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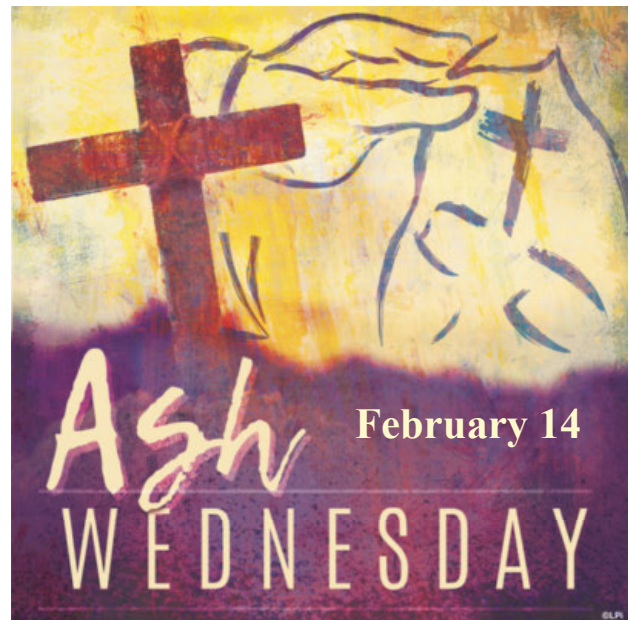
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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses with distribution of Ashes:

7:00 am, 9:00 am,
6:30 pm English,
8:00 pm Español

Prayer Services with Ashes distributed:

12 noon and 3:30 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM
Tuesdays 6:30 PM Spanish



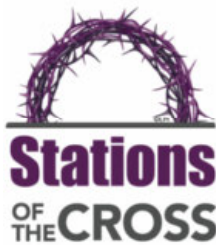
Please note: No Adoration on Ash Wednesday.

Saturday	February 10
5:30 pm	Jose Ramon Cabrera
7:00 pm (Español)	Nelly Perez
Sunday	February 11
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Julius Daliva, Sr.
10:30 am	The Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry
12:00 pm	Juan Ramon Carrion
1:15pm (Español)	Alejandro & Maria Espinal— 45th Wedding Anniversary
Monday	February 12
7:00 am	Sp. Int.: Teresa Pineda— Birthday Thanksgiving
9:00 am	Joseph C. McGill—45th Anniversary
6:30 pm	Eduardo Agray
Tuesday	February 13
7:00 am	Intentions of Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
9:00 am	Laura Rodriguez
6:30 pm (Español)	Edgar Caparas
Wednesday	February 14—ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 am	Jorge Cuison
9:00 am	John Cirone
6:30 pm	Patricia & Vicente Napoles
8:00 pm (Español)	Linda Manson
Thursday	February 15
7:00 am	Gregg A. Sanchez
9:00 am	Vincent Rose—37th Anniversary
6:30 pm	Elaine Mischler
Friday	February 16
7:00 am	William Roder
9:00 am	Roger Coppinger
6:30 pm	Oscar Campo
Saturday	February 17
7:00 am	Pamfila Fano
9:00 am	Ricardo & Precious Joy Corona
5:30 pm	Joseph and Mary Kate Brennan
7:00 pm (Español)	Roberto Taborda, Sr.
Sunday	February 18
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Alvin Christopher Palcon
10:30 am	Juana Abregu and Rita Seco
12:00 pm	Josefina Pacheco
1:15pm (Español)	Sp. Int.: Lisnelia Espinal

**Deanery Lenten
Penance Services**

7 pm on the following days:

Feb. 26 - St. Mary, Dumont
March 4 - St. Joseph, Oradell
March 11 - St. Peter's, River Edge
March 18 - Our Lady of the Visitation,
Paramus



**Fridays at 6:00 pm
in the Main Church—English
(except Good Friday)**

**Los viernes a las 7:00 pm
en Español en la Iglesia
Principal (excepto el Viernes Santo)**

2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Felicidad B. Javier, Nora Raimondi & Rosemarie Butler in your prayers.

Memorial Fund/Special Intention
Feb. 10-16—Altar Flowers
In loving memory of Dorothy Hartney
Requested by Clare Kaberle

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



On Ash Wednesday, our Lent will begin the moment ashes are placed on our heads. Lent is a preparation for Easter; the way we live Lent will determine the way we live Easter. Just as the Resurrection of Christ is preceded by his death, Lent invites us to voluntarily accept mortification, death to self. This is only possible because the Resurrection of Christ awaits us at Easter.

We will receive the ashes accompanied by one of two formulas: "Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

Repentance means a turning away from sin, acknowledging the times we have fallen in the face of temptation, the times we have chosen not to accept suffering. The good news is that there is a Gospel, that Jesus Christ was tempted in the same way we are, and that he has overcome these temptations for us.

