



# IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 27, 2022

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit.

The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

Lent is a time for us to focus on coming to our senses and seeing the love God has for us. Lent is a time to ponder our direction in our faith. To see where we need to concentrate our efforts and what we need to do to return on the right path.

On Tuesday, March 29, we will not have 6:00pm confessions. Instead, we will be having a Penance/Reconciliation service at 7:00pm. Plan to attend.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

La parábola del padre y sus hijos es una de las más conocidas de todas las historias de Jesús. El padre de la parábola es espléndido en el perdón y se deleita con el regreso de su hijo menor, el que estaba perdido y ahora lo ha encontrado. El hijo mayor también está perdido; perdido por su negación a perdonar, perdido por su incapacidad para comprender el espíritu generoso de su padre.

Los israelitas pasaron muchos de los años perdidos en el desierto, buscando la tierra de leche y miel, pero muchas veces fracasaron para buscar al Dios que los liberó y alimentó. Nosotros también algunas veces estamos perdidos. Perdemos de vista al Señor y a sus caminos. Sin embargo, Dios nunca nos pierde de vista. Dios espera, listo para que volvamos a entrar en razón, listo para recibirnos de nuevo con los brazos abiertos.

La Cuaresma es un tiempo para centrarnos en volver a nuestros sentidos y ver el amor que Dios tiene por nosotros. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestra dirección en la fe. Para ver dónde tenemos que concentrar nuestros esfuerzos y qué tenemos que hacer para volver al camino correcto.

El martes, 29 de marzo, no tendremos confesiones a las 6:00pm. En su lugar, tendremos un servicio de Penitencia/Reconciliación a las 7:00pm. Planeen asistir.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

### Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

### Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Spanish)

5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

### Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Sat. Mar. 26th

8:00am † Federico Taffuri Calderon  
5:00pm † Eleanor Janson

#### Sun. Mar. 27th

7:30am † Kristin Belleci  
9:00am † Robert Schumacher  
10:45am † Elvira Cortez Ordaz  
12:30pm † John J. Sameron  
2:00pm † Omar Hazyl Diaz  
5:00pm Parishioners of IHM

#### Mon. Mar. 28th

8:00 am † Carole Elkins

#### Tues. Mar. 29th

8:00 am † Zosimo Clemente Carreon

#### Wed. Mar. 30th

8:00 am † Ted Abarquez

#### Thurs. Mar. 31st

8:00 am Maria Figueroa - Birthday

#### Fri. Apr. 1st

8:00 am Sebastian Tolentino - Birthday

#### Sat. Apr. 2nd

8:00 am † Benito and Michael Sanchez

Please join us the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross cemetery for a Mass at 11:00am.



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Vengan en primer sabado del mes al Cementerio de Holy Cross a la Misa de las 11:00am.

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We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral, 2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658

Their staff will contact the parish office to assist you with your arrangements.

### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

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Brandon Diaz, Ricardo Oseguera, Fernando Navarro, Pedro Guitron, Eduardo Yanes, Sydney Reed, Marion Cichon, Joseph Oliver, Dean Chromy, Linda Ontai., Mayra Gutierrez, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Dawn Lanphere, Jan Cooper, Noreen and Jordan Pitta, Graciela Martinez, Mrs. Tikalsky, Brian Patrick Scott, Trevor Rodgers, Ricardo Bautista, Jeff Anadon, Therese Brantome, Maria Luisa Oseguera Guisar, Socorro Ortega, Daniel Fonseca, Maria del Refugio Neri, Paul Deunavant, Alonso Martinez, Guadalupe Garcia Medrano, Lexie Gracia, Jorge Selligman, Isaac Narez, Frank Vargas, Gloria Clawson, Brandon Diaz, Eulogio Oseguera, Ignacio Mendoza.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 244: Is 65: 17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6,  
11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: 245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: 246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14,  
17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23  
Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: 249: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12  
Jn 7:40-53

