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"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere"

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MASS SCHEDULE

100% Capacity

Face masks are encouraged upon entering the church.

SATURDAY VIGIL

*5:15 pm English

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 8:30 am

*10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf
12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS

*8:15 am & 5:30 pm

Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

*Masses are Live-stream

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Third Sunday
of
LENT

"Remove the sandals
from your feet,
for the place where you
stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5



March 20, 2022

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Tercer Domingo
de
CUARESMA

20 de marzo de 2022

"Quítate las sandalias,
porque el lugar que pisas es tierra sagrada".

Exodus 3:5

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.

Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 03/20

6:30 am Ryan Buyco †
 8:30 am Intentions of Ed Petersen
 10:15 am Intentions of Dorothea Crews
 12:00 pm Carmela Cianciulli †
 1:45 pm Souls of all the faithful departed †
 5:15 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners

MONDAY - LUNES 03/21

8:15 am Francine Hernandez †
 5:30 pm Gilberto Moreto †

TUESDAY - MARTES 03/22

8:15 am Anthony Despart †
 5:30 pm Gilberto Moreto †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 03/23

8:15 am Olivia Bautista Javier †
 5:30 pm Gilberto Moreto †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 03/24

8:15 am Gilbert Grill †
 5:30 pm Gilberto Moreto †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 03/25

8:15 am Arturo Diaz, Sr. †
 5:15 pm Silvia Espejo †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 03/26

8:15 am Stephen Bromley †
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners
 5:15 pm Ramona Estipona †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 03/27

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 8:30 am John Santos †
 10:15 am Gail Irene Wiseman †
 12:00 pm Intentions of The De La Torre Family
 1:45 pm Maria Villegas †
 5:15 pm Ryan Buyco †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

LITURGY CORNER**March 20 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 23 - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

March 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Saint Turibius, Toribio as a layman, he was the chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada; as archbishop of Lima, he presided over the III Council of Lima (1583); he established the first seminary in the New World; he sought to alleviate poverty among the native population; a contemporary of St. Rose of Lima; he died in 1606.

The Annunciation of the Lord

The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. The Angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid, you are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus." Luke 1:26-31

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Stations of the Cross will be held:

- Fridays at 6:30 pm, English March 25, and April 8; and in Spanish April 1.
- Wednesdays in Spanish at 6:30 pm: March 23 and April 6.
- Good Friday, April 15, at 3:00 pm.

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Hand Sanitizer bottles are being given away after mass. If you read the label on the bottle, it has Works of Mercy that you can do during the Lenten season. Take one home every week.



**Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
 slow to anger and abounding
 in kindness.**

— Psalm 103:8

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Brothers and Sisters,

Today and the next two Sunday are a special time for the Church and a significant time for our catechumen and candidates and those around the world. This is the period in which they celebrate the Scrutinies, three occasions during which they look deeply and honestly into their hearts and thoughts to learn their weaknesses and tendencies, so that their intentions may be purified and their resolve may be strengthened. It is also an opportunity for each of us to do the same. Today's Scrutiny is being celebrated at the 10:15 Mass. Next week, the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 8:30 Mass and on April 3rd, the 5th Sunday of Lent, the Scrutiny will be celebrated again at 10:15.



Slowly and deliberately, Jesus revealed himself to the people in the gospel stories that are specifically read for these 3 Masses only. Today at 10:15 we hear the story of Jesus and the Woman at the Well. Next week at the 8:30 Mass we will hear the story of the Man Born Blind and finally on April 3rd, again at the 10:15 Mass we hear the beautiful story of the Raising of Lazarus. So if you can, please come and join these soon to be initiated members of our community and celebrate with them.

Today's readings for the rest of us, call us to prepare the soil of our hearts to receive the Lord so that we might bear the fruit of charity in the world. Gardening teaches us not only patience but also the unpredictability of growth. Well-established plants, much loved shrubs and tall trees may grow in established patterns but can be suddenly struck down by blight, disease or a storm. Beautifully colored plants brought from a garden center can be very root-bound and can find it difficult to live in the harsh world of rain and cold, often failing to grow and flourish in the flower bed. The time of planting and the state of the soil and its dryness or moisture make a huge difference. Many times, our hopes are disappointed. And sometimes it is only in the second year that a plant becomes established.

