



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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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

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Deacon John Pelletier

Deacon Brian McNaughton

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Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

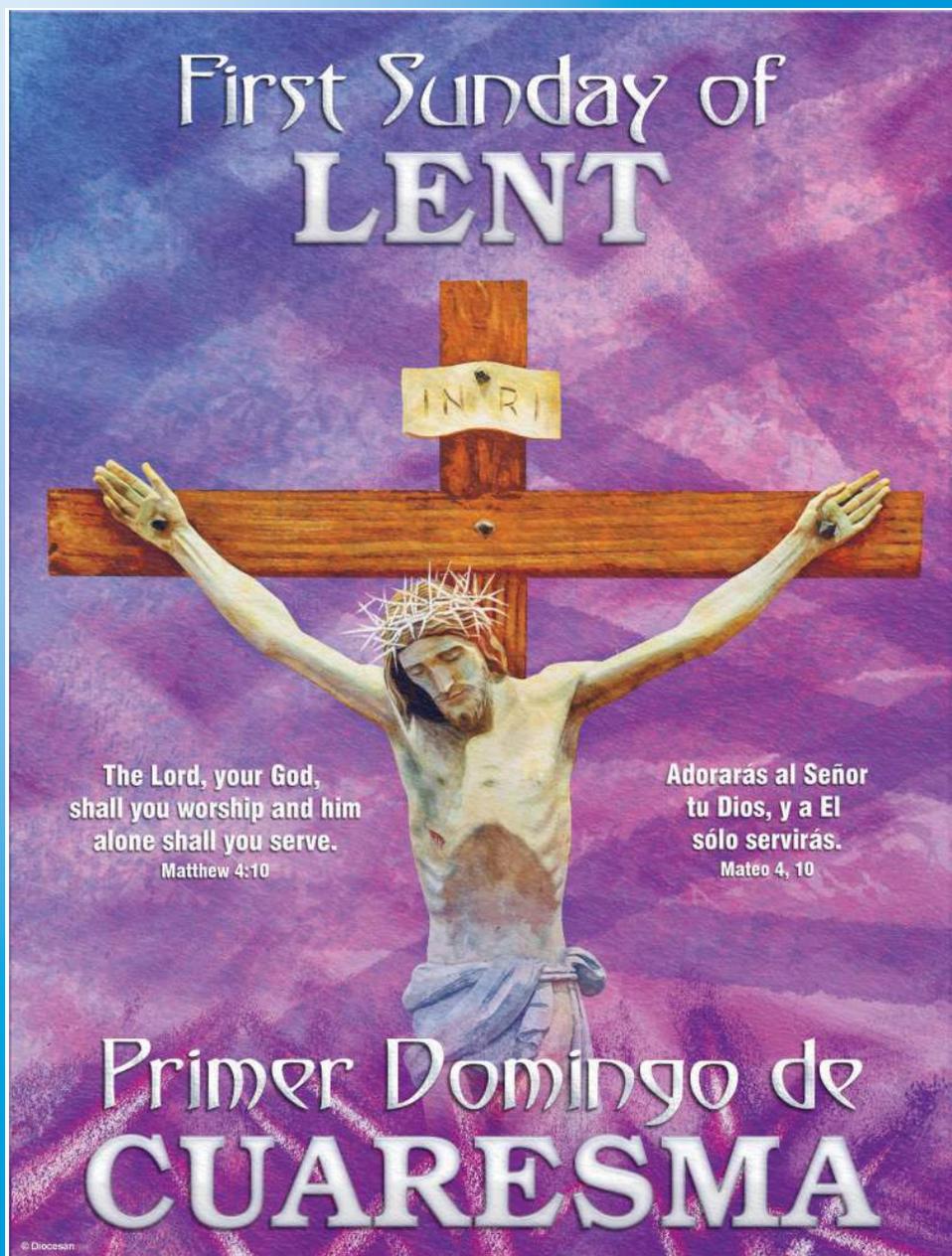
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Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Psalm 51

Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado Salmo 50

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

February 24— March 1, 2026

Tuesday/martes—February 24, 12:15pm

† Mrs. Bieu Nguyen
† Gregory Zuniga, Jr. (sent off)
† Kyle Stoner (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—February 25, 12:15pm

† Billie Jasinski
Well-being of Jude Fries (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - February 26, 12:15 pm

† William Draehn
† Ronald Haren (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - February 27, 5:30pm

† Mrs. Nhut Nguyen
† Bennie & Clara Wesneski (sent off)
† Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—February 28, 5:00 pm

† Bruno Bolcerek
† Ricky Wellmann (sent off)

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo—March 1, 8:00 am.

† Bernice & Hugh Thiel

10:30 a.m.