Saturday: 5:00pm - Scutiny  
34: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8  
Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Sunday: 36: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6  
Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



"Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me."  
Psalm 51:10

## Readings - Saturday 5:00pm - Scrutiny

### First Reading

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:  
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.  
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."  
As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,  
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,  
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."  
But the LORD said to Samuel:  
"Do not judge from his appearance or from his  
lofty stature,  
because I have rejected him.  
Not as man sees does God see,  
because man sees the appearance  
but the LORD looks into the heart."  
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons  
before Samuel,  
but Samuel said to Jesse,  
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."  
Then Samuel asked Jesse,  
"Are these all the sons you have?"  
Jesse replied,  
"There is still the youngest, who is tending the  
sheep."  
Samuel said to Jesse,  
"Send for him;  
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he  
arrives here."  
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to  
them.  
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold  
and making a splendid appearance.  
The LORD said,  
"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"  
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;  
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD  
rushed upon David.

### Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the  
goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:  
You were once darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light,  
for light produces every kind of goodness  
and righteousness and truth.  
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;  
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to  
mention the things done by them in secret;  
but everything exposed by the light becomes  
visible,  
for everything that becomes visible is light.  
Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise  
from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

### Gospel

Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.  
His disciples asked him,  
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,  
that he was born blind?"  
Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents  
sinned;  
it is so that the works of God might be made  
visible through him.  
We have to do the works of the one who sent me  
while it is day. Night is coming when no one can  
work.  
While I am in the world, I am the light of the  
world."  
When he had said this, he spat on the ground  
and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to  
him,  
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means  
Sent—.  
So he went and washed, and came back able to  
see.  
His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier  
as a beggar said,  
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"  
Some said, "It is,"  
but others said, "No, he just looks like him."  
He said, "I am."  
So they said to him, "How were your eyes  
opened?"  
He replied,  
"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my  
eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'  
So I went there and washed and was able to see."  
And they said to him, "Where is he?"  
He said, "I don't know."  
They brought the one who was once blind to the  
Pharisees.  
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on  
a sabbath.  
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was  
able to see.  
He said to them,  
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I  
can see."  
So some of the Pharisees said,  
"This man is not from God,  
because he does not keep the sabbath."  
But others said,  
"How can a sinful man do such signs?"  
And there was a division among them.  
So they said to the blind man again,  
"What do you have to say about him,  
since he opened your eyes?"  
He said, "He is a prophet."  
Now the Jews did not believe that he had been  
blind and gained his sight until they summoned  
the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them,  
 "Is this your son, who you say was born blind?  
 How does he now see?"  
 His parents answered and said,  
 "We know that this is our son and that he was  
 born blind.  
 We do not know how he sees now,  
 nor do we know who opened his eyes.  
 Ask him, he is of age;  
 he can speak for himself."  
 His parents said this because they were afraid  
 of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed  
 that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,  
 he would be expelled from the synagogue.  
 For this reason his parents said,  
 "He is of age; question him.  
 So a second time they called the man who had  
 been blind and said to him,  
 "Give God the praise!  
 We know that this man is a sinner."  
 He replied,  
 "If he is a sinner, I do not know.  
 One thing I do know is that I was blind and  
 now I see."  
 So they said to him,  
 "What did he do to you?  
 How did he open your eyes?"  
 He answered them,  
 "I told you already and you did not listen.  
 Why do you want to hear it again?  
 Do you want to become his disciples, too?"  
 They ridiculed him and said,  
 "You are that man's disciple;  
 we are disciples of Moses!  
 We know that God spoke to Moses,  
 but we do not know where this one is from."  
 The man answered and said to them,  
 "This is what is so amazing,  
 that you do not know where he is from,  
 yet he opened my eyes.  
 We know that God does not listen to sinners,  
 but if one is devout and does his will,  
 he listens to him.  
 It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes  
 of a person born blind.  
 If this man were not from God,  
 he would not be able to do anything."  
 They answered and said to him,  
 "You were born totally in sin,  
 and are you trying to teach us?"  
 Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
 he found him and said,  
 "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"  
 He answered and said,  
 "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"  
 Jesus said to him,  
 "You have seen him,  
 the one speaking with you is he."  
 He said,  
 "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.  
 Then Jesus said,

