

A Walk Through the Lenten Season



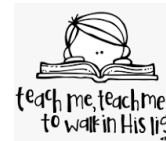
Lent is a gift that our Catholic faith gives us to take time to reflect on the love God has for each of us and to prepare ourselves for the joyous Easter season.

You are invited to join us and share our Catholic faith through prayer and discussion of the Scriptures for the upcoming Lenten Sundays.

Fr. Jim Schellenberg and Mary Farr will lead us as we talk, learn, and look at the meaning of scripture in our daily lives. By discussing and sharing what these scriptures bring to us - we hope to learn and see them with fresh eyes that will bring us closer to Jesus and help us deepen our relationship with him.

Make plans to come share our Catholic faith during this special time with our parish community and

BRING A FRIEND!



Sessions will begin
Thursday, February 15th at 6:30p
in Carolan Hall and

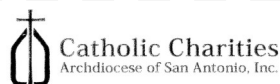
will continue on Wednesdays thereafter,
at 6:30p in Carolan Hall, through March 21st.

A special thanks to Fr. Schellenberg and Mary Farr for leading us and sharing their faith with our parish community.

Please inform us if you plan to attend.
(This will help us to have sufficient materials)

E-mail to Flo Tobar jtobar@swbell.net or
call or text to: **210.313.8825.**

***COME JOIN US!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE***



PARISH LENTEN CHALLENGE: *40 Cans for Lent*

*Those who are
generous are blessed,
for they share their
bread with the poor.*

-Proverbs 22:9

Catholic Charities Food Pantry is accepting your generous donation of canned goods... cereal, pasta and other non-perishable food items.

Donate one can of food for each day of Lent as a reminder of the penance we should be doing as we prepare for the passion of our Lord. Your donation feeds our neighbors throughout the year.

We have a collection bin in the back of the church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!.. And... God Bless-



LOST: One of our parishioners misplaced / lost her hand-made "Anniversary Rosary" last week. She thinks it was left on the pew. It has great sentimental value. It has a sterling silver cross and chain with crystal beads. If you have seen it... please contact the parish office.

FOUND: A parishioner found a small but beautiful Crucifix at the back of the Church by the table with be Bulletins. If this is your crucifix, call the parish office to claim it... but be prepared to describe it.

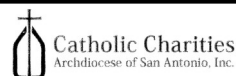
YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 4, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,039.86
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 226.83
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,089.76
Helping Hands.....	\$ 29.00
STM School.....	\$ 102.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 20.00
Donations.....	\$ 1,500.00

Second Collection Feb 17 - 18:

Catholic Missions Among the Black / Native Americans



40 DAYS OF SERVICE

February 15 - March 26, 2024

*Join the volunteer movement that is
transforming our community!*

**During 40 Days of Service,
our community comes together
to serve our most vulnerable
with love, respect, and dignity.**

**Join the thousands of volunteers
who have served our neighbors!**

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Gospel Meditation:

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful (*Please don't tell anyone.*). I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion."

The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way.

To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Hace poco tuve una erupción cutánea y fue horrible. (Por favor, no se lo digas a nadie). Me avergüenza admitir que no lo manejé bien. Quejarme, lloriquear, suplicar simpatía y llorar eran mis respuestas a la comezón y el ardor despiadados. A raíz de ello, surgió un resquicio de esperanza. Siento una nueva y sincera simpatía por todos aquellos que sufren problemas crónicos de la piel. Si alguna vez has tenido un problema de piel aparentemente interminable, sabes cómo esa simpatía fluye desde lo más profundo de tu ser.

Esta compasión a nivel visceral es algo parecido a lo que el Evangelio describe en Jesús cuando el leproso cubierto de llagas dice: "Si quieres, puedes limpiarme". Ante esto, justo antes de la curación, Jesús se sintió "conmovido de compasión".

La palabra griega que se usa aquí es fuerte y terrenal, más cercana a "sus entrañas y entrañas temblaban con las emociones más profundas de tristeza, lástima y amor". En Jesús, Dios sana nuestras enfermedades, no desde una distancia divina, sino aprendiendo lo que se siente ser nosotros. Adquiere experiencia de primera mano de lo que nos cuesta estar afligidos y aún así ser fieles a Dios. Simpatiza con el ardor, la picazón y las ampollas de la existencia humana de la manera más profunda y de primera mano. Descubrir eso es tocar el corazón de Jesús.

