso decir cuando les dio los mandamientos a Moisés! Jesús establece un estándar moral más elevado; por ejemplo, enseña que los pensamientos y actitudes malvados pueden ser tan malos y pecaminosos como las malas acciones. **Si nuestra justicia no supera la de los escribas y fariseos, no entraremos en el reino de los cielos**. Jesús nos llama a todos a la justicia y la santidad siguiendo sus mandamientos.*

*Una oportunidad perfecta para esforzarnos nuevamente por la justicia y la santidad se nos presenta al comenzar la Cuaresma este miércoles (Miércoles de Ceniza). Estos 40 días de penitencia nos preparan para la alegría de la Pascua. Escucharemos **«Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás»** o **«Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio»** mientras se nos impone ceniza bendecida en la frente después de la homilía, como signo de arrepentimiento. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de ayuno y abstinencia. Se recomienda el Vía Crucis. La ceniza, el ayuno y la abstinencia también deben recordarnos que esta vida es temporal. Nuestro verdadero hogar está en el cielo.*

**Diacono John**





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