Most of Jesus' teaching is to rural peoples in Galilee and Judea. This is the setting of many parables about growth and God's care. It is the world of grapevines, mustard seeds, sowing and reaping grain, wheat, weeds, rain, wind, sun and birds of the air as well as "fig trees." Often Jesus teaches about the work necessary for good harvests. The people he teaches understand the rhythms of nature but also that they cannot control the outcome: they are dependent upon God's providence. All this helps us understand the Lenten message of preparation, to put on the mind and heart of Christ. In the rich soil of the heart, Christ will help us bear fruit that will last.

In today's gospel Jesus uses the beautiful image of a fig tree to illustrate the patience of God. The owner of the orchard is concerned that the fig tree is not producing figs and wants to cut it down. His gardener who looks after the orchard and knows about fig trees, asks him to be patient. He will feed the tree, tend it, and look after it, and asks the owner for one more year to allow the tree to produce figs. He is wise. Here Jesus presents an image of God through the gardener. A God who is compassionate, patient and merciful. We, like the gardener are called to prepare the soil of our hearts to receive the Lord so that we might bear the fruits of compassion, mercy, charity and love in the world.

Faithful

STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
March 13, 2022

	Actual Collection	Budgeted Collection
March 6th	\$ 28,740.57	\$ 23,000.00
March 13th	\$ 17,974.18	\$ 15,000.00
Actual Collection		\$ 639,065.76
Budgeted Collection		595,500.00
YTD Collection Overage		\$43,565.76

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.
Thank you for your generosity.

2022 Diocesan Development Fund
March 13, 2022

DDF Assessment	\$ 66,700
Less: Pledges Made	31,970
Total Pledges Shortfall	\$ 34,730
DDF Assessment	\$ 66,700
Less: DDF Pledge Payments	14,526
Total Amount Payable to the Diocese	\$ 52,174
Number of donors	126
Parishioner's participation %	4%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2022.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your donation is multiplied by the donations made by others to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your good work.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 951-684-7386 so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

Please remember that any contributions by check should be made payable to SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL and not to St. Catherine's. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Are you interested in learning more about our ministry? Would you like to join our ministry? New members are always welcome! For more information, please call Robert Lucero at (951) 784-7642.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

In these uncertain times let us remember that God continues to walk with us. Even when facing a job loss, financial problems, etc., God provides if we continue to **trust in Him**. Having a baby is a blessing; a baby brings the light of Jesus and joy even in the midst of uncertainty and anxiety. And if caring for a baby is really not possible at this time, don't forget that adoption is a better option than abortion, for both mother and child. Also, let us continue to pray for the elderly, the sick, those who are lonely, those that have no one to pray for them. In addition, pray that the war in Ukraine ends soon so that the people can return to their homes and be able to rebuild their lives.

**CHOOSE LIFE
GOD WILL PROVIDE AND BLESS YOU!**

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for adult clients on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, please call 714-633-4600 for pre-screening and to make an appointment.

Free Adult Medical care is offered, labs and meds are as low-cost as possible. Patients sign in on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information or to volunteer visit their website at www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org.



Rice Bowls are here! OVERCOMING DISASTER



In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. **How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family?**

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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Let us pray for Noornobi and his family-whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl-and for all who experience severe weather, that they can protect their homes and livelihoods and become more resilient to a changing climate. We also pray for our community, that we recognize how our actions impact the planet and make increasing efforts to care for God's creation.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED

Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets. Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help. We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS**. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag. Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Thank you for helping those in need!

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40

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Did you know that St. Catherine's Feed the Hungry Ministry has provided over 20,000 meals to the homeless over the last seven years?

This has all been made possible by the incredible volunteers and the very kind donations from the St. Catherine's Parishioners who so generously donate to keep this operation going. If you would like to donate your time, please contact Steffi Chen at 310.266.9796.

You can also participate by putting a donation in an envelope and writing "Feed the Hungry" on the outside and dropping it in the collection basket at Mass or by mail:

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Remember, this is an act of mercy and you will be following the words Jesus said:

"When I was hungry you fed me."