¿Qué es lo que en tu vida, en este momento, está brotando como una piel enferma? ¿Qué empeora cuanto más intentas calmarlo? Quizás solo tú lo sientas. O tal vez está expuesto a todos. ¿Un mal hábito, una relación rota, soledad, miedo al fracaso, odio a uno mismo? Nómbralo, y luego encuentra una manera de llevarlo con confianza a Jesús, quien sentirá lo que nosotros estamos sintiendo y, por lo tanto, nos sanará.

— Father John Muir

Un paseo por la temporada de Cuaresma

La Cuaresma es un regalo que nuestra fe católica nos da para tomarnos un tiempo para reflexionar sobre el amor que Dios tiene por cada uno de nosotros y prepararnos para la alegre temporada de Pascua.

Te invitamos a unirse a nosotros y compartir nuestra fe católica a través de la oración y la discusión de las Escrituras para los próximos domingos de Cuaresma.

Diacono Rolando Guerra y el Grupo de Oración nos guiarán mientras hablamos, aprendemos y miramos el significado de las Escrituras en nuestra vida diaria. Al discutir y compartir lo que estas escrituras nos traen, esperamos aprender y verlas con nuevos ojos que nos acerquen a Jesús y nos ayuden a profundizar nuestra relación con él.

Haga planes para venir a compartir nuestra fe católica durante este tiempo especial con nuestra comunidad parroquial y

¡TRAE A UN AMIGO!



Las sesiones comenzarán el Viernes 16 de febrero a las 7:00p.m. en La Iglesia de St. Thomas More y continuarán hasta el 21 de marzo.

Un agradecimiento especial al Diacono Rolando Guerra por guiarnos y compartir su fe con nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Por favor, contacte a la Oficina Parroquial si tiene preguntas o inquietudes a el: (210) 655-5070

**¡VEN Y ÚNETE A NOSOTROS!
¡ESPERAMOS VERTE ALLÍ!**

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto
Feast Day: Tuesday, February 20th

Francisco and Jacinta are the youngest non-martyrs to be canonized in the history of the Church!

They, along with their cousin, Lucia Santo, witnessed the apparitions of Mary now commonly known as Our Lady of Fatima.

Pope Francis canonized them on May 13, 2017 - teaching us that even young children can become saints.



You are invited to join us as we pray:

The Holy Rosary
at the Grotto Outside the Rectory Office
Saturday, February 17, 2021 @ Noon

Want More Information?
Contact: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794


Ash Wednesday

Wed, February 14th - Ash Wednesday:
(Miercoles de Ceniza)

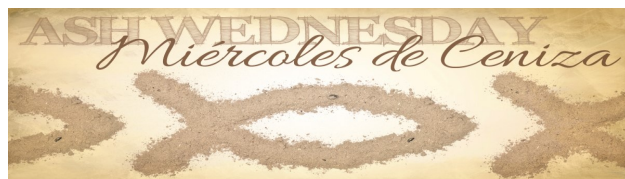
You are dust! And, to dust you shall return!
Turn away from sin... and, Believe in the Gospel!

- 6 am - Communion Svc w/Ashes
- 8 am - STM Student Mass (English)
- 12-Noon - Communion Svc w/Ashes
- 6 pm - Mass (English)
- 7:30 pm - Mass (Spanish)

Get closer to the God of the universe... closer to Jesus! Strengthen your relationship with God... but... how? Traditionally... we "give – or offer – up" things we tend to love too much... Things that we sometimes place before God... *sports... food... etc. making them our #1*... When we "give up" something for Lent, we're supposed to do it so that we can make more room for Jesus, not just make our lives more challenging! So what's your focus? Take a look at your Lenten resolutions... and ask yourself where they are leading you. If they're not leading to a more solid relationship with God... you may want to think about readjusting them.



¡Eres polvo! ¡Y al polvo volverás!
Aléjate del pecado... y, ¡Cree en el Evangelio!



