

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Easter - 3er Domingo de Pascua



Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
6:30 pm

Martes
7:30 pm en español

Friday:
Adoration: 7:15 pm

Saturday
5 pm
8 pm (Parish Hall)
Neocatechumenalway

Sunday
9 & 11 in English
1 & 6 en español

Confessions:
30 mins before each
weekend mass or by
appointment

"And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." Acts 5:32

"Testigo de esto somos nosotros y el Espíritu Santo, que Dios da a los que le obedecen" Hechos 5,32

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

Saturday, May 3rd Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
 Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
 5:00 pm People of Ukraine, †

Sunday, May 4th 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
 9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners
 11:00 am † Elizabeth Zoble, † Albert Awakim, † Thomas Sessa
 1:00 pm Bayardo Colonge
 6:00 pm † Miguel Angel Herrera, Ziegner † Luis Gustavo Herrera

Monday, May 5th
 Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 6:30 pm † Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 6th
 Acts 7:51—8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6 and 7, 8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35
 6:30 pm †
 7:30 pm Cristian Gallo

Wednesday, May 7th
 Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 6:35-40
 6:30 pm †

Thursday, May 8th
 Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 6:30 pm †

Friday, May 9th
 Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 6:30 pm †

PARISH STAFF:

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Rev. Fr. Cletus O. Omode - Pastor
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St. Lawrence Catholic School is hiring
the following positions:

PreK3 Teacher
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ABCD Progress 4/30/2025

Goal	52,000.00	100%
Pledges	40,129.33	77%
Balance	(11,870.67)	-23%

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Collection 1/25 to 1/26 2025

Mass	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Census
5:00 PM	310.00	-	54
9:00 AM	449.00	-	90
11:00 AM	665.00	-	115
1:00 PM	1,157.00	-	235
6:00 PM	782.00	-	227
Subtotals (1) (2)	3,363.00	-	
2nd Collection:			
Daily Masses			
Tuesday 6:30 pm 1/21/25	19.00		28
Tuesday 7:30 pm 1/21/25	175.00		43
Wednesday 6:30 pm 1/22/25	27.00		32
Thursday 6:30 pm 1/23/25	23.00		27
Friday 6:30 pm 1/24/25	71.00		43
Monday 6:30 pm 1/27/25	17.00		31
Subtotals (3)	332.00		
Candles	-		
Offertory by mail	706.00		
Parish Improvements by mail	-		
Offertory (online giving)	919.50		
Parish Improvements (online giving)	22.50		
Subtotals (4)	1,648.00		
Total (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)	5,343.00		

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen. He is Truly Risen! Brothers and sisters, this is a beautiful Gospel that I have always loved. We could say since Peter denied Jesus three times, now Jesus asks him three times, so that Peter would realize he denied him and that he is still loved. But it's deeper than that. This conversation between Jesus and Peter goes much deeper, because Jesus doesn't come to scold him.

The Risen Jesus is wonderful. He is love beyond words. Christ could have said to all of them: "You're fools, you're so stubborn!" He could have scolded them: "Why did you leave me alone?" etc. But no—He doesn't. Not even Peter, who denied Him. A very serious sin of Apostasy. Apostasy is to deny Jesus Christ. Could you deny Jesus Christ? Well, we all do. We do it every time we put our affections, that is loves before Him. We deny Him every time we put money before Him. We deny Him every time we put our plans and ourselves before Him. Many times, we do this—we deny Jesus Christ.

In our soft, overly kind mentality, we might say: "Everyone is good, we're all great." The guilty one is always someone else. The other person is always the bad one. "I would never deny Jesus." "I would never say 'crucify him.'" On the contrary I will say: "Oh my sweet Jesus, my little lamb." That's the religious mindset many of us have.

Hopefully, we will have Peter's experience someday. Because Peter is able to say, "You know that I love you," "I love you," "I love you"—three times Jesus asks. And why can he say it? Because now, finally, he truly loves Him. Now he loves Him for real. And do you know why? Because he has experienced the love of Jesus Christ in his life—something he hadn't experienced before. He followed Jesus often for self-interest. He even once said, "You are the Son of God, the Messiah." And Jesus told him, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." But even then, he didn't truly love Jesus Christ.

And the same can happen to us—we who are His disciples, who follow Him, who perform miracles, who do what the people of Israel were supposed to do, sacrifices, devotions—and yet still not love God. We can still not love Jesus Christ.

When do we love Jesus Christ? When we experience His mercy. That's why it's necessary to have experienced your own failure—your denial of Jesus Christ, your weakness, your poverty—so that Christ can celebrate Easter with you and with me. The weak, the hungry, the needy, the blind, the lame, the dead—come and celebrate Easter with us. Because those are the ones God saves.

That's why, brothers, Peter knew this very well. He had experienced it. He had experienced that God didn't judge him, that Christ loved him. That Christ—imagine this—after being denied, tells him: "Feed my sheep." He gives him the greatest mission of all the disciples. How could Peter not say, "You know that I love you"?

That's what made Peter love Christ.

Peter is able to say, "You know that I love you," not because he is perfect, but because he has experienced the love of Jesus Christ right in his failure. Before, he followed Jesus with enthusiasm and declarations of faith—but it wasn't yet love. Real love came only after he experienced Christ's mercy, when he knew he was seen, known, and still chosen.

This is our invitation today: to stop pretending, to stop just being "good people," and instead allow Jesus to meet us in the places we hide—our fears, our sins, our wounds. There, in our personal "Galilee," He says, "Do you love me?"

