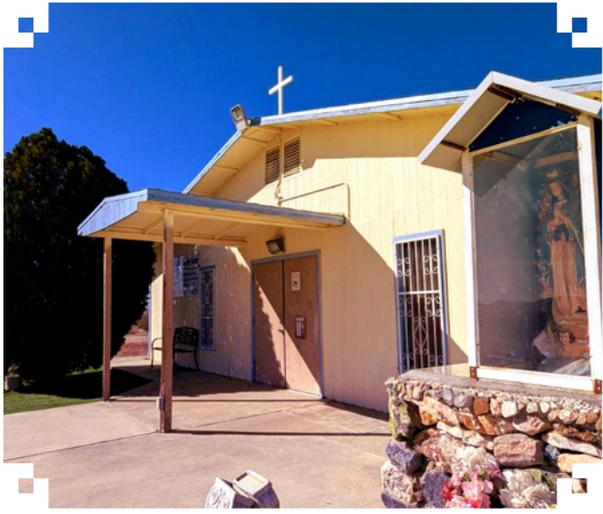


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Confesión el Sábado:
Con cita previa (Español y
Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado:
En la iglesia
(privadamente) 3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) /
Inglés 4:00pm

Rosario el Domingo: Con
las Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen Maria— 11:00am

Misa el Domingo: Español -
11:30am

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Confession on Saturday:
By appointment English/Spanish

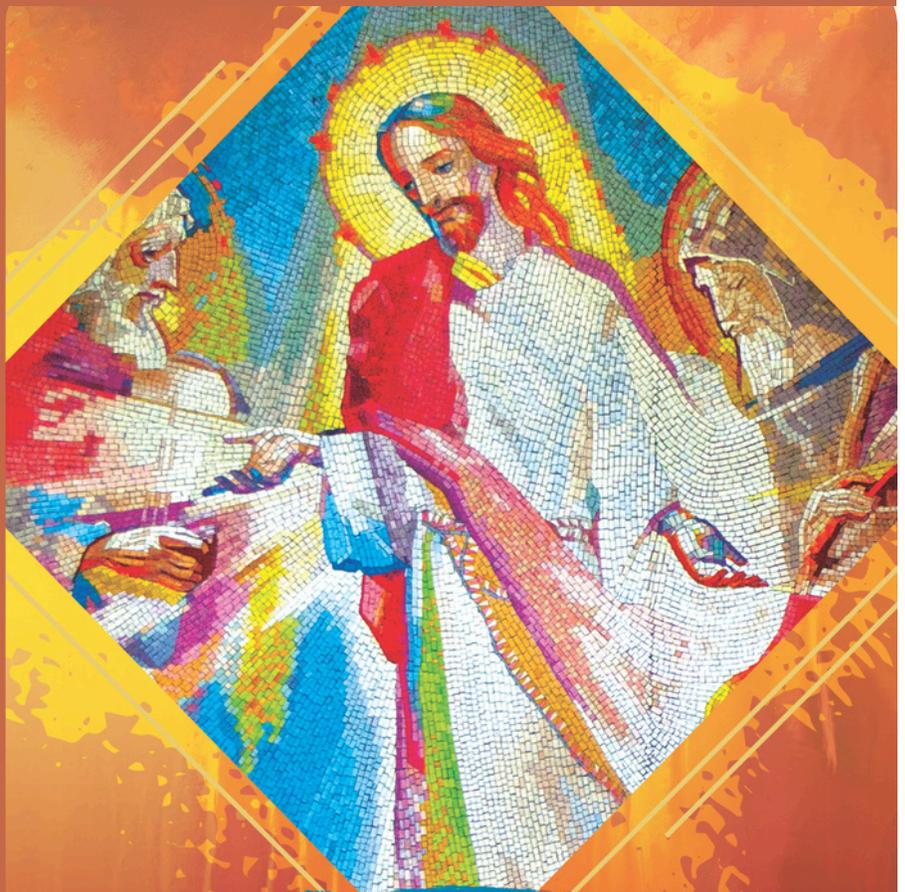
Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately)
3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English - 4:00pm

**Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—11:00am**

Sunday Mass: Spanish - 11:30am

SUNDAY, March 1st, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

Reflection for SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - March 01, 2026 Year A

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 01, 2026

Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: • Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. • 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

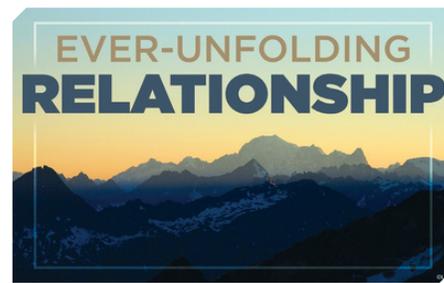
• Matthew 17:1-9

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent—Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, When my children were younger, they could make me nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.



Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment.

This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch. — Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

MAYORDOMÍA COTIDIANA - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Las 6 Características de una Corresponsabilidad Diaria para la Cuaresma – La Oración

Cuando mis hijos eran más pequeños, podían hacerme reír y a veces llorar. Tenía conversaciones sobre animales, la naturaleza, el espacio y tantas cosas increíbles en la vida. Jugaba con ellos un día y después trabajaba para vendar un raspón. Había muchas dinámicas en nuestra relación. Sin embargo, un aspecto era mi favorito. Era cuando uno de ellos se acurrucaba a mi lado en silencio en el sofá, a menudo llegándose a dormir. No había mejor sentimiento, y no quería moverme para nada. Es una locura pensar en todas las cosas que hacíamos juntos, y mi favorito era cuando esencialmente no estábamos haciendo nada.

¿Crees que Dios desea una parte de ti? Sin duda, Él quiere todo de ti: lo bueno, lo malo y lo feo. Caminar con Él diariamente es muy importante, y nunca podremos convertirnos en los discípulos y corresponsables que necesitamos ser sin una relación más profunda. Sin embargo, la oración no es solo hablar y escuchar. También es ser. A veces buscamos comunicarnos tanto y hacer tantas cosas que olvidamos el valor de la corresponsabilidad en presencia. Darnos completamente a otro a menudo requiere que simplemente estemos con esa persona. Sentimos su presencia. Descansamos en su ser. No se necesitan palabras porque las palabras destruirían el momento. Esto es a lo que estamos llamados en una relación con Dios. Esto es una buena corresponsabilidad porque se trata de dar nuestra presencia a Dios y recibir fortaleza de ese descanso en Él. A veces, todo lo que necesitamos es acurrucarnos con nuestro Dios en el sofá.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday:

Gn12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/ Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/ Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

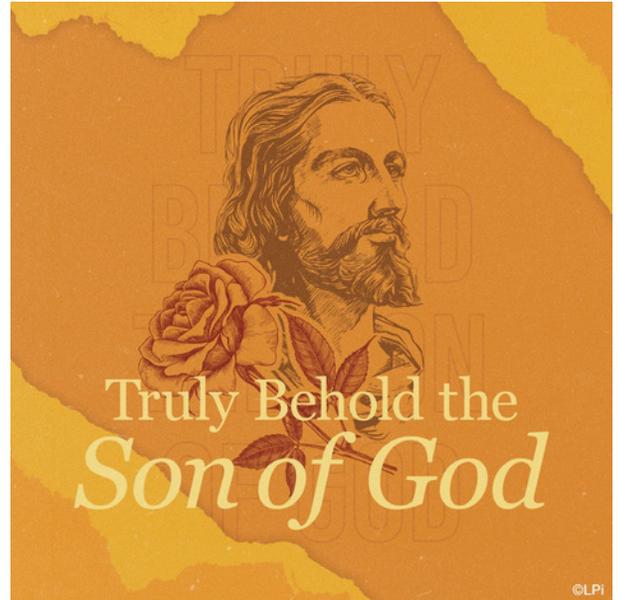
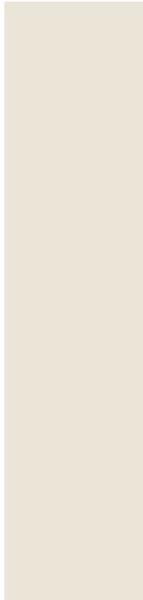
Gn37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

Mi7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex17:3-7/Ps95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir*



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Be a share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins



Virtues, Explained!

