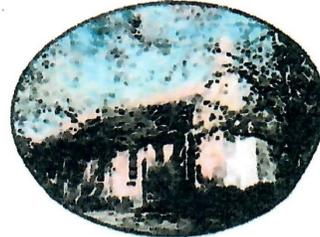




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Temoc Herrejon Faith Formation
Ann Stone RCIA
Joel Everett Music

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Phillip Parrish RCIA
Theresa Martin Music

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen
Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners!

*We are a Stewardship community, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick
If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

February, 15, 2026

Morning, Church!

Our Youth and OCIA groups will be discussing the same topic during February: *Catholic Morality*. Included in their catechesis: Original Grace and Original Sin; the two models of sin: the legal model (rigid) and the relational model (striving for the common good while striving to live seamless lives); the 10 Commandments; God's covenant with us; prophets, those who speak for God; the Beatitudes; and the Virtues verses their corresponding Vices: humility vs. pride, chastity vs. lust, temperance vs. gluttony, charity vs. greed, diligence / good work ethic vs. sloth, patience vs. wrath, and appreciation vs. envy. The Wisdom of God and the grace of the Spirit, guide us on our journey and help us to *incorporate, corpus /embody*, what it truly *means* to be People of the Word.

Sirach or *Ecclesiasticus*, (*church book*), is part of the Wisdom literature. It's authorship is attributed to Ben Sira, a.k.a., Qoheleth. His key points can be summarized as: *God's Wisdom* will enable you to *live them* faithfully. and *intelligence* will enable you to *know* the Commandments. It is all about making consistent, virtuous choices: life and death are forever before us.

Psalm 119, the longest psalm, poetically reinforces this truth and how God desires to give us Divine Wisdom, how God hopes we will desire God's Wisdom and make it a high priority. Be discerning, diligent, and prayerful so that you may choose wisely, for life and death are forever before us.

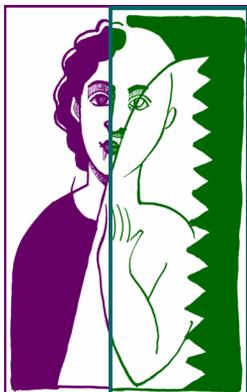
*"Choose life! Only that and always!
At whatever risk, to let life leak out, to let it wear away by the mere passage of time,
to withhold giving and spending it...is to choose nothing."
~ S. Helen Kelly, O.P.*

Today's gospel emphasizes worshiping God and keeping God's laws with Spirit. Jesus' teaching is meant to stretch the minds and hearts of his hearers: "You have heard it said..." "...but I say to you..." In Wisdom, Jesus teaches and fulfills the Law. Jesus is the fullness of the law and love! As we continue our faithjourney together, we are reminded *to mean what we say and to mean what we do*. Choose wisely. "Let your 'Yes' *mean* 'Yes' and your 'No' *mean* 'No.' It is a matter of life and death.

In the One, we are one...in CommUNITY,

Janis

Let your 'Yes'
mean 'Yes' ...



Let your 'No'
mean 'No' ...

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE

Fasting: no eating between meals

Abstinence: no eating meat.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days
of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
This obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat applies
to those from age 18 - 59.

Fasting:

a person is permitted to eat one full meal,
as well as two smaller meals that together
are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat
are binding upon members from age 14 and older.

Dar: compartir tiempo, talento y tesoro

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Nuestros grupos de Jóvenes y OCIA discutirán el mismo tema durante febrero: Moralidad Católica. En su catequesis se incluyen: Gracia Original y Pecado Original; los dos modelos de pecado: el modelo legal (minimalista y rígido) y el modelo relacional (que busca el bien común y busca una vida plena); los Diez Mandamientos; la alianza de Dios con nosotros; los profetas, quienes hablan en nombre de Dios; las Bienaventuranzas; y las Virtudes y sus correspondientes Vicios: humildad vs. orgullo, castidad vs. lujuria, templanza vs. gula, caridad vs. avaricia, diligencia vs. pereza, paciencia vs. ira, y aprecio vs. envidia. La Sabiduría de Dios y la gracia del Espíritu nos guían en nuestro camino y nos ayudan a incorporar, corpus/encarnar, lo que realmente significa ser Pueblo de la Palabra.

El Eclesiástico, o libro de la iglesia, forma parte de la literatura sapiencial. Su autoría se atribuye a Ben Sira, también llamado Qohelet. Estos versículos resumen sus puntos clave: la inteligencia te permitirá conocer los Mandamientos; la Sabiduría de Dios te permitirá vivirlos fielmente. Se trata de tomar decisiones coherentes y virtuosas: la vida y la muerte están siempre ante nosotros.