"I came into this world for judgment,  
 so that those who do not see might see,  
 and those who do see might become blind."  
 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard  
 this and said to him,  
 "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"  
 Jesus said to them,  
 "If you were blind, you would have no sin;  
 but now you are saying, 'We see,'  
 so your sin remains.

### **The Nicene Creed**

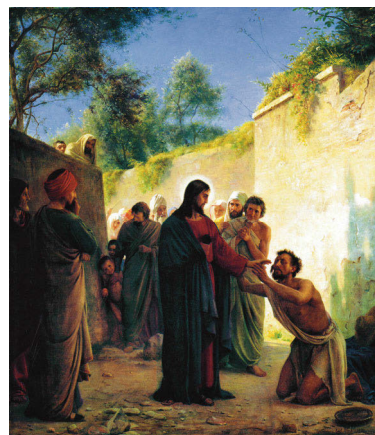
I believe in one God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
***and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
 Virgin Mary, and became man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is adored  
 and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## Lectura

### Primera lectura

Jos 5, 9a. 10-12

En aquellos días, el Señor dijo a Josué: "Hoy he quitado de encima de ustedes el oprobio de Egipto".

Los israelitas acamparon en Guilgal, donde celebraron la Pascua, al atardecer del día catorce del mes, en la llanura desértica de Jericó. El día siguiente a la Pascua, comieron del fruto de la tierra, panes ázimos y granos de trigo tostados. A partir de aquel día, cesó el maná. Los israelitas ya no volvieron a tener maná, y desde aquel año comieron de los frutos que producía la tierra de Canaán.

### Salmo Responsorial

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gusten y vean que bueno es el Señor.

### Segunda Lectura

2 Cor 5, 17-21

Hermanos: El que vive según Cristo es una creatura nueva; para él todo lo viejo ha pasado. Ya todo es nuevo.

Todo esto proviene de Dios, que nos reconcilió consigo por medio de Cristo y que nos confirió el ministerio de la reconciliación. Porque, efectivamente, en Cristo, Dios reconcilió al mundo consigo y renunció a tomar en cuenta los pecados de los hombres, y a nosotros nos confió el mensaje de la reconciliación. Por eso, nosotros somos embajadores de Cristo, y por nuestro medio, es como si Dios mismo los exhortara a ustedes. En nombre de Cristo les pedimos que se dejen reconciliar con Dios.

Al que nunca cometió pecado, Dios lo hizo "pecado" por nosotros, para que, unidos a él, recibamos la salvación de Dios y nos volvamos justos y santos.

### Evangelio

Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32

En aquel tiempo, se acercaban a Jesús los publicanos y los pecadores para escucharlo. Por lo cual los fariseos y los escribas murmuraban entre sí: "Este recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos". Jesús les dijo entonces esta parábola: "Un hombre tenía dos hijos, y el menor de ellos le dijo a su padre: 'Padre, dame la parte de la herencia que me toca'. Y él les repartió los bienes.

No muchos días después, el hijo menor, juntando todo lo suyo, se fue a un país lejano y allá derrochó su fortuna, viviendo de una manera disoluta. Después de malgastarlo todo, sobrevino en aquella región una gran hambre y él empezó a padecer necesidad. Entonces fue a pedirle trabajo a un habitante de aquel país, el cual lo mandó a sus campos a cuidar cerdos. Tenía ganas de hartarse con las bellotas que comían los cerdos, pero no lo dejaban que se las comiera.