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance
and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and
know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have
done,
and look forward to what You will
do.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — "What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?" — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

Parish News and Events

Pray with us on **Hallow** this Lent



Lent Pray40

Join us in a journey to return to our Father this Lent, guided by honestly some of my favorite people in the world: Sister Miriam, Mother Olga, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt, and of course the one and only Jonathan Roumie!

To really help bring the truths of this parable to life this Lent in Pray40, we'll dive into the incredible book, in my humble opinion the greatest novel of all time, *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky!

Kids Lent: Miracle Hunters

Join the Kids' Lent Challenge: Miracle Hunters! Follow Mia, Paul, Brad, and Grace as they set out to discover the truth about miracles and how God is always at work in our lives. Throughout the series, families will meet new friends, dive into Saints Alive-style saint stories, hear inspiring vocation journeys, play games, pray together, and enjoy episodes from the hit game show Holy Moly! Together we'll see that even when miracles don't happen the way we want or expect, God is still at work in His love for us.

This series is perfect for kids aged 6-12.



Teen Lent: The 180

Join Mark Hart, Sr. Josephine, Fr. Frankie Cicero and more for *The 180*, a Lent challenge for teens presented by Life Teen International. Designed for busy schedules, this challenge features short, 180-second sessions all designed to help you make a 180-degree turn towards Christ. Reflect on the daily Gospel readings, learn about the lives of the Saints, and take on a new fasting challenge each week. This Lent, don't just give

something up—take a step closer to Christ every day.



Cuaresma 2026: El Regreso (Spanish Lent)

Únete al retiro de Cuaresma de Hallow, "El Regreso" y vuelve al Padre en esta Cuaresma. Inspirados en la parábola del Hijo Pródigo, nos adentraremos en las profundidades espirituales de Los hermanos Karamázov de Fiódor Dostoyevski. Comenzamos el Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero. Este camino nos invita a mirar de frente el corazón humano inquieto y la misericordia que lo espera. A través de la Escritura, la literatura y la oración, reflexionaremos sobre el pecado y la responsabilidad, la libertad y la fe, la humildad y el amor, escuchando la invitación silenciosa a soltar aquello que nos aleja de Dios, dejarnos restaurar y empezar de nuevo. Muy pronto compartiremos más anuncios emocionantes sobre los guías y mucho más.

Parish News and Events



JOIN US FOR THE
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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish fry dinner includes cod, fries, coleslaw, and a beverage.

Ticket price is \$15 for adults. \$5 for children under 10. Pre-sale tickets are available at each weekend Mass.

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Between **February 24th & March 31st**, additional confessions will be held on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 11am-12:30pm at St. Mary's.

More Lenten Confessions
March 2nd, 6-7:30pm
(St. Mary's, Kingman)

March 9th 6-7pm
(St. Margaret Mary, Bullhead City)

March 23rd 5-6pm
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Religious Formation and Sacraments

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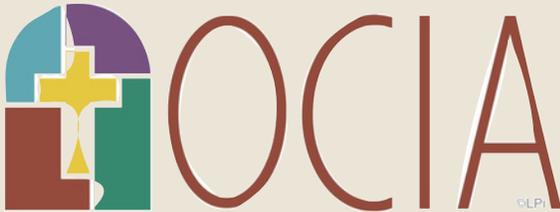
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code --->



We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families!



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CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm

Early Childhood (ages 4-6):

No sacramental preparation

Elementary Catechism, Year 1 (ages 7+):

1st Reconciliation (if baptized)

*Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion

Elementary Catechism, Year 2 (ages 8-12):

1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

*Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.

Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)



BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Office: (928) 377-3435.

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