† Sr. Ephrem

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

† Martin Diaz Carranza

COLLECTION/COLECTA

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February 14-15

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

Weekend collection\$17,880.61



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.

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

Gustavo Andres Ramirez Aguilar

Whom received the sacrament of Baptism on February 16, 2026

Quien recibió el Sacramento del Bautismo el día 16 de Febrero, 2026.

We also congratulate his parents and godparents.

También felicitamos a sus padres y padrinos.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Calendar

March 2026



English Altar Servers Training



Holy Hour for Vocations



Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat

March 4, 2026

English Altar Servers Training

March 5, 2026

Holy Hour for Vocations

This week on St. Mary's campus. February 23 thru March 1, 2026

02/23 Monday

6:00am TMIY group, PAC Small mtng room
8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, 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

02/24 Tuesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:30am Scripture Study, PAC small meeting room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

02/25 Wednesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
4:15pm CCE, All campus
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Church
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
7:00pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal, Church
7:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow up, Providece Hall Room 102
7:00pm MFCC Meeting, AV Room

02/26 Thursday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata, KofC Hall
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
6:00pm RCIA English, Cornerstone Room 202

02/27 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
3:30pm AHG, PAC All rooms
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

02/28 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church
7:00am Women's Spanish Prayer Meeting, Cornerstone Meeting Room
12:00pm Wedding, Church
2:00pm Baptism, 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, Cornernestone Room 202
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

03/01 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



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

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

JH YOUTH NIGHT

FEB 22 6-8 PM

Meet in the PAC. Dinner is provided.

FOR 6-8TH 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!"

March Altar care ladies are:

Doris Krolczyk*
Erin Thibodeaux
Mary Lovelidge
Judy Cockrell
Teresa Byers

If you would like to help with the Altar Cleaning, please contact the church office.

Si le gustaria ayudar con la limpieza del altar, por favor llame a la oficina.



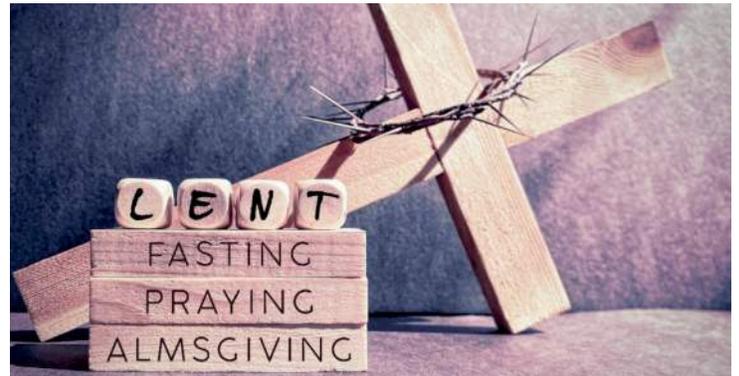
We are continuing the series on "The Fight of Faith", This week we continue the exploration of the seven deadly sins for Lent, Sloth—a deadly, personal struggle that manifests as sluggishness of soul. Come join us for these Lenten meditations and discussions.

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.



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.



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.



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

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Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

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

- Santa Teresa de Calcutta

FAQ's about Lent



Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience..

I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

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Preguntas frecuentes sobre la Cuaresma

¿Por qué decimos que hay cuarenta días de Cuaresma? Si contamos todos los días desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta el Sábado Santo, son 46.

Quizás sea más preciso decir que existe el "ayuno de cuarenta días dentro de la Cuaresma".

Históricamente, la Cuaresma ha variado de una a tres semanas hasta la configuración actual de 46 días. Sin embargo, el ayuno de cuarenta días ha sido más estable. Los domingos de Cuaresma ciertamente forman parte del Tiempo de Cuaresma, pero no son días prescritos de ayuno y abstinencia.

¿Significa esto que cuando renunciamos a algo durante la Cuaresma, como dulces, podemos comerlo los domingos?

Además de los días prescritos de ayuno y abstinencia del Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo, y los días de abstinencia de cada viernes de Cuaresma, los católicos tradicionalmente han optado por prácticas penitenciales adicionales durante todo el Tiempo de Cuaresma. Estas prácticas son de naturaleza disciplinaria y, a menudo, más efectivas si son continuas, es decir, se mantienen también los domingos. Dicho esto, estas prácticas no están reguladas por la Iglesia, sino por la conciencia individual.

Entiendo que todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia de carne, pero no estoy seguro de qué se clasifica como carne. ¿Incluye la carne el pollo y los productos lácteos?