El Salmo 119, el más largo, refuerza poéticamente esta verdad y cómo Dios desea darnos la Sabiduría Divina, cómo Dios espera que anhelemos la Sabiduría de Dios y la convirtamos en una alta prioridad. Sé perspicaz, diligente y devoto para que puedas elegir sabiamente, porque la vida y la muerte están siempre ante nosotros.

El evangelio de hoy enfatiza la adoración a Dios y el cumplimiento de sus leyes con el Espíritu. La enseñanza de Jesús busca expandir la mente y el corazón de sus oyentes: "Habéis oído que se dijo..." "...pero yo os digo..." En Sabiduría, Jesús enseña y cumple la Ley. ¡Jesús es la plenitud de la ley y el amor! Al continuar juntos nuestro camino de fe, se nos recuerda que debemos ser sinceros en lo que decimos y en lo que hacemos. Elijan sabiamente. "Que tu 'Sí' sea 'Sí' y tu 'No' sea 'No'. Es cuestión de vida o muerte.

En el Uno, somos uno, en ComUNIDAD,

spania



AYUNO Y ABSTENCIÓN DE CUARESMA

Ayuno: no comer entre comidas.

Abstinencia: no comer carne.

El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia para los católicos.

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia.

Este ayuno y abstinencia de carne se aplica a las personas de 18 a 59 años.

Ayuno: se permite una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa.

Las normas sobre la abstinencia de carne son vinculantes para los miembros mayores de 14 años.

F E B R U A R Y	
01	4th Sun OT All events cancelled
03	All events cancelled
04	Zoom OCIA 2, 6:30p; No Choir, 7p
 08	5th Sun OT Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
09	Ladies Guild cancelled
 10	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p Being Catholic, 1p
 11	OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 
14	Valentine's Day 
 15	6th Sun OT World Marriage Day  Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 16	Give Blood, Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 1st Baptist Church, Gwyn Ave 
 17	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
18	Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes, 6:45p 
 19	Wise Ones, 1p Cowboys Host: Karen G
20	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
21	Men's Group @ Breakfast Time, 8:30a 
 22	1st Sun Lent Rite of Election Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 24	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 2, 6:30p
 25	OCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 

Weather Alerts / Church Schedule

Watch WXII (NBC), WGHP (CBS),
or FOX 8 for news
of cancellation of church events.

Consulte WXII (NBC), WGHPKJ (CBS)
o FOX 8
para obtener información.
sobre los horarios

LENT
COMMUNAL PRAYER
Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent, 6:30p
Feb 20 & 27
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27

🕯️ Mass Intentions	
01	+Georgette & William Dyer
08	+Bob Horneck r/b Lana
15	Married Couples +Penny Davis; +Dustin Transou
22	OCIA Candidates & Sponsors

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Jusselly Loyola	23 Gabby LaCashio
02 Julie Cortez	Margarita Lara
Jovanny Lopez	24 Andrew Ange
08 Marbel Garcia	Laura Barrientos
14 Karen Gochnauer	Allan Lara
17 Belva Billings	Marcus Orta
Brittany Reece	Sutton Kegeorge
19 Ryan Treannie	Kiera O'Reilly
21 John Castillo	27 Catalina Hernandez
22 Wendy McClamrock	28 Giovanni Mariano
Julie Colglazier	

17 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez

*We live in a world in which
we need to share responsibility.*

It's easy to say.

*It's not my child, not my community,
not my world, not my problem.*

*Then there are those
who see the need and respond.*

I consider those people my heroes.

~ Fred Rogers

Those who see the need and respond
live the gospel and are
Saints-in-the-making.

Women of
Jerusalem

Good Friday

April 3



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

...for peace in U.S., in Ukraine & Russia;
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;
for Abbas & Netanyahu for the end to all bombings in Gaza, a peaceful and just end to these wars, and all wars...

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
JAN Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	MAR Laundry detergent	MAY Toilet paper
FEB Corn meal	APR Canned fruit	JUN Tooth paste



PRAY FOR AN END
TO VIOLENCE,
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING
YOUR INK HERE.
IT'S GOOD for the EARTH
and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**

Kindly complete this survey for Catholic Charities: **All survey responses will remain confidential and will only be used in summary form to identify trends and key themes.**

Thank you for helping ensure the voices of our Diocese are heard. Your partnership is essential as we work together to guide this important process and strengthen our shared ability to care for the most vulnerable in our communities.

