

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent / Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" John 8:7

«El que de ustedes esté sin pecado, sea el primero en tirarle una piedra» Juan 8:7

Mass Schedule:

Monday – Friday

6 am Adoration Lauds
6:30 pm

Martes

7:30 pm en español

Saturday

5 pm
8 pm (Parish Hall)
Neocatechumenal

Sunday

9 & 11 in English
1 & 6 en español

Confessions:

30 mins before each weekend mass or by appointment

Fridays':

Adoration: 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:15 pm

Mass Intentions / Readings of the Week
Intenciones de Misa / Lecturas de la Semana

Saturday, April 5th *St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*
 Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 5:00 pm People of Ukraine, † Nubia Argentina Castillo, Victoria Chavarria

Sunday, April 6th *5th Sunday of Lent*
 Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners
 11:00 am †
 1:00 pm Derick Rosa, Patricia Salazar † Vicente Campos
 6:00 pm † Almas del Purgatorio

Monday, April 7th *St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20
 6:30 pm † Nubia Argentina Castillo, † Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 8th
 Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 6:30 pm † Nubia Argentina Castillo
 7:30 pm † Sebastian Salazar

Wednesday, April 9th
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,53,54,55,56/Jn 8:31-42
 6:30 pm †

Thursday, April 10th
 Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
 6:30 pm † Nubia Argentina Castillo

Friday, April 11th *St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*
 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
 6:30 pm † Jacobo Sacal



Below are the winning tickets of the St. Lawrence Church & School Raffle, which were drawn on March 30th after the 6pm mass (drawing time and date posted on flyer and printed on ticket):

1st Place: 0183
 2nd Place: 0083
 3rd Place: 0184

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Collection 3/29 to 3/30 2025

| Mass | 1st Collection | 2nd Collection | Census |
|---|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| 5:00 PM | 738.00 | 66.00 | 49 |
| 9:00 AM | 730.00 | 175.00 | 83 |
| 11:00 AM | 453.00 | 58.00 | 165 |
| 1:00 PM | 875.00 | 315.00 | 220 |
| 6:00 PM | 645.00 | 151.00 | 195 |
| Subtotals (1) (2) | 3,441.00 | 765.00 | |
| 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services | | | |
| Daily Masses | | | |
| Tuesday 6:30 pm 3/25/25 | 52.00 | | 38 |
| Tuesday 7:30 pm 3/25/25 | 204.00 | | 36 |
| Wednesday 6:30 pm 3/26/25 | 78.00 | | 49 |
| Thursday 6:30 pm 3/27/25 | 26.00 | | 42 |
| Friday 6:30 pm 3/28/25 | 139.00 | | 59 |
| Monday 6:30 pm 3/31/25 | 63.00 | | 31 |
| Subtotals (3) | 562.00 | | |
| Candles | 107.00 | | |
| Offertory by mail | 725.00 | | |
| Parish Improvements by mail | - | | |
| Offertory (online giving) | 892.50 | | |
| Parish Improvements (online giving) | 52.50 | | |
| Subtotals (4) | 1,777.00 | | |
| Total (1)+(2)+(3)+(4) | 6,545.00 | | |

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

The Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1–11) is one of the most jarring and beautiful displays of Jesus' mercy—and it's deeply personal. Whether you've heard it a hundred times or you're reading it with fresh eyes, the real question is: Where are you in this story?

That's the question that hits hardest. Are you the woman, exposed and ashamed, aware of your failure? Or are you the one holding a stone, ready to point fingers and take justice into your own hands? Truth is, we've all been both. We've been the one who messed up, and the one who pretended we didn't.

The woman in the Gospel was guilty. Not maybe, not allegedly. She was caught "in the act." There was no excuse to be made, no way to spin the situation. And yet, that moment—what should have been her ruin—became the moment she stood face to face with Jesus. That's the first miracle: her sin brought her to Christ. The crowd thought they were trapping Jesus. They dragged this woman out, not because they cared about righteousness, but to corner Him, to test Him. But ironically, they ended up putting her right where she needed to be—at Jesus' feet. That should make all of us pause. How many times have we been placed at the feet of Jesus because someone else tried to shame us, expose us, or punish us? Or how many times has our own sin humbled us so much that we finally looked up and saw Jesus waiting for us—not with a stone in hand, but with mercy in His eyes? "Let the one without sin cast the first stone." That line cuts through all the noise. Not just for them, but for us, too. The crowd starts to walk away, one by one, from the oldest to the youngest. Why the oldest first? Maybe because the older you are, the more sins you've racked up, the more you've come to know your need for mercy. Maybe age wears down our pride a little. Or maybe you just get tired of pretending you're better than everyone else. Still, there was one person in the crowd who actually could have thrown a stone: Jesus. The only sinless one. But He didn't. That's the second miracle. He had every right to judge her, and He chose not to. Instead, He asked, "Has no one condemned you?" And when she said no, He answered, "Neither do I. Go, and sin no more." That's the Gospel. That's the good news. Not that we're innocent, but that even when we're guilty, mercy wins. Jesus doesn't ignore the sin—He acknowledges it. He says, "Go and sin no more." But the order matters. First comes mercy, then comes the call to conversion. Mercy isn't permission. It's transformation. That's important. Jesus isn't soft on sin; He's strong on grace. He doesn't say, "It's okay, keep doing what you're doing." He says, "You're forgiven. Now live like someone who's been forgiven." The line from the Easter Vigil echoes in this story: "O happy fault that merited for us so great a Redeemer." This woman could've said the same: "O happy day I was caught in my sin, because that's the day I met Jesus."

