

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Lent / Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma



“Moses and Elijah, appeared talking with Him, about Jerusalem ” Luke 9:30

“Moises y Elias conversaban con El, sobre Jerusalén ” Lucas 9:30

Mass Schedule:

Monday – Friday Saturday

6 am Adoration Lauds

6:30 pm

Martes

7:30 pm en español

Sunday

9 & 11 in English

1 & 6 en español

8 pm (Parish Hall)

Neocatechumenal Way

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, March 15th

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28-36
 5:00 pm † Raul Sanchez, People of Ukraine

Sunday, March 16th

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28-36
 9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners

11:00 am † Elizabeth Zoble

1:00 pm † Patrocinea Fernandez, † Jorge Tosi Matallana, †
 Maximino Alonso Salamanca

6:00 pm †

Monday, March 17th

St. Patrick, Bishop

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

6:30 pm †

Tuesday, March 18th

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

and Doctor of the Church

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

6:30 pm †

7:30 pm †

Wednesday, March 19th

St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

6:30 pm † Miriam Guadalupe Ruiz

Thursday, March 20th

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

6:30 pm †

Friday, March 21st

Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28/Ps 105:16-17,18-19,20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

6:30 pm † Jacobo Sacal, † Ramon Rondon, † Olegario Peña

PARISH STAFF:

Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Cletus O. Omode - Pastor

Rev. Mr. Clyde McFarland - Permanent Deacon

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ABCD Progress 3/7/2025

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| Goal | 52,000.00 | 100% |
| Pledges | 30,463.00 | 59% |
| Received | 26,118.00 | 50% |
| Balance | (25,882.00) | -50% |



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Collection 3/8 to 3/9 2025

| Mass | 1st Collection | 2nd Collection | Census |
|---|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| 5:00 PM | 451.00 | 96.00 | |
| 9:00 AM | 634.00 | 126.00 | 74 |
| 11:00 AM | 493.00 | 163.00 | 134 |
| 1:00 PM | 876.00 | 424.00 | 226 |
| 6:00 PM | 758.00 | 141.00 | 296 |
| Subtotals (1) (2) | 3,212.00 | 950.00 | |
| 2nd Collection: Church in Latinamerica | | | |
| Daily Masses | | | |
| Tuesday 6:30 pm 3/4/25 | 122.00 | | 27 |
| Tuesday 7:30 pm 3/4/25 | 105.00 | | 61 |
| Wednesday 6:30 pm 3/5/25 | 2,608.00 | | 1064 |
| Thursday 6:30 pm 3/6/25 | 28.00 | | 29 |
| Friday 6:30 pm 3/7/25 | 94.00 | | 62 |
| Monday 6:30 pm 3/10/25 | 61.00 | | 29 |
| Subtotals (3) | 3,018.00 | | |
| Candles | 170.00 | | |
| Offertory by mail | 345.00 | | |
| Parish Improvements by mail | 1,215.00 | | |
| Offertory (online giving) | 989.50 | | |
| Parish Improvements (online giving) | 73.50 | | |
| Subtotals (4) | 2,793.00 | | |
| Total (1)+(2)+(3)+(4) | 9,973.00 | | |

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

The other day I was talking to someone I accompany, and they told me. "Lent is hard. Conversion isn't easy. The Lenten practices—fasting, charity, and prayer—are not easy at all. I'm lazy about Lent..." I agreed with their complaint, but I told them: It is Jesus who calls you to conversion. Jesus wants your good. Everything worthwhile costs! Being a good father is worthwhile, it costs. Same being a "student," "friend," "Christian."

Fortunately, on the second Sunday of Lent, we are presented with the scene of the Transfiguration, which powerfully reminds us that the meaning of this Lenten journey is that we may also be transfigured, may be divinized, we may participate in a new way in the Passover of Christ, that Christ, thanks to "His work," may pass through our lives, transforming us.

Lent is a time to plant, so that we may later reap. For the farmer, planting is hard: turning the soil, manuring it, planting, watering, etc., but this hardship is softened by the hope of the fruits that will be obtained.

So, we too, in Lent, plant with fasting, prayer, mortification, voluntary deprivation, and charity, so that we may reap fruits at Easter. We plant in order to reap!

Let us keep this perspective... what is worthwhile costs! We want to be transfigured, transformed, for Christ to pass through our lives doing great things, we want to be holier, to be more like him. All this demands, requires, our involvement. This Gospel gives us the key to making all this possible. "Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up onto the mountain to pray." The context of the entire scene is prayer. Transfiguration occurs in a context of prayer. In prayer, we experience our personal transfiguration. In prayer, the Holy Spirit makes us like Christ. In prayer, we are divinized. Divine power enters us.

When we pray, what Peter says happens... "Master, it is good to be here." In silence, in solitude, in prayer, we are good! In prayer, we are good. We relax, we find ourselves, we place ourselves in His presence, and we feel His peace, His love, His presence, His word... and we receive His gifts. Even if we don't feel anything, God blesses us! The spiritual life is based on faith, not on sensitivity and feelings.