NEEDED PRAYER PARTNERS

This Easter Vigil St. Catherine's will be blessed with 9 adults who will be Baptized and received into the Catholic faith. This period is a time of prayer and intense preparation for all of our new brothers and sisters in Christ. They ask for your prayers especially as an individual prayer partner. In the back of the church you will find their pictures. Please spiritually adopt one of these good people by praying for them throughout Lent to the Easter Vigil. **It means a great deal to these individuals if you can let them know that you are praying for them. Please send notes or cards to the person c/o RCIA here at St Catherine's.** You may identify yourself or remain an anonymous prayer partner. God Bless you for evangelizing in this special way. Their names are:

Michelle	Chelsea	Si
Ken	Michael	Briana
Elizabeth	Dirk	Sabrina

The Choir of St. Cecilia Young Adult Choral Group

The Choir of St. Cecilia is a new and specialized young adult choral group which will sing for the Sunday 6:30am Mass once a month. The choir will focus on rekindling the beauty of our Catholic musical heritage, particularly with hymns in four part harmonies and chants. **All young adults are welcome** regardless of prior singing experience. If you would like to join, please contact Joseph Greene by email at jgreenecomposer@gmail.com.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and **ALL Fridays** during Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older.



2022 LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES 2022 SERVICIOS COMUNITARIOS DE PENITENCIA Y RECONCILIACIÓN DE CUARESMA

Riverside Vicariate & Riverside Metropolitan Area / Vicariato de Riverside y Área Metropolitana de Riverside

Queen of Angels - Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm
St. Mel - Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm
St. Mary Magdalene - Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm
St. Anthony - Friday, March 25 at 5:00 pm
St. Edward - Friday, April 1 at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine - Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew Newman Center - Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew Kim - Friday, April 8 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

*Penance
is an
experience
of the gift of
God's
boundless
mercy.*

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Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

Isamel Vara
Leon Charles Anderson
Mary Geraldine Anderson
Marlene Ann Hofmeister
Carlos Garcia Constantino
Rita Garcia Turner
Robert Gomez

Katherine Patton
Gilberto Moreto
Gary Wiederspan
Ludy Orendia
Daniel Castro
Mary Alice Maxwell

*For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.
...May they rest in peace*



Prayer + Fasting + Almsgiving

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer,
call the toll free

Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario,
llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual
Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

PRAY FOR THOSE BECOMING CATHOLIC.

**BRIANA CHELSEA DIRK ELIZABETH KEN
MICHAEL MICHELLE SABRINA SI**

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WE WILL PROFILE THOSE ADULTS BEING RECEIVED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS EASTER. THESE MEN AND WOMEN HAVE JOURNEYED THROUGH THE RCIA FOR A YEAR OR MORE, LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH AND DISCERNING GOD'S CALL IN THEIR LIVES. PLEASE LIFT THEM UP IN PRAYER.

A journey in faith



Meet Sabrina

Sabrina was baptized in the Baptist Church and has a strong faith in God. She is journeying through RCIA with her husband Dirk. Sabrina is a prayerful and caring person which has led her to minister to homeless in the past.



Meet Dirk

Dirk is presently a teacher and has a passion for learning. His study of Catholicism led him to realize the truth of the Church and a desire to join RCIA. Dirk has a deep faith and trust in God which is shown in his compassion for others and devotion to his wife Sabrina.

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LENT

*Fast
Pray
Give*



Lent

Walking with Christ



Are You Looking for a study group for Lent? We are all longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives.

The ANIMA series, is an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose. We will discuss Christ's Incarnation, Resurrection, and the institution of the Church, how God reveals the meaning of all life. This three-part series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church.

We invite you to join our Lenten Study Group:

Sunday March 27th 5pm-6pm

Sunday April 3rd 5pm-6pm

Sunday April 10th 5pm-6pm

Adult Faith Formation Ministry is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Walking with Christ

Time: Mar 27, 2022 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89111940612?pwd=VXRic0RXYVlqdTFYOFdHVZTWDRNDZ09>

Meeting ID: 891 1194 0612

Passcode: 678814

us02web.zoom.us/j/89111940612?pwd=VXRic0RXYVlqdTFYOFdHVZTWDRNDZ09

"Join us in Prayer"

The Holy Rosary

Daily @ 7:00 PM On ZOOM (zoom.us)

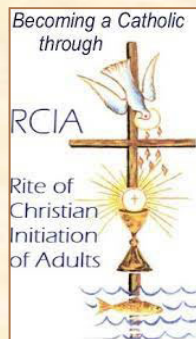
Bilingual-English and Spanish

Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466 / Passcode: 803585

"Follow us on Facebook at 7pm Daily"



RCIA Inquiry



Have you been worshipping with us, but have never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If you, or someone you know, answers **YES** to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information.