He faced the temptations of bread, of idols and of history (ie not accepting his life the way it was). We face the same temptations, but Lent arms us with the spiritual weapons of fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, he was hungry, he suffered. The devil was there waiting, watching, counting the days, 1,2,3,...10...20...30...35..... and then he appeared when Jesus was at his weakest. The devil never tempts us when we are on our game, when we feel strong, but waits for the moment we are at our lowest. 'Why should you be suffering like this, why should you have to experience want and need?' he says. In other words, 'Turn these stones into bread.'

Like Jesus, we are tempted to find the meaning of our life only in bread: get good grades, go to a good college, get a good career, secure financial security, have enough money to live comfortably; these are the most important things in life. Not that any of these things are bad in themselves, but the temptation is to think that life is secured only by them.

'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' Jesus answered this temptation by fasting. We too will fast during Lent.

In our fasting, our voluntarily acceptance of mortification, we will experience the presence and consolation of God. The Church calls this time the "Joyful Season of Lent". Do you believe that Lent can be joyful? It can, and it will be, as we experience through the Lenten fast that the Word of God—Christ himself—is our true nourishment.

Happy fasting!

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Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,



El miércoles de Ceniza, nuestra Cuaresma comenzará en el momento en que las cenizas se colocan en nuestras frentes. La Cuaresma es una preparación para la Pascua; la forma en que vivimos la Cuaresma determinará la forma en que vivimos la Pascua. Así como la Resurrección de Cristo es precedida por su muerte, la Cuaresma nos invita a aceptar voluntariamente la mortificación, la muerte al yo. Esto solo es posible porque la Resurrección de Cristo nos espera en la Pascua.

Recibiremos las cenizas acompañadas por una de dos fórmulas: "Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás" o "Aléjate del pecado y sé fiel al Evangelio."

El arrepentimiento significa alejarse del pecado, reconocer los tiempos en que hemos caído frente a la tentación, los tiempos en que hemos elegido no aceptar el sufrimiento. La buena noticia es que hay un Evangelio, que Jesucristo fue tentado de la misma manera que nosotros, y que él ha superado estas tentaciones por nosotros.

Se enfrentó a las tentaciones del pan, de los ídolos y de la historia (es decir, no aceptar su vida como era). Enfrentamos las mismas tentaciones, pero la Cuaresma nos arma con las armas espirituales del ayuno, la limosna y la oración.

Jesús ayunó durante 40 días y noches, tenía hambre, sufrió. El diablo estaba allí esperando, observando, contando los días, 1,2,3,...10...20...30...35..... y luego apareció cuando Jesús estaba en su punto más débil. El diablo nunca nos tienta cuando estamos cómodos, cuando nos sentimos fuertes, pero espera el momento en que estamos en nuestro estado más débil. '¿Por qué deberías estar sufriendo así, por qué tendrías que experimentar lo que quieres y la necesidad?', dice. En otras palabras, 'Convierte estas piedras en pan.'

Como Jesús, estamos tentados de encontrar el sentido de nuestra vida solo en el pan: obtener buenas calificaciones, ir a una buena universidad, conseguir una buena carrera, seguridad financiera segura, tener suficiente dinero para vivir cómodamente; estas son las cosas más importantes en la vida. No es que ninguna de estas cosas sean malas en sí mismas, pero la tentación es pensar que la vida está asegurada solo por ellas.

'El hombre no vive solo de pan, sino de toda palabra que viene de la boca de Dios.' Jesús respondió a esta tentación ayunando. Nosotros también ayunaremos durante la Cuaresma.

En nuestro ayuno, en nuestra aceptación voluntaria de la mortificación, experimentaremos la presencia y el consuelo de Dios. La Iglesia llama a este tiempo el "tiempo alegre de la Cuaresma". ¿Cree usted que la Cuaresma puede ser alegre? Puede y será, como experimentamos a través del ayuno cuaresmal, que la Palabra de Dios—Cristo mismo—es nuestro verdadero alimento.

¡Feliz ayuno!

Fr. Sean

Solicitud de Declaración de Contribución de la Iglesia 2023

Nombre: _____ Teléfono: _____

Dirección: _____ Número de Sobre: _____

Por favor, complete, separe y coloque en la canasta de la colecta o devuélvala a la rectoría.
Las declaraciones serán enviadas por correo este mes.

Please note: There will not be an English baptism class on the first Sunday of March. The next English baptism class will be the first Sunday in April.