It is so beautiful to pray! So regenerating! So transforming! And when we pray, we do nothing other than obey the Father who today has told us, "This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to Him."

We cannot disobey the Father in such an essential commandment: "Listen to Him." Listen to him because he has spoken, and what he has said we have in the Gospels, and in reading them, Jesus speaks to us. Let us never forget this. This is a miracle! His person speaks to us through his word. Therefore, listen to him because he has spoken, and listen to him because he continues to speak.

Let us make prayer become listening. I think we speak too much and listen too little. God has given us two ears and one mouth. This means we must listen twice as much as we speak. Today's Collect, that is opening prayer, says and expresses these graces the Lord wants to grant us. "Lord, holy Father, you who have commanded us to listen to your Son, the beloved, nourish our spirit with your word."

May this Eucharist motivate us to pray more, to be more with Him, so that like Peter we may say: "Master, it is good for us to be here."

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

El otro día estaba hablando con alguien a quien acompañaba y me dijo: «La Cuaresma es dura. La conversión no es fácil. Las prácticas cuaresmales (ayuno, caridad y oración) no son nada fáciles. Soy vago en cuanto a la Cuaresma...». Estuve de acuerdo con su queja, pero le dije: Es Jesús quien te llama a la conversión. Jesús quiere tu bien. ¡Todo lo que vale la pena cuesta! Ser un buen padre vale la pena, cuesta. Lo mismo ocurre con ser «estudiante», «amigo», «cristiano».

Afortunadamente, el segundo domingo de Cuaresma, nos presenta la escena de la Transfiguración, que nos recuerda poderosamente que el significado de este camino cuaresmal es que también nosotros podemos ser transfigurados, divinizados, podemos participar de una nueva manera en la Pascua de Cristo, que Cristo, gracias a «Su obra», puede pasar por nuestras vidas, transformándonos.

La Cuaresma es un tiempo para plantar, para que luego podamos cosechar. Para el agricultor, plantar es duro: remover la tierra, abonarla, plantar, regar, etc., pero esta dificultad se suaviza con la esperanza de los frutos que se obtendrán.

Así que nosotros también, en Cuaresma, plantamos con ayuno, oración, mortificación, privación voluntaria y caridad, para que podamos cosechar frutos en Pascua. ¡Plantamos para cosechar!

Mantengamos esta perspectiva... ¡lo que vale la pena cuesta! Queremos ser transfigurados, transformados, para que Cristo pase por nuestras vidas haciendo grandes cosas, queremos ser más santos, parecernos más a él. Todo esto exige, requiere, nuestra participación.

Este Evangelio nos da la clave para hacer que todo esto sea posible. «Jesús tomó a Pedro, a Juan y a Santiago y subió a la montaña a orar». El contexto de toda la escena es la oración. La transfiguración ocurre en un contexto de oración. En la oración, experimentamos nuestra transfiguración personal. En la oración, el Espíritu Santo nos hace semejantes a Cristo. En la oración, somos divinizados. El poder divino entra en nosotros. Cuando oramos, sucede lo que dice Pedro... «Maestro, ¡qué bien se está aquí!». En silencio, en soledad, en oración, ¡estamos bien! En oración, estamos bien. Nos relajamos, nos encontramos a nosotros mismos, nos ponemos en Su presencia y sentimos Su paz, Su amor, Su presencia, Su palabra... y recibimos Sus dones. Incluso si no sentimos nada, ¡Dios nos bendice! La vida espiritual se basa en la fe, no en la sensibilidad y los sentimientos.

¡Es tan hermoso rezar! ¡Tan regenerador! ¡Tan transformador! Y cuando rezamos, no hacemos otra cosa que obedecer al Padre que hoy nos ha dicho: «Este es mi Hijo, el Elegido; escuchadle». No podemos desobedecer al Padre en un mandamiento tan esencial: «Escuchadle». Escuchadle porque ha hablado, y lo que ha dicho lo tenemos en los Evangelios, y al leerlos, Jesús nos habla. No lo olvidemos nunca. ¡Esto es un milagro! Su persona nos habla a través de su palabra. Por lo tanto, escúchenlo porque ha hablado, y escúchenlo porque sigue hablando. Hagamos que la oración se convierta en escucha. Creo que hablamos demasiado y escuchamos demasiado poco. Dios nos ha dado dos oídos y una boca. Esto significa que debemos escuchar el doble de lo que hablamos.

La oración colecta de hoy, que es la oración de apertura, dice y expresa estas gracias que el Señor quiere concedernos. «Señor, Padre santo, tú que nos has mandado escuchar a tu Hijo, el amado, alimenta nuestro espíritu con tu palabra».

Que esta Eucaristía nos motive a rezar más, a estar más con Él, para que, como Pedro, podamos decir: «Maestro, es bueno para nosotros estar aquí».



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