Las leyes de abstinencia consideran que la carne proviene únicamente de animales como pollos, vacas, ovejas o cerdos, todos los cuales viven en la tierra. Las aves también se consideran carne. La abstinencia no incluye los jugos ni los líquidos de la carne. Por lo tanto, alimentos como el caldo de pollo, el consomé, las sopas cocinadas o condimentadas con carne, las salsas o jugos de carne, así como los condimentos o aderezos hechos con grasa animal, técnicamente no están prohibidos. Sin embargo, los teólogos morales han enseñado tradicionalmente que debemos abstenernos de todos los productos de origen animal (excepto alimentos como la gelatina, la mantequilla, el queso y los huevos, que no tienen sabor a carne). El pescado es una categoría diferente de animal. Se permiten especies de peces, anfibios, reptiles (animales de sangre fría) y mariscos, tanto de agua salada como dulce.

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DEACON'S CORNER

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

What a beautiful prayer; attributed to King David after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged for the death of her husband. We can all make use of this prayer during Lent; a prayer that God will no doubt answer. During Lent we honestly assess where we are in our relationship with God. To admit and eliminate sin in our lives, to do penance. We promise to the best of our ability not to sin again, and get right with God in preparation for Easter.

In today's Gospel Jesus is in the desert where he has fasted for 40 days. He is hungry. Satan appears on the scene and tempts Jesus three times. First, to prove that that Jesus is the Messiah by turning stones to bread to relieve Jesus' hunger. Second, putting God to the test by having Jesus do something reckless and spectacular by jumping from a high place on the Jerusalem temple to prove Jesus is the Son of God and messiah. Third, to practice idolatry by worshipping Satan. Satan promises that he will give Jesus all the Kingdoms of the world if Jesus worships Him. **Jesus does not give in to these satanic tricks.** Rather he refutes Satan with three scriptural passages. **Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. You shall worship only the Lord your God...and Him only shall you serve.** Satan tested Jesus and he will test us. But we have Jesus. We have all sinned but remember Jesus has defeated Satan. During Lent we enter the desert with Jesus; fasting, praying coming closer to Him. Thanks be to God.

Deacon John

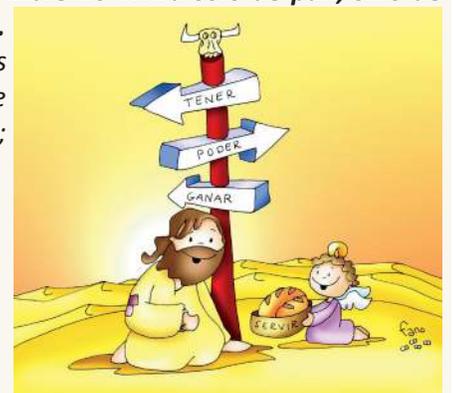
RINCON DEL DIACONO

Ten piedad de mí, oh Dios, por tu bondad; por la grandeza de tu compasión, borra mi ofensa. Lávame completamente de mi culpa y límpiame de mi pecado. Porque reconozco mi ofensa, y mi pecado está siempre delante de mí: solo contra ti he pecado, y he hecho lo que es malo ante tus ojos.

¡Qué hermosa oración! Atribuida al rey David después de haber cometido adulterio con Betsabé y haber dispuesto la muerte de su esposo. Todos podemos usar esta oración durante la Cuaresma; una oración que Dios sin duda responderá. Durante la Cuaresma, evaluamos honestamente dónde nos encontramos en nuestra relación con Dios. Admitimos y eliminamos el pecado de nuestras vidas, hacemos penitencia. Prometemos, en la medida de nuestras posibilidades, no volver a pecar y reconciliarnos con Dios en preparación para la Pascua.

*En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús está en el desierto, donde ha ayunado durante 40 días. Tiene hambre. Satanás aparece en escena y tienta a Jesús tres veces. Primero, para demostrar que Jesús es el Mesías, convirtiendo piedras en pan para saciar su hambre. Segundo, poner a Dios a prueba haciendo que Jesús hiciera algo imprudente y espectacular al saltar desde un lugar alto en el templo de Jerusalén para demostrar que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios y el Mesías. Tercero, practicar la idolatría adorando a Satanás. Satanás promete que le dará a Jesús todos los reinos del mundo si Jesús lo adora. **Jesús no cede a estos trucos satánicos.** Más bien, refuta a Satanás con tres pasajes bíblicos. **El hombre no vivirá solo de pan, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios. No pondrás al Señor tu Dios a prueba. Adorarás solo al Señor tu Dios... y solo a Él servirás.** Satanás probó a Jesús y nos probará a nosotros. Pero tenemos a Jesús. Todos hemos pecado, pero recuerda que Jesús ha vencido a Satanás. Durante la Cuaresma entramos en el desierto con Jesús; ayunando, orando, acercándonos a Él. Gracias a Dios.*

Diacono John



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