We would love to help you through the journey of becoming Catholic!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Living Stewardship Now

Put aside the lists and waste some time with God—pray, take a nap, play with the kids, admire nature. It may not be productive, but it will be fruitful.

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REFLECTION:

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

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Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the **Life Night** are meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week—3/20/2022: "Are you ready to change? Lent calls us to journey" - Join us for a Lenten reflection on this season of Lent. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance for more information.

Next Week—3/27/2022: "Are you ready to change? Lent calls us to journey" - Part 2. Join us for a Lenten reflection on this season of Lent. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to all High School age youth and we invite you to join us. They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for 2022 are available for purchase at our parish office. Valid from date of purchase through all of Year 2022. Or contact Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. **Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs.** Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 3/20/2022

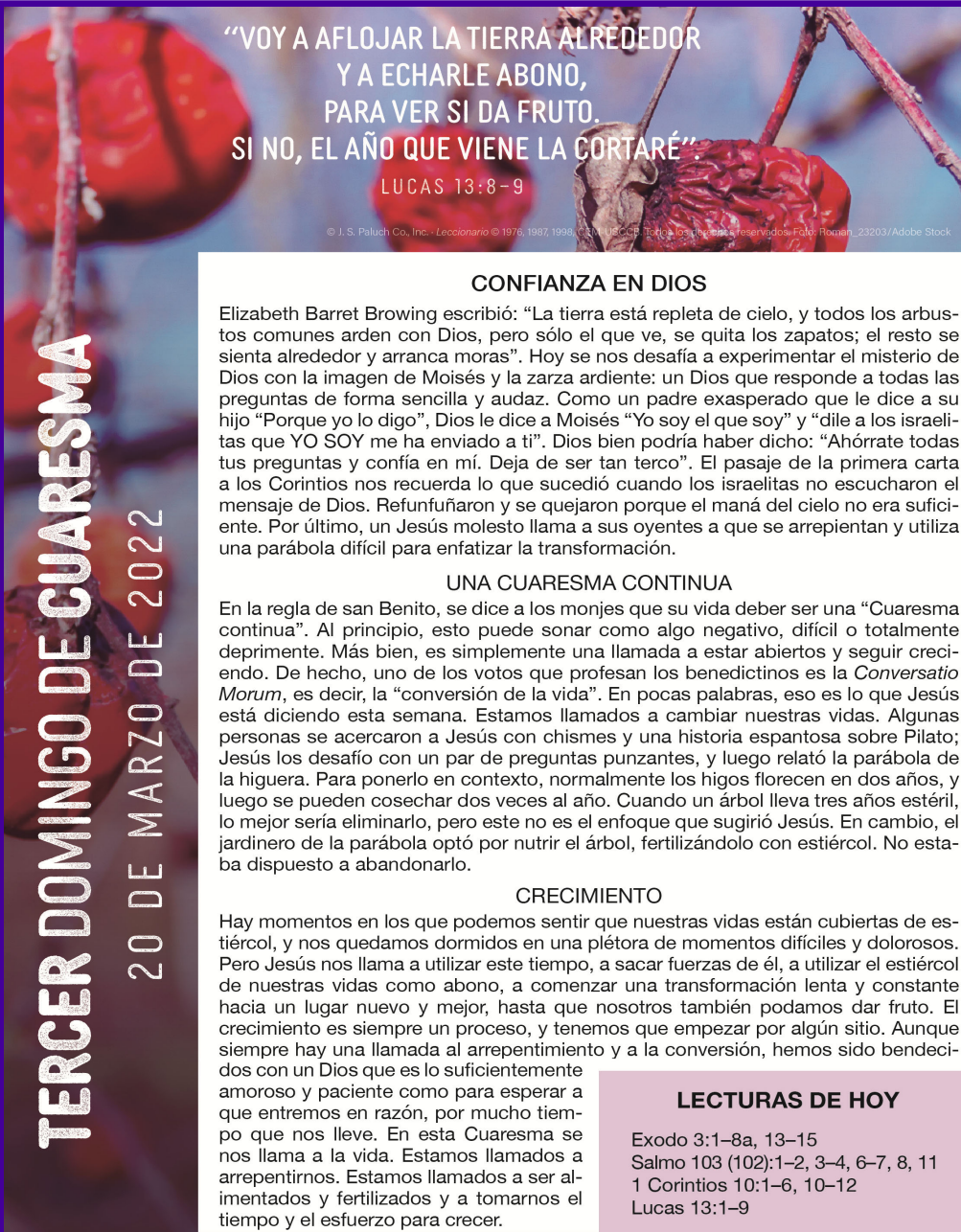
1st Year of Confirmation - Our next Module for the year will be April 10th or 11th. The Zoom code will be emailed during the week before the meeting. You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you missed the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - All 1st year make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheets are past due, please see Lance.