Let us respond like Peter—not from pride, but from a heart that has been

forgiven:

"Yes, Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

And when we do, Christ entrusts us with a mission: "Feed my sheep." He calls us not because we are worthy, but because He is merciful.

This Week's Invitation:

Let the Lord into your weakness. Speak to Him honestly.

Reflect on how He has shown you mercy in your life.

Ask for the grace to love Him—not in word only, but with your life.

I hope—truly hope, we can say to the Lord: "Lord, come into my life. Come into my suffering. Come into my weakness. Come into my mess."

Because it's right there that I will be able to tell you, when I see you: "You know that I love you."

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

¡Feliz Pascua! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Verdaderamente ha resucitado! Hermanos y hermanas, este es un Evangelio bellísimo que siempre he amado. Podríamos decir que, como Pedro negó a Jesús tres veces, ahora Jesús le pregunta tres veces, para que Pedro se dé cuenta de que lo negó y que aún así es amado. Pero es más profundo que eso. Esta conversación entre Jesús y Pedro va mucho más allá, porque Jesús no viene a reprimirlo. El Jesús resucitado es maravilloso. Es amor que no se puede expresar con palabras. Cristo podría haberles dicho a todos: "¡Sois unos necios, qué tercos sois!" Podría haberlos reprendido: "¿Por qué me dejasteis solo?", etc. Pero no—no lo hace. Ni siquiera a Pedro, que lo negó. Un pecado gravísimo: la apostasía. Apostatar es negar a Jesucristo. ¿Tú podrías negar a Jesucristo? Pues lo hacemos. Lo hacemos cada vez que ponemos nuestros afectos, es decir, nuestros amores, antes que a Él. Lo negamos cada vez que ponemos el dinero antes que a Él. Lo negamos cada vez que ponemos nuestros planes, nuestro yo, antes que a Él. Muchas veces hacemos esto: negamos a Jesucristo. En nuestra mentalidad blanda, demasiado benevolente, podríamos decir: "Todos somos buenos, todos somos estupendos." El culpable siempre es otro. El malo siempre es el otro. "Yo nunca negaría a Jesús." "Yo nunca gritaría 'crucifícalo'." Al contrario, diré: "Oh, mi dulce Jesús, mi corderito." Esa es la mentalidad religiosa que muchos tenemos. Ojalá algún día tengamos la experiencia de Pedro. Porque Pedro es capaz de decir: "Tú sabes que te amo", "Te amo", "Te amo"—tres veces le pregunta Jesús. ¿Y por qué puede decirlo? Porque ahora, por fin, lo ama de verdad. Ahora lo ama de verdad. ¿Y sabes por qué? Porque ha experimentado el amor de Jesucristo en su vida—algo que antes no había experimentado. Seguía a Jesús muchas veces por interés. Incluso una vez dijo: "Tú eres el Hijo de Dios, el Mesías." Y Jesús le respondió: "Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia." Pero aun así, no amaba verdaderamente a Jesucristo. Y lo mismo puede pasarnos a nosotros—que somos sus discípulos, que lo seguimos, que hacemos milagros, que cumplimos lo que el pueblo de Israel estaba llamado a hacer, sacrificios, devociones—y sin embargo no amar a Dios. Podemos no amar a Jesucristo. ¿Cuándo amamos a Jesucristo? Cuando experimentamos su misericordia. Por eso es necesario haber vivido tu propio fracaso—tu negación de Jesucristo, tu debilidad, tu pobreza—para que Cristo pueda celebrar la Pascua contigo y conmigo. Los débiles, los hambrientos, los necesitados, los ciegos, los cojos, los muertos—venid a celebrar la Pascua con nosotros. Porque a esos es a quienes Dios salva. Por eso, hermanos, Pedro lo sabía muy bien. Él lo había experimentado. Había experimentado que Dios no lo juzgó, que Cristo lo amó. Que Cristo—imáinate esto—después de haber sido negado, le dice: "Apacienta mis ovejas." Le da la misión más grande de todos los discípulos. ¿Cómo no iba a decir Pedro: "Tú sabes que te amo"? Eso fue lo que hizo que Pedro amara a Cristo.

Pedro puede decir: "Tú sabes que te quiero", no porque sea perfecto, sino porque ha experimentado el amor de Jesucristo precisamente en su fracaso. Antes seguía a Jesús con entusiasmo y con declaraciones de fe, pero aún no era amor verdadero. El amor real llegó solo después de experimentar la misericordia de Cristo, cuando supo que era visto, conocido y aún así escogido.

Esta es nuestra invitación hoy: dejar de fingir, dejar de ser simplemente "personas buenas" y, en cambio, permitir que Jesús nos encuentre en esos lugares donde nos escondemos—nuestros miedos, nuestros pecados, nuestras heridas. Allí, en nuestra "Galilea" personal, Él nos dice: "¿Me amas?" Respondamos como Pedro—no desde el orgullo, sino desde un corazón que ha sido perdonado: "Sí, Señor, tú lo sabes todo; tú sabes que te quiero." Y cuando lo hacemos, Cristo nos confía una misión: "Apacienta mis ovejas." Nos llama, no porque seamos dignos, sino porque Él es misericordioso.

Invitación para esta semana:

- Deja entrar al Señor en tu debilidad. Háblale con sinceridad.
- Reflexiona sobre cómo te ha mostrado su misericordia en tu vida.
- Pide la gracia de amarlo—no solo con palabras, sino con tu vida. Espero—de verdad espero—que podamos decirle al Señor: "Señor, entra en mi vida. Entra en mi sufrimiento. Entra en mi debilidad. Entra en mi caos." Porque es allí donde podré decirte, cuando te vea: "Tú sabes que te quiero."

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