Se puso entonces a reflexionar y se dijo: '¡Cuántos trabajadores en casa de mi padre tienen pan de sobra, y yo, aquí, me estoy muriendo de hambre! Me levantaré, volveré a mi padre y le diré: Padre,

he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme hijo tuyo. Recíbeme como a uno de tus trabajadores'.

Enseguida se puso en camino hacia la casa de su padre. Estaba todavía lejos, cuando su padre lo vio y se enterneció profundamente. Corrió hacia él, y echándole los brazos al cuello, lo cubrió de besos. El muchacho le dijo: 'Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme hijo tuyo'.

Pero el padre les dijo a sus criados: '¡Pronto!, traigan la túnica más rica y vístansela; pónganle un anillo en el dedo y sandalias en los pies; traigan el becerro gordo y mátenlo. Comamos y hagamos una fiesta, porque este hijo mío estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado'. Y empezó el banquete.

El hijo mayor estaba en el campo y al volver, cuando se acercó a la casa, oyó la música y los cantos. Entonces llamó a uno de los criados y le preguntó qué pasaba. Éste le contestó: 'Tu hermano ha regresado y tu padre mandó matar el becerro gordo, por haberlo recobrado sano y salvo'. El hermano mayor se enojó y no quería entrar.

Salió entonces el padre y le rogó que entrara; pero él replicó: '¡Hace tanto tiempo que te sirvo, sin desobedecer jamás una orden tuya, y tú no me has dado nunca ni un cabrito para comérmelo con mis amigos! Pero eso sí, viene ese hijo tuyo, que despilfarró tus bienes con malas mujeres, y tú mandas matar el becerro gordo'.

El padre repuso: 'Hijo, tú siempre estás conmigo y todo lo mío es tuyo. Pero era necesario hacer fiesta y regocijarnos, porque este hermano tuyo estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado' ".

### Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todo poderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible. Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;** y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con Gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas. Creo en la Iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo. Amen.

## Readings

### **First Reading**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua,  
"Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt  
from you."  
While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on  
the plains of Jericho,  
they celebrated the Passover on the evening of  
the fourteenth of the month.  
On the day after the Passover,  
they ate of the produce of the land in the form of  
unleavened cakes and parched grain.  
On that same day after the Passover,  
on which they ate of the produce of the land,  
the manna ceased.  
No longer was there manna for the Israelites,  
who that year ate of the yield of the land  
of Canaan.

### **Reponsorial Psalm**

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
the goodness of the Lord.

### **Second Reading**

2 Cor 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters:  
Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.  
And all this is from God,  
who has reconciled us to himself through Christ  
and given us the ministry of reconciliation,  
namely, God was reconciling the world to himself  
in Christ,  
not counting their trespasses against them and  
entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.  
So we are ambassadors for Christ,  
as if God were appealing through us.  
We implore you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.  
For our sake he made him to be sin who did not  
know sin,  
so that we might become the righteousness of  
God in him.

### **Gospel**

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to  
listen to Jesus,  
but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain,  
saying,  
"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
So to them Jesus addressed this parable:  
"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to  
his father,  
'Father give me the share of your estate that  
should come to me.'  
So the father divided the property between them.  
After a few days, the younger son collected all his  
belongings and set off to a distant country where  
he squandered his inheritance on a life of  
dissipation.  
When he had freely spent everything,  
a severe famine struck that country,