It flips the script. Most of us think we have to get it all together to meet God—clean ourselves up, stop sinning, get holy. But here, Jesus meets the woman right in the middle of her mess. Her worst moment becomes her turning point. That's not an invitation to sin. That's a reminder that grace doesn't wait for you to be perfect. And what about the crowd? What about us when we're the ones with stones in our hands? It's easy to condemn others when we forget how much we've been forgiven. But if you've really tasted mercy, really stood in front of Jesus when you knew you were wrong and He still didn't condemn you, then you know—you can't throw that stone. If the only one who could judge her didn't, then who are we to judge each other? That's the challenge, especially for those of us who've been around church for a while. The longer we walk with Jesus, the more we should be shaped by His mercy. That means more patience, more understanding, more humility. And yes, more courage to say to others, "You can be free. Jesus didn't condemn me. He won't condemn you either." So, where are you in the story today? Maybe you're the one caught, broken, ashamed. Maybe you're the one who's been judging from a distance. Maybe you're just tired and need to be reminded that grace is still bigger than your mess. Wherever you are, Jesus is the same: He doesn't come to crush you, condemn you, or shame you. He comes to give you life. Let's not miss it. The word Jesus spoke to that woman is the same He speaks to us now: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more." That's the Gospel. That's hope. That's freedom.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

La historia del Evangelio de la mujer sorprendida en adulterio (Juan 8, 1–11) es una de las escenas más fuertes y hermosas de la misericordia de Jesús. Y no es solo una historia antigua. Es algo personal. Porque la verdadera pregunta es: ¿Dónde estás tú en esta historia?

Eres la mujer, la que fue expuesta, avergonzada, que sabe que falló... ¿o eres el que tiene una piedra en la mano, listo para juzgar? La verdad es que todos hemos sido los dos. Hemos sido el que metió la pata, y también el que se hizo el santo.

La mujer era culpable. No hay duda. No fue que la acusaron injustamente, ni fue un chisme. La agarraron en el acto. Pero lo más impresionante es que, gracias a ese momento de vergüenza, terminó cara a cara con Jesús. Ese es el primer milagro: su pecado lo llevó directo a los pies del Señor.

Los que la llevaron ahí no lo hicieron por justicia, sino para ponerle una trampa a Jesús. Pero sin querer, la pusieron justo en el lugar donde ella tenía que estar: frente a Jesús.

Y eso debería hacernos pensar. ¿Cuántas veces hemos terminado delante de Dios por culpa de algo malo que hicimos, o porque alguien nos quiso aplastar? ¿Cuántas veces el pecado o el juicio de otros nos ha empujado a encontrarnos con el Señor?

"El que esté sin pecado, que tire la primera piedra."

Esa frase lo cambia todo. En ese momento, todos se quedaron callados. Y se empezaron a ir, uno por uno, desde los más viejos hasta los más jóvenes. ¿Por qué los mayores primero? Tal vez porque ya llevan más años acumulando pecados. Tal vez porque la vida te va enseñando a dejar de fingir que eres perfecto.

Pero hay algo más fuerte: había una persona ahí que sí podía tirar la piedra. Jesús. Él era el único sin pecado. Y no la tiró.

Al contrario, le pregunta: "¿Nadie te condenó?" — "Nadie, Señor." — "Yo tampoco. Vete, y no peques más."

Ahí está el corazón del Evangelio. No es que seamos inocentes. Es que, incluso siendo culpables, Jesús no nos condena. Él no hace como que el pecado no importa. Pero nos ofrece perdón, primero. Y después nos llama a cambiar.

La misericordia no es permiso para pecar. Es poder para cambiar. Jesús no dice: "Sigue así, no pasa nada." Dice: "Estás perdonada. Ahora vive como alguien que ha sido perdonado."

Hay una frase que se dice en la Vigilia Pascual: "¡Oh feliz culpa que mereció tan grande Redentor!" Y esta mujer podría decir lo mismo: "¡Feliz día en que me descubrieron, porque fue el día en que conocí a Jesús!"

Nos rompe los esquemas. Pensamos que hay que estar bien, limpios, santos para acercarnos a Dios. Pero esta mujer lo encontró en medio de su pecado. No cuando estaba rezando, ni en el templo, sino cuando todo se le vino abajo.

No es una invitación a pecar, claro que no. Pero sí es una gran noticia: Jesús no espera a que te arregles para acercarse. Él entra a tu lío. Y te levanta desde ahí.

¿Y nosotros? ¿Qué hacemos cuando estamos del lado de los que quieren tirar la piedra?

Es fácil criticar a los demás cuando se nos olvida cuánta misericordia hemos recibido. Pero si de verdad has sentido el perdón de Dios, no puedes andar por la vida tirando piedras.

Si el único que podía juzgar a esa mujer no lo hizo... ¿quiénes somos nosotros para juzgar a nadie?

Ese es el reto, sobre todo para los que llevamos tiempo en la Iglesia. Cuanto más camino tenemos con Jesús, más deberíamos parecerlo. Y eso se nota en cuánta paciencia, cuánta comprensión y cuánta misericordia mostramos con los demás.

Entonces hoy te pregunto: ¿Dónde estás tú en esta historia?

Tal vez hoy eres como la mujer, con vergüenza, con culpa, con heridas. O tal vez estás juzgando a alguien desde lejos. O quizás solo estás cansado y necesitas recordar que Dios no se ha rendido contigo.

Donde sea que estés, Jesús sigue siendo el mismo: no viene a aplastarte, ni a castigarte. Viene a darte vida. A darte una nueva oportunidad. Y como le dijo a esa mujer, te lo dice a ti también:

"Yo no te condeno. Vete y no peques más."

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