3rd Year of Confirmation - The last candidates & sponsors gathering was March 5th on Zoom. **If you missed the meeting, contact Lance.** Please remember to be attending classes and life nights as this year is going by really fast. Make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last two years ASAP.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for APPOINTMENT & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.



**“VOY A AFLOJAR LA TIERRA ALREDEDOR
Y A ECHARLE ABONO,
PARA VER SI DA FRUTO.
SI NO, EL AÑO QUE VIENE LA CORTARÉ”.**
LUCAS 13:8-9

CONFIANZA EN DIOS

Elizabeth Barret Browning escribió: “La tierra está repleta de cielo, y todos los arbustos comunes arden con Dios, pero sólo el que ve, se quita los zapatos; el resto se sienta alrededor y arranca moras”. Hoy se nos desafía a experimentar el misterio de Dios con la imagen de Moisés y la zarza ardiente: un Dios que responde a todas las preguntas de forma sencilla y audaz. Como un padre exasperado que le dice a su hijo “Porque yo lo digo”, Dios le dice a Moisés “Yo soy el que soy” y “dile a los israelitas que YO SOY me ha enviado a ti”. Dios bien podría haber dicho: “Ahórrate todas tus preguntas y confía en mí. Deja de ser tan terco”. El pasaje de la primera carta a los Corintios nos recuerda lo que sucedió cuando los israelitas no escucharon el mensaje de Dios. Refunfuñaron y se quejaron porque el maná del cielo no era suficiente. Por último, un Jesús molesto llama a sus oyentes a que se arrepientan y utiliza una parábola difícil para enfatizar la transformación.

UNA CUARESMA CONTINUA

En la regla de san Benito, se dice a los monjes que su vida deber ser una “Cuaresma continua”. Al principio, esto puede sonar como algo negativo, difícil o totalmente deprimente. Más bien, es simplemente una llamada a estar abiertos y seguir creciendo. De hecho, uno de los votos que profesan los benedictinos es la *Conversatio Morum*, es decir, la “conversión de la vida”. En pocas palabras, eso es lo que Jesús está diciendo esta semana. Estamos llamados a cambiar nuestras vidas. Algunas personas se acercaron a Jesús con chismes y una historia espantosa sobre Pilato; Jesús los desafió con un par de preguntas punzantes, y luego relató la parábola de la higuera. Para ponerlo en contexto, normalmente los higos florecen en dos años, y luego se pueden cosechar dos veces al año. Cuando un árbol lleva tres años estéril, lo mejor sería eliminarlo, pero este no es el enfoque que sugirió Jesús. En cambio, el jardinero de la parábola optó por nutrir el árbol, fertilizándolo con estiércol. No estaba dispuesto a abandonarlo.

CRECIMIENTO

Hay momentos en los que podemos sentir que nuestras vidas están cubiertas de estiércol, y nos quedamos dormidos en una plétora de momentos difíciles y dolorosos. Pero Jesús nos llama a utilizar este tiempo, a sacar fuerzas de él, a utilizar el estiércol de nuestras vidas como abono, a comenzar una transformación lenta y constante hacia un lugar nuevo y mejor, hasta que nosotros también podamos dar fruto. El crecimiento es siempre un proceso, y tenemos que empezar por algún sitio. Aunque siempre hay una llamada al arrepentimiento y a la conversión, hemos sido bendecidos con un Dios que es lo suficientemente amoroso y paciente como para esperar a que entremos en razón, por mucho tiempo que nos lleve. En esta Cuaresma se nos llama a la vida. Estamos llamados a arrepentirnos. Estamos llamados a ser alimentados y fertilizados y a tomarnos el tiempo y el esfuerzo para crecer.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Exodo 3:1-8a, 13-15
Salmo 103 (102):1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12
Lucas 13:1-9

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Señor Dios, fuente de misericordia y de toda bondad, que enseñaste que el remedio contra el pecado está en el ayuno, la oración y la limosna, mira con agrado nuestra humilde confesión, para que a quienes agobia la propia conciencia nos reconforte siempre tu misericordia. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:

Haz un examen de conciencia esta semana y ora por la amorosa misericordia de Dios.