and he found himself in dire need.  
So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens  
who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.  
And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which  
the swine fed,  
but nobody gave him any.  
Coming to his senses he thought,  
'How many of my father's hired workers have  
more than enough food to eat,  
but here am I, dying from hunger.  
I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say  
to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and  
against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son;  
treat me as you would treat one of your hired  
workers.'"  
So he got up and went back to his father.  
While he was still a long way off,  
his father caught sight of him,  
and was filled with compassion.  
He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.  
His son said to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against  
you;  
I no longer deserve to be called your son.'  
But his father ordered his servants,  
'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;  
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.  
Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.  
Then let us celebrate with a feast,  
because this son of mine was dead, and has come  
to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found.'  
Then the celebration began.  
Now the older son had been out in the field and,  
on his way back, as he neared the house,  
he heard the sound of music and dancing.  
He called one of the servants and asked what this  
might mean.  
The servant said to him,  
'Your brother has returned and your father has  
slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him  
back safe and sound.'  
He became angry,  
and when he refused to enter the house,  
his father came out and pleaded with him.  
He said to his father in reply,  
'Look, all these years I served you and not once  
did I disobey your orders;  
yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast  
on with my friends.  
But when your son returns who swallowed up your  
property with prostitutes,  
for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'  
He said to him,  
'My son, you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours.  
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother was dead and has come to  
life again;  
he was lost and has been found.'"



"The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Philippe de Champaigne, c. 1660, public domain

March 27, 2022

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate Laetare (which means “rejoice”) Sunday. As we mark the midpoint of Lent, we allow ourselves to look ahead with joyful anticipation of Jesus’ resurrection, even as we continue our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amidst these penitential practices of Lent, this day offers a reminder that we have reason for hope. The parable of the prodigal son shows us what hope looks like. When the father caught sight of his wayward son, he did not see the young man who made bad choices, wasted his inheritance, and disobeyed him. He looked at him with eyes of unconditional love, rejoicing that “he was lost and has been found.” That’s how Jesus viewed the sinners and tax collectors, and how the Father views us, his wayward sons and daughters, when we return to him in contrition and love. So as we continue our Lenten practices, let’s take time to give thanks for the goodness and mercy of God today, knowing that the Lord awaits us with open arms when we acknowledge our sinfulness and rely upon him for all that is good.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Is it me, or are some of the parables hard to figure out? The parable of the prodigal son is one we’ve heard over and over again, and resonates across ages and generations. Some of us may relate to the prodigal son and others to the dutiful brother. The parents and grandparents among us may have been in the father’s shoes at some point. What better time than Lent to reflect on what the story means to us at this point in our lives: Are we awaiting the return of a disaffected loved one? Are we in need of repenting for our own actions? The answer will be different for each of us, but we can rejoice in the fact that we are loved unconditionally by God wherever we are on our Lenten and life journeys. Our challenge is to open our hearts to that love; as we do so, we can’t help but be transformed and in turn share that love with others through friendship, service, and generosity. As St. Paul writes, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: The old things have passed away.”

**ACT** On Laetare Sunday, priests may wear rose-colored vestments as a symbol of joy. Carry this sense of joy into your day by placing roses at the table, bringing flowers to a friend, or calling someone with whom you’ve fallen out of touch.

### Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.  
Sé nuestro amparo contra la  
perversidad y asechanzas del  
demonio. Reprímale Dios,  
pedimos suplicantes,  
y tú Príncipe de la  
Milicia Celestial,  
con el divino poder de Dios,  
arroja al infierno a Satanás  
y a todos los espíritus malignos  
que andan dispersos  
por el mundo  
para la perdición de las almas.  
Amén.



### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God  
rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen



## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of April 3, 2022, please bring  
canned milk. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 3 de abril, 2022, por  
favor traigan leche enlatada. GRACIAS!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 3, 2022 - Facility Improvement  
April 17, 2022 - Maintenance Fund

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

3 de abril, 2022 - Fondo del Mejoramiento  
de las Instalaciones  
17 de abril, 2022 - Fondo del Mantenimiento

## Lent 2022

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Friday at 6:45 PM)

April 1 - Fil-Am

April 8 - Circulo de Oración y Vida

April 15 - Sociedad Guadalupana (Live via Crucis at 5:00pm)

PENANCE / RECONCILIATION SERVICE – March 29 – 7:00 PM (No Confessions at 6:00pm)

### SIN AND VIRTUE XI

#### The Virtue of Temperance

Temperance is one of the four cardinal virtues, the others being justice, courage and prudence. These virtues, combined with the three super-natural virtues of faith, hope and charity (which are received at baptism) are understood to be the seven great virtues; a powerful mix of strengths which make effective war on sin. Although some people have a natural affinity for the virtue of temperance, its development, like the development of any other virtue, is a matter of practice.