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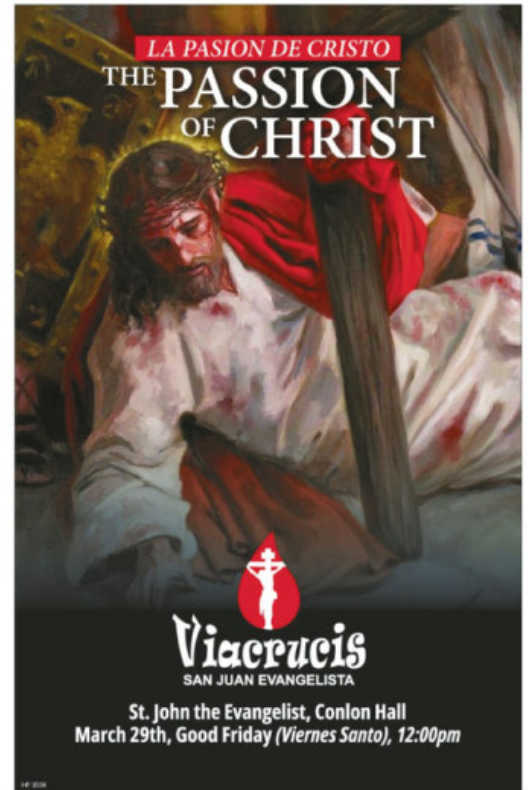
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Follow Up to Ministers Workshop

More than 100 people came to the Ministry Workshop on Feb 3rd. Thank you to all who came, it was a very productive morning. *We will have follow-up sessions to continue the training:*
Sat., Feb. 17th 9:30am-10:30am all current Eucharistic Ministers & those who need to be trained: practicum—Main Church.
Sat. Feb. 17th 10:30am-11:30am all current Lectors and those who need to be trained: practicum—Main Church.
Sat., Mar. 2nd 9:30am-10:30am Altar Server training- all current and aspiring Altar Servers—Main Church. Ages 1st grade thru High School.

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"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live in unity" - Psalm 133:1

LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl during Lent at the doors of the church. Please return to the Rectory by Holy Thursday. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

No habrá Exposición del Santísimo el día Miércoles de Ceniza.

Retiro de Cuaresma
San Juan Evangelista
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Sábado, Febrero 24
 8:30 am -3:30 pm
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Están invitados al retiro de cuaresma el día sábado, 24 de febrero de 8:30am a 3:30pm en Conlon Hall. Adquiera su ticket a la salida de la Misa o en la oficina de la rectoría.

Seguimiento al Taller de Ministros Más de 100 personas asistieron al Taller Ministerial el 3 de febrero. Gracias a todos los que vinieron, fue una mañana muy productiva.

Tendremos sesiones de seguimiento para continuar la formación:

Sábado 17 de febrero 9:30 am-10:30 am todos los Ministros Eucarísticos actuales y aquellos que necesitan capacitación: práctica—Iglesia Principal.

Sábado 17 de febrero 10:30 am-11:30 am todos los Lectores actuales y aquellos que necesitan capacitarse: práctica—Iglesia Principal.

Sábado 2 de marzo 9:30 am-10:30 am Capacitación para monaguillos: todos los monaguillos actuales y aspirantes—Iglesia principal. Edades desde 1er grado hasta la escuela secundaria.



¡SE ACERCA LA CUARESMA! Recoge su Plato de Arroz de CRS por las puertas de la iglesia. Durante los 40 días de Cuaresma, reflexionaremos sobre el impacto del hambre y el cambio climático en las comunidades vulnerables de todo el mundo. Oremos, ayunaremos y daremos limosna para ayudar a nuestros hermanos necesitados. Visite crsplatodearroz.org para saber más.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Los viernes a las 7:00 pm en Español en la Iglesia Principal (excepto el Viernes Santo)

Miércoles de Ceniza ~ Febrero 14

Misas con distribución de Cenizas:

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 6:30 pm en Inglés
 8:00 pm—En Español

Servicios de Oración con Cenizas distribuidas:

12:00 pm y 3:30 pm—Inglés
 No habrá servicio en Español

REGLAS DE AYUNO PARA CUARESMA 2024

1. Los días de Ayuno y Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma son el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo se continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (la noche del Sábado Santo) como el “ayuno pascual” para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más fácilmente su Resurrección. Los demás viernes de Cuaresma son días de Abstinencia.

En un día de ayuno, solo se permite una (1) comida completa y dos (2) comidas más pequeñas que, sumadas, no excederían en cantidad la comida principal.

Las personas entre 18 y 59 años están obligadas a ayunar.

En un día de Abstinencia no se puede comer carne. Quienes hayan cumplido 14 años están obligados por la ley de abstinencia.

2. La obligación de observar las leyes de Ayuno y Abstinencia “sustancialmente”, o en su totalidad, es una obligación seria.

3. Los viernes del año, fuera de la Cuaresma, están designados como días de penitencia, pero cada uno puede sustituir la tradicional abstinencia de carne por otra práctica de abnegación voluntaria como penitencia.

4. El tiempo para el cumplimiento del Precepto Pascual (el deber Pascual*) se extiende desde el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma, 18 de febrero, hasta la Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad, 26 de mayo de 2024.

*Canon 920, §1. Todos los fieles, después de haber sido iniciados en la Santísima Eucaristía, tienen la obligación de recibir la Comunión al menos una vez al año.

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