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD VIVIDA AHORA

Deja a un lado las listas y dedica un tiempo junto a Dios—ora, toma una siesta, juega con los niños, admira la naturaleza. No será productivo, pero sí fructífero.

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El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso, lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar. — Salmo 103 (102):8

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o *Exodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15ab; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14

Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Lecturas alternativas (Año A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;

Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

20 de marzo - TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

23 de marzo - Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo, obispo

25 de marzo - ANUNCIACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

San Turibio, Toribio como laico, fue juez principal de la Inquisición en Granada; como arzobispo de Lima, presidió el III Concilio de Lima (1583); estableció el primer seminario en el Nuevo Mundo; trató de aliviar la pobreza entre la población nativa; contemporáneo de Santa Rosa de Lima; murió en 1606.

La Anunciación del Señor

El Ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, a una virgen desposada con un hombre llamado José, de la Casa de David; y la virgen se llamaba María. El Ángel le dijo: "No temas, María, concebirás en tu seno y darás a luz un hijo, al que pondrás el nombre de Jesús".

Lucas 1:26-31

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El Vía Crucis se llevara a cabo:

- Los viernes a las 6:30 pm: en inglés 25 de marzo y 8 de abril; en español 1 de abril.
- En español, miércoles 23 de marzo, y 6 de abril a las 6:30 pm.
- El Viernes Santo, 15 de abril a las 3:00 pm.

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Se están regalando botellas de desinfectante de manos (gel hidroalcohólico) después de la misa. Si lees la etiqueta de la botella tiene Obras de Misericordia que puedes hacer durante el tiempo de Cuaresma. Llévate uno a casa cada semana.



ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevara a cabo el primer viernes, 1 de abril de 2022 inmediatamente después de la Misa de 8:15 am y terminará a las 5:00 pm.

"Te adoramos santísimo Señor Jesucristo, aquí en todas tus Iglesias, que están en el mundo entero, porque por tu santa cruz, has redimido al mundo" (San Francisco).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on First Friday, April 1, 2022 immediately following the 8:15 am Mass and ends at 5:00 pm.

"We adore Thee most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here in all Thy Churches, which are in the whole world, because by Thy holy cross, Thou hast redeemed the world" (St. Francis).



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN BÍBLICA

Anfitrión: Padre Luis A. Segura, MSC

Cada viernes en español
por Zoom

7:00 pm a 8:00 pm



Para unirse a la reunión:

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¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS!

¡Los Platos de Arroz ya están aquí!



SUPERANDO EL DESASTRE

En Bangladesh, los ciclones y otros desastres naturales son más frecuentes y destruyen sembradíos, hogares y más. Esto hace difícil que personas como Noornobi puedan ganarse la vida y mantener a sus familias. Pero Noornobi ha aprendido nuevas técnicas para proteger su tierra e ingresos; así ha podido darles estudios a sus sobrinos. **¿Cómo puedes cuidar la creación para ayudar al planeta y a nuestra familia humana?** Visita crsplatodearroz.org para obtener más información.

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Rogamos al Señor por Noornobi y su familia, a quienes conocemos a través de Plato de Arroz de CRS, y por todos los que experimentan un clima severo, para que puedan proteger sus hogares y medios de vida y ser más resistentes a un clima cambiante. También por nuestra comunidad, para que reconozcamos cómo nuestras acciones impactan el planeta y hagamos esfuerzos cada vez mayores para cuidar la creación de Dios.

REGLAMENTOS DE CUARESMA

Los católicos mayores de 14 años deben observar la **abstinencia de carne** el **Miércoles de Ceniza**, el **Viernes Santo** y **TODOS** los viernes de Cuaresma.

MINISTERIO DE SALUD

La clínica móvil está disponible el 2 de abril de 2022 de 9:00 am a

1:00 pm para pacientes adultos, en el patio trasero de la escuela de St. Catherine, cerca de las mesas de picnic. Se ofrece cuidado médico para adultos, laboratorio y medicamento de bajo costo, los pacientes serán atendidos conforme lleguen y se registren.

Durante la pandemia de Coronavirus, llame al 714-633-4600 para realizar la preselección y hacer una cita.