Temperance is sometimes called moderation. It involves balance and requires self-control. The temperate person is fortified against the sin of gluttony in a particularly striking manner. The temperate may well enjoy a good meal but they know when to stop. I have a friend who has recently made real progress against over-eating, employing a simple rule of temperance: she has told me several times, recently, "I just stop when I am no longer hungry. I don't eat until I am full anymore."

Temperance is a virtue which might go a long way in re-ordering the consumer habits of the Western world. Think of Black Friday crowds outside Macy's and Home Depot at four in the morning. Temperance would suggest getting a good night's sleep at home after the Thanksgiving celebration, and not allowing oneself to be manipulated by media advertising. In a world where hundreds of millions of people go to bed hungry every night, Western consumerism poses an astonishing counter point and recommends the development of the habit of moderation.

### PECADO Y VIRTUD XI

#### La Virtud de Temperanza (Moderación)

Temperancia es una de las cuatro virtudes cardinales, las otras son justicia, coraje (valor), y prudencia. Estas virtudes combinadas con las tres super naturales virtudes de fé, esperanza y caridad (las cuales son recibidas en el bautismo) son entendidas como las siete grandisimas virtudes; una mezcla poderosa de fuerza que hace una guerra efectiva con el pecado. Aunque algunas personas tienen una afinidad natural por la virtud de temperancia, su desarrollo, como el desarrollo de cualquier otra virtud, es un caso de práctica.

Temperancia es a veces llamada moderación. Se necesita un equilibrio que requiere que uno se controle. La persona que es moderada esta fortificada contra el pecado de la glotoneria de una manera muy fuerte. La manera de moderación es de disfrutar de una buena comida pero ellos saben cuando parar. Tengo a una conocida que recientemente ha hecho un gran progreso en comer más de la cuenta, usando una simple regla de moderación: ella me ha dicho varias veces y recientemente, "Yo me paro de comer cuando ya no tengo hambre. Y no como hasta que me sienta satisfecha."

Temperancia es un virtud que puede ir muy a largo en reordenar los habitos de consumo del mundo del Oeste. Piensen en la multitud del Viernes Negro fuera de Macy's y Home Depot a las cuatro de la madrugada. Temperancia sugiere dormir una buena noche en casa antes de la celebración del Día de Gracias, y no dejarnos ser manipulados por los anuncios en los periodicos o en la televisión. En un mundo donde cientos de millones de personas van a dormir hambrientos todas las noches. Consumidores del Oeste plantean una sorprendente contraparte y recomiendan el desarrollo de la costumbre de moderación.

### SIN AND VIRTUE SERIES (cont'd)

#### SIN AND VIRTUE XII

##### The Sin of Envy

The remaining three capital sins are called by some commentators the “cold-blooded sins” in that they are not connected to bodily passion; they do not come on the person suddenly and then leave, once sated. They are more closely associated with entire states of mind, entire outlooks on life, and they proceed more from thought than from feeling. Of these three remaining sins, envy, greed and sloth, envy is the “warmest,” that is, the one which most resembles a sin of the passions. But in fact, it is not. It is a sin of the rational mind.

Envy, like anger, arises in part from a perceived injustice. The envious person sees someone else with something desirable, and resents both the other person’s good fortune and his/her deprivation. This resentment can give rise to anger, demonstrating the interrelationship among the sins. But envy runs its own course: it is quieter, more “subterranean” than anger, it can mask itself in many ways. It can drive ambition and so look like industriousness; it can express itself in witty put-downs and so look like a merely sarcastic sense of humor. The chief characteristics of the envious are resentment, bitterness and a cold, hard emptiness, they are unable to enter into many of life’s joys because they are so focused on the joys they lack.

