



Our readings today prepare us for the penitential season of Lent that we are about to enter. They call us to consider what our Lenten journey might be like — an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ.

Our First Reading and our Gospel are tied closely together. In the book of Leviticus, the Lord tells Moses and Aaron in regard to a person with leprosy that “As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean... He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” It was said that if a man had visible skin diseases, he would have to show himself to the priest who would declare him clean or unclean. If declared unclean, he would reside outside the community, separating himself from the rest.

Now in our Gospel, a leper came to Jesus, knelt before Him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. We are filled with sores and wounds — namely, our sins. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake. Let us commit to spending extra time with our Lord in prayer — He will purify the heart that has been wounded. Let us fast from something that competes for our attention or holds us back from our relationship with God. As we offer that sacrifice to the Lord, we will be filled with freedom and peace, and will be strengthened in the face of temptation. And let us give alms to God in thanksgiving for His gifts that He has poured out on us. It will remind us that everything we have is a gift from God — everything good comes from Him, and we want to share every aspect of our lives with Him.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent as an opportunity to be healed and cleansed. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week, reflect on the sores and wounds that we can bring to the Lord during this season. He is ready to stretch out His hand to heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 7, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,292.25
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 86.24
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 924.44
Helping Hands.....	\$ 15.00

***Second Collection - Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday:
Church in Central and Eastern Europe***

***Second Collection - Feb 20 - 21:
Catholic Missions Among the Black / Native Americans***



**CMC - Catholic Men's Conference
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

**Sat, Feb 27th from 8 am- 4 pm
St. Matthew's Athletic Ctr
(10703 Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230)**



Have a powerful transformative experience in a spiritually-charged environment

Speakers: **Fr. Stephen Gadberry,
Fr. Daniel Villarreal, and
Mr. Jared Zimmerer.**

Reserve your seat... Invite a Brother in Christ to attend with you.
Participate In-Person –or– Virtually

Learn More/Register today at: CMCSanAntonio.com or
call (210) 521-3377.

***** Registration Flyers available at the back of the Church *****



Remember... You are dust! And, to dust you shall return!
¡Recuerda que eres polvo! y al polvo has de Volver.
Repent... and, Believe in the Gospel!
¡Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio!



Wed, February 17 - Ash Wednesday: 8 am - Mass (English)
El 17 de febrero - miércoles de Ceniza: 10 am - *** *STM School Service* ***
 12-Noon - Mass (English)
 6 pm - Mass (English)
 7:30 pm - Mass (Spanish)

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday! Your Lenten Goal?

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.



February 17 - March 28

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God’s help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

- **16,742 babies** saved from abortion
- **196 abortion** workers converted
- **104 abortion** centers closed

Here’s how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd.; SA 78299
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily - no Sundays
- **Local contact:** Cathy Nix info@sacfl.org 210 668-1993
- **Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up** for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio

Just a quick reminder of the rules of Fast and Abstinence:

Fast: Defined as having one main (*reasonable*) meal a day and two other smaller ‘*snack-sized*’ meals. Applies to adults ages 18 - 59 (*unless fasting would jeopardize ones health... i.e. diabetics, etc.*)

Abstinence: Defined as avoiding *all* meats (beef, pork, chicken, lamb, etc.)... Fish, reptiles, amphibians, shellfish, etc. are permitted
 Applies to all Catholics ages 14 and up.

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast AND Abstinence.
 Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.*

Resilient in Faith and Service

Jesus watched the people make their temple offerings. Many wealthy people gave great sums from their surplus. But Jesus pointed to another as having given more than all the rest—a poor widow who shared two small coins. Grateful for the Lord's love and blessings, and resilient in faith and service, she gave everything she had back to God. She was the richest of all in love. The past year has been especially difficult. As the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries begins, let us pray for the courage and conviction to follow the poor widow's example. In a spirit of love and with a generous heart, let us give willingly and joyfully to meet others' needs.

Help your parish meet 25% participation goal by making a gift today! You can make a one-time gift, a monthly pledge, or a recurring monthly gift. A recurring gift is a monthly gift with no end date. This gift will continue until you indicate otherwise.

- **Text-To-Give, (210) 750-6712, Keyword: APPEAL**
- **Give online at www.archsa.org/appeal**
- **Complete the gift form sent to your home**
- **Use the pew envelope, or**
- **Make your gift by phone at (210) 734-1604**

The Annual Appeal qualifies for many company matching gift programs and are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Please generously support the Appeal's 30+ ministries devoted to caring for people in need across the archdiocese.

“Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and saw a poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, “...this poor widow has put in more than all” Luke 21:1-4

On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Michael English, we invite you and your family to participate in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries by offering a sacrificial gift your circumstances permit. Your gift will help form priests and deacons to serve you, your family, and individuals locally. It will prepare lay leaders to serve as catechists in our parish religious programs. It will offer a Catholic education to families in need. It will broadcast televised Masses and help expand our reach through other digital media, and will share Christ's love as it feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable. As Luke recalls the widow giving her two mites, the Lord promises that our generosity is the foundational building block of our eternal life. Giving selflessly as faithful stewards of God's blessings helps us to grow in trust with our Lord. We are not owners of His gifts, but caretakers. Sharing them freely makes Christ's love present through ministries serving our community. I invite you to pray and find it in your heart to make a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal. Gifts can be given:

- Text-To-Give: (210) 750-6712; keyword APPEAL
- Online at www.archsa.org/appeal
- By calling 210-734- 1604
- Or if necessary, using the parish Appeal envelope

May God bless you for your willingness to do good so as to win the life that is true life.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
“Be Holy as my Heavenly Father is Holy”

**Lent is a time of Penitential Preparation...
 a time to Prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord!
 We have a number of “Special Days” coming up!**



Stations of the Cross: We will celebrate the Way of the Cross every **Friday evening** at 6 pm in English y a las 7 pm en español

The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception invite everyone to participate in the **world's largest consecration** to Saint Joseph!

March 19, 2021 is the Feast of St. Joseph, in the “Year of St. Joseph,” as declared by Pope Francis.

This significance, coupled with the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in the world today has prompted the need for a worldwide consecration to St. Joseph on March 19.

In this Year of St. Joseph, let's join together for an outpouring of grace as we entrust ourselves to St. Joseph and, in the words of Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, *“become a faithful, loving, and trusting companion to Jesus and Mary!”*

Why St. Joseph Now?

1. We need the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to help us protect marriage and the family.

Servant of God Lucia dos Santos, Fatima visionary, wrote,

“The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family.”

To combat and overcome Satan's deceptions, the Church needs St. Joseph.

2. The entire world needs to be re-evangelized, including the vast majority of baptized Christians.

St. Joseph was the first missionary. Today, he desires again to bring Jesus to all nations.

Without a significant turnaround, civilization itself is going to self-destruct.

For more information and/or to pledge your commitment visit: www.StJosephNow.org

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, February 14, 2021
9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - *School*

Monday, February 15, 2021

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
5:30 pm Diving Mercy Cenacle - Church
7:00 pm Coro Alegria - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 18, 2021
6:00 pm Prayer Group - *Church*
7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, February 19, 2021
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*English*) - *Church*
7:00 pm Camino de la Cruz - *la Iglesia*
Coro Alegria - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Saturday, February 20, 2021
9:00 am Faith Formation (Span) - *School*
12:00 pm America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally -
In Front of Rectory

4:00 pm Reconciliation

Sunday, February 21, 2021
9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - *School*



Lecturas de la Semana del feb 15 - 21

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15,25; Sal 49:1,8,16-17,20-21; Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Sal 28:1-4,3,9-10; Mc 8:14-21

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



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†Jeff Manning

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 20, 2021
5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, February 21, 2021
8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - O.Weich

10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - Abi.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - E+L.Leon

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13, 2021
8:00 am †Yolanda Campos
5:00 pm †Eugenia Aguilon by Diana Ramirez
†David Krause by Krause Family

Sunday, February 14, 2021
8:00 am †Virginia Moan by Evancho Family
†Adeline Richardson by Family
†Donald Rand by Family
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G Morales
By Morales & Briseno Families
†Fr. Gilbert Pansza
12:00 pm †Luis Miguel Perez by Family
†Andres & Susie Garza by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Gabriel & Inez Estrada by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Jose Luis Orozco by Family

Monday, February 15, 2021
8:00 am †Ed McCarthy by Sue McCarthy
†Mary Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
8:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
†Mike Segovia by Teresa Garza

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 - Ash Wednesday
8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes
†Mary Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
10:00 am **STM School Teachers, Staff and Students**
12:00 pm **STM Paishioners**
6:00 pm **All Affected by the Corona Virus**
7:30 pm **The Conversion of Sinners**

Thursday, February 18, 2021
8:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, February 19, 2021
8:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

Saturday, February 20, 2021
8:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
The Conversion of Sinners
5:00 pm †David Krause by Family

Sunday, February 21, 2021
8:00 am †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Guadalupanos
10:00 am †Baldemar Saldiva by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Fr. Gilbert Pansza by Rodriguez Family
12:00 pm †Luis Miguel by Family
†Kathryn Marie Sweet by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Jose Luis Orozco by Family
†Jose Luna & Daniel Antuna
By Deacon Rolando, Martha & Marisol Guerra



Readings for the week of Feb 15 -21

Monday: Gn 4:1-15,25; Ps 50:1,8,16-17,20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

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