Catholic Charities, under the direction of Bishop Michael Martin, is entering a time of visioning for the future. To guide this important work, Catholic Charities is inviting everyone in our parish—and throughout the diocese—to take part in a short survey.

The survey will help identify the most pressing human needs in our communities and shape how Catholic Charities serves people in the years ahead. Your input is vital to this process of listening and discernment.

Please take a few minutes today to complete the survey, there's a QR code in the parish bulletin and on our website. Thank you for sharing your voice and helping Catholic Charities continue to be a sign of God's love and mercy in our diocese

Complete the survey here:



[https://www.surveymonkey.com/tr/DOCPARISHES?DG=\[DG_value\]](https://www.surveymonkey.com/tr/DOCPARISHES?DG=[DG_value])

Por favor, complete esta encuesta para Caridades Católicas:
Todas las respuestas a la encuesta se mantendrán confidenciales y solo se utilizarán de forma resumida para identificar tendencias y temas clave.

Gracias por ayudarnos a garantizar que se escuchen las voces de nuestra Diócesis.
Su colaboración es esencial mientras trabajamos juntos para guiar este importante proceso y fortalecer nuestra capacidad conjunta para cuidar a los más vulnerables de nuestras comunidades.

Caridades Católicas, bajo la dirección del obispo, Monseñor Michael Martin, está entrando en un tiempo de proyección para el futuro. Para guiar este importante trabajo, Caridades Católicas invita a todos en nuestra parroquia —y en toda la diócesis— a participar en una breve encuesta.

La encuesta ayudará a identificar las necesidades humanas más urgentes en nuestras comunidades y a definir cómo Caridades Católicas brindará asistencia a las personas en los próximos años. Su aporte es fundamental para este proceso de escucha y discernimiento.

Por favor, tómese unos minutos hoy para completar la encuesta; hay un código QR en el boletín parroquial y en nuestro sitio web. Gracias por compartir su voz y ayudar a Caridades Católicas a seguir siendo un signo del amor y la misericordia de Dios en nuestra diócesis.

Ash Wednesday

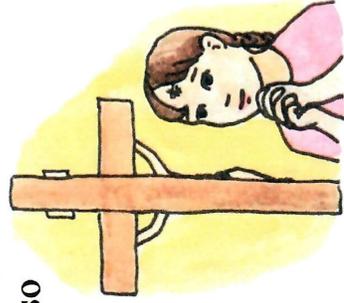


This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices - out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to Word-Find: "you will be blessed."

The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15th, 2026



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nziloda ot smas l
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Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 17

IN THE EARLY 1200'S IN FLORENCE, ITALY, MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAD DRIFTED AWAY FROM THE FAITH AND LOVE OF GOD, AND HERESY WAS COMMON.

I'm not wasting my time going to Mass!

SEVEN YOUNG NOBLEMEN, HOWEVER, JOINED A GROUP IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY.

I would love to!

You should join our group!

SHE APPEARED TO THEM AND TOLD THEM TO LIVE FOR GOD, AWAY FROM THE WORLD.

This is the habit I want you to wear.

This is a good house! Yes, but we get too many visitors.

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TWO OF THEM WERE MARRIED AND TWO WERE WIDOWERS SO THEY FOUND WAYS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

I'll look after your children.

SOON THEY MOVED TO A MOUNTAIN SIDE WHERE THEY BUILT A CHURCH. SIX OF THEM BECAME PRIESTS.

When it gets too hot we can study.

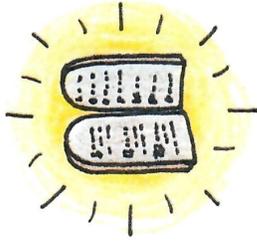
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IT TOOK MANY YEARS BEFORE THE ORDER WAS MADE OFFICIAL BY THE CHURCH, BUT MANY MEN JOINED AND IT SPREAD THROUGH EUROPE.

THE SEVEN SAINTS WHO STARTED THE SERVITE ORDER MADE GREAT SACRIFICES BY GIVING UP THEIR LIFE OF WEALTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAD GOD'S HELP AND ALSO EACH OTHER'S HELP. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP YOU TO BE HOLY AND EVEN HEROIC? ARE YOU THAT KIND OF FRIEND?

Psalm 119 Word-Find



Y D S C O F G O O D U
 W I T O L O R D B I L
 B L A M E L E S S L B
 L I T M E L A W E B C
 E G U A P O F I R M O
 S E T N R W L I V E N
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 S Y K E P T S E D E E
 M I G H T H W A L K R
 W O R D S E R V A N T

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT. Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS. OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law,