Our culture feeds envy in its exaltation of celebrities and their lavish lifestyles. (This exaltation also feeds other sins, of course, such as gluttony and lust.) Advertisers play to envy with their marketing of everything from hair products to luxury cars. It might even be argued that envy – rather than greed – is the real driving engine behind the success of Western consumerist society. Envy’s chief opponent among the virtues is joy. We will discuss joy next time.

#### PECADO Y VIRTUD XII

##### El Pecado de la Envidia

Los restantes tres pecados capitales o principales son llamados por varios comentaristas “los pecados de sangre fría” por la razón que no están conectados a la pasión carnal; ellos vienen rápidamente a la persona y después se van, una vez que estén saciados. Ellos están más asociados con estados de mentes, y ellos están dirigidos más por el pensamiento que por el sentimiento. De estos pecados restantes, envidia, avaricia, pereza/negligencia; la envidia es más “calurosa” quiero decir, la cuál se parece más al pecado de las pasiones. Pero de echo, no es. Es el pecado de una mente razonable.

Envidia, como la ira, se demuestra de una injusticia percibida. La persona envidiosa ve a alguien con algo que él/ella desea, y resiente tanto de la buena fortuna de la otra persona y de su privación. Este resentimiento puede instigar a la ira, demostrando la relación que hay entre los pecados. Pero la envidia tiene su propio camino que es más tranquilo, más “subterráneo” que la ira, se pueda disfrazar en muchas maneras. Puede dirigir la ambición y se puede ver como muy industrial; se puede expresar en maneras de como achicar y se puede ver como un sentido de humor muy sarcástico. Las principales características del envidioso son resentimiento, amargura y un vacío muy fuerte y frío, ellos son difíciles, ellos no pueden disfrutar tantas alegrías en la vida porque están concentrados en las alegrías que ellos no tienen.

Nuestra cultura nutre la envidia en su exaltación de la gente celebre y sus lujosas vidas. (Esta exaltación también nutre otros pecados, por supuesto, tal como la glotonería y la lujuria). Las compañías de publicidad ayudan a la envidia con sus mercadeos de todo desde productos de cabello a automobiles lujosos. También se puede razonar que la envidia—en vez de avaricia—es el motor que maneja detrás del éxito de los consumidores del Oeste. La principal oposición entre las virtudes es la alegría. Nosotros discutiremos más sobre la alegría próximamente.

### SIN AND VIRTUE XIII

#### The Virtue of Joy

The sin of envy is directly opposed by the virtue of joy. When joy reigns in a human heart, envy is impossible. I know we tend to think of joy as an emotion, and, of course, the word itself may be used to express a happy feeling. But joy is much deeper than pleasant or cheerful feelings. Our feelings are subject to change; a habitually practiced virtue becomes second nature, we find it ready at hand when we need it. Such is the case with the virtue of joy.

Joy can issue in laughter and merriment, but these are only among its "symptoms," so to speak. The virtue itself is – like all virtues – deep, solid and true. True joy may accompany us even in deep sorrow: it will manifest itself in a quiet and accepting serenity. Joy delights in the well-being of others, is encouraging and enthusiastic, embraces hope both for oneself and for others. Maybe above all, joy is always overflowing with gratitude. The joyful are in the habit of counting their blessings, being aware of every little grace and its benefits; they know that, whatever their situation might be, it might also be worse, even much worse, and that if they look and trust, they will find reasons to rejoice each day.

Just as envy becomes a whole way of looking at the world, so too joy is a habit of the mind – and of the heart. The practice of joy can begin in any set of circumstances; I am reminded of the poetic maxim, "Two men sat behind iron bars; one saw mud, the other saw stars." Joy is among the fruits of the Spirit listed by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians (Galatians 5:22-3). Because of its spiritual dimension, joy connects us to eternity, to