Acércate al Dios del universo... ¡más cerca de Jesús! Fortalece tu relación con Dios... pero... ¿cómo? Tradicionalmente... "Damos u ofrecemos" cosas que tendemos a amar demasiado... Cosas que a veces ponemos delante de Dios... *deportivo... víveres... etc. convirtiéndolos en nuestro #1*... Cuando "renunciamos" a algo para la Cuaresma, se supone que debemos hacerlo para que podamos hacer más espacio para Jesús, ¡no solo para hacer que nuestras vidas sean más desafiantes! Entonces, ¿cuál es tu enfoque? Echa un vistazo a tus resoluciones de Cuaresma... y pregúntate a dónde te están llevando. Si no están conduciendo a una relación más sólida con Dios... Es posible que desee pensar en reajustarlos.

We also have a number of "Special Days" coming up during this Lenten Season!



Stations of the Cross: We will celebrate the Way of the Cross every **Friday / viernes** at 6 pm in English y a las 7 pm en español
(la via crucis)

Penance Service: **Tues / martes, March 12th**
(Servicio de Penitencia) Examination of Conscience at 6:30 pm
7:00 pm - Individual Confessions



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, February 11, 2024
8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, February 12 2024
4:00 pm Finance Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
6:30 pm Guadalupanos Rosary - *Church*
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
Guadalupanos Retreat Planning Mtg - *Rect Dining Rm*
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 pm CDA Board Meeting - *Rectory Dining Room*
40 Days of Lent - *Carolán Hall*
Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

7:00 pm

Friday, February 16, 2024
9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
6:00 pm School Dance - *Carolán Hall*
Stations of the Cross - *Church*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Rectory Meeting Room*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (*Via Crucis/40 dias de Cuaresma*) - *Church*

Saturday, February 17, 2024
12:00 pm Public Square Rosary - *Rectory Grotto*
3:30 pm Encanulo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rect Mtg Rm*

Sunday, February 18, 2024
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall*



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Kevin Lopez

Lecturas de la Semana del 12 - 18 febrero

Lunes: Sant 1:1-11; Sal 118:67,68,71,72,75, 76; Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Sant 1:12-18; Sal 93:12-15,18-19; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Sal 50: 3-6,12-14,17; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9; Sal 50:3-6,18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9-14; Sal 85:1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 24:4-9; 1Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

Readings for the week of 12 - 18 Feb

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Ps 51: 3-6,12-14,17; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6,18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10, 2024
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
†Alicia Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
5:00 pm †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
In Thanksgiving by Olga Weich

Sunday, February 11, 2024
8:00 am †Donald Rand by Rand Family
†Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
10:00 am †Virginia Moan by Evancho Family
†Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Families
12:00 pm †Adriana Lemus by Maria T. Sweet
All Persons with Cancer by Rosa Maria Reyes

Monday, February 12, 2024
8:00 am †Donald Dutra, Jr by Theresa Garza
Special Intention - Miguel Angel Alcalá by Alcalá Family

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
8:00 am †Michael McDonald by The Trimm
†Jose Hernandez by Alexandra Hernandez

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday
6:00 am (*Communion Service*)
8:00 am †Esperanza Fernandez by Virginia Rabel
†Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
12:00 pm (*Communion Service*)
6:00 pm **Health & Recovery - Michael Gutierrez**
7:30 pm †Jose Alcantar

Thursday, February 15 2024
8:00 am †Joseph John Weich by Olga Weich
†Miguel Segovia by Theresa Garza
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, February 16,
8:00 am †Eugenia Aguillon by Family
†Joe Robles by Family

Saturday, February 17, 2024
8:00 am †Abigail Rovayo by Acosta Family
†Douglas Rabel by Virginia Rabel
5:00 pm †Fred Sanchez by Guadalupanos Society
Healing & Recovery - Kevin Lopez by Kevin Lopez, Jr

Sunday, February 18, 2024
8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda Garcia
10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased** by Mom
†Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
Spec Intention to St. Jude for Larry's Health by Martha Arredondo
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 17, 2024

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Alvarado, S.Chapa, C.Lang, M.Fisher
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8 am Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, T.S.Garza, W+M.Torres, Y.Cione
Lector - L.Trimm

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, M.Lawson, C.Lawson
Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Tim, E+M.Cantu, P+R.Mendoza, J+And.Perez
Lector - Abi.Perez

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, C.Martinez, F.Hernandez, E.Obregon, R.borrego, F.Hernandez,
Lector - M.Cisneros / H.Gomez