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| WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE | | WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE | | SPECIAL LITURGICAL EVENTS | | FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY VIGIL OF REPARATION | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Tuesday | 8:00 - 9:00 am | Saturday | 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | English Spanish | First Friday Holy Mass | 8:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | English English Spanish |
| Wednesday | 5:00 - 6:00 pm | Sunday | 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm | English Spanish English | Daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday Benediction | 7:00 am 9:00 pm | Dedicated adoration sign-up sheets are in the church foyer. |
| Thursday | 8:00 - 9:00 am 6:00 - 6:45 pm | Monday | 7:30 am | English | | 9:00 pm | Scriptural Rosary (Joyful) |
| Friday | 9:30 - 10:30 am | Tuesday | 7:30 am | English | | 9:30 pm | Nine Offices of Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| First Saturday | 8:00 - 8:45 am | Wednesday | 7:30 am | English | | 11:30 pm | Scriptural Rosary (Luminous) |
| Other Saturdays | 8:00 - 10:00 am | Thursday | 7:30 am 7:00 pm | English Spanish | First Saturday Holy Mass | 9:00 am | English |
| | | Friday | 8:00 am | English | | 12:00 am | Office of the Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| | | | | | | 12:15 am | Blessed Sacrament Procession/Rosary (Glorious) |
| | | | | | | 12:45 am | Benediction/Divine Praises/Repose the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | | | | | 1:00 am | Holy Mass-Immaculate heart of Mary |
| | | | | | | 2:00 am | End Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil |

*Any temporary adjustments to this Mass schedule can be found inside the bulletin on the next page.

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YEAR OF PRAYER—AÑO DE ORACIÓN



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "comes to his senses" — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is "filled with compassion for him" and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

Fr. Denzil



DE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Para muchos de nosotros, la Cuaresma es una época de pesimismo y tristeza, un momento para sentirnos mal por todas las maneras en que no estamos "a la altura" en nuestra vida espiritual. Pero esta perspectiva está totalmente lejos de la verdad. La Cuaresma es una época de renovación y amor, de despertar y renacimiento. El Evangelio, la parábola del Hijo Pródigo, está llena de este tema del despertar y del amor desmesurado y transformador que el Padre tiene por cada uno de nosotros.

Todos conocemos esta asombrosa historia: el hijo menor malcriado que tiene la audacia de pedirle a su padre su herencia antes de tiempo, solo para malgastarla pecaminosamente. Nos irrita instintivamente al leerla. Pero, ¿no es eso exactamente lo que hacemos cuando egoístamente nos alejamos de Dios (en grandes o pequeñas cosas) en nuestras propias vidas? Desperdiciamos la herencia de gracia que Él nos ha dado. Desesperado por el desastre que había causado en su vida, el hijo finalmente "recuperó la cordura" —despertando a la verdad de que era hijo amado de un padre amoroso y misericordioso— y decidió regresar a casa. Su contrición era vacilante e imperfecta, y parecía motivada en gran parte por los gruñidos de su estómago. Pero le bastaba al amoroso padre.

De hecho, en cuanto vio a su hijo, sintió compasión por él e inmediatamente se dispuso a prepararle un banquete y ropas elegantes.

¡Qué derroche de amor! Qué hermosa imagen nos da Jesús del amor y la misericordia de nuestro Padre. ¡Cuánto nos llena de gratitud por un Padre así!

Y cuánto nos inspira: con una pequeña limpieza espiritual, podemos estar seguros de que nos dejaremos llevar por el abrazo amoroso de nuestro Padre y nos encontraremos en su presencia. De eso se trata la Cuaresma.

P. Denzil

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Tuesday 4/01: Ez 47:1-9 / Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday 4/02: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30
Thursday 4/03: Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47
Friday 4/04: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2
Saturday 4/05: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53
Sunday 4/06: Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE WEEK—APRIL 2025

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| 31 | Mon | Saint Stephen of Mar Saba |
| 1 | Tue | Saint Hugh of Grenoble |
| 2 | Wed | Saint Francis of Paola, hermit |
| 3 | Thu | Saint Benedict the African |
| 4 | Fri | Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church |
| 5 | Sat | Saint Vincent Ferrer |
| 6 | Sun | Saint Crescentia Hoess |

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls and families of **Andres Macias** who has fallen asleep in the Lord.

"May the Angels welcome him to paradise."

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord, so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PRÓXIMA CLASE BAPTISMAL EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo, 13 de Abril de 6pm-8pm con el Padre Jose Marin ¿Dónde? En el salón de Formación de Fé. Las clases en Español serán el **segundo** Domingo de cada mes. **Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse y confirmar su asistencia antes del día de la clase al 936-634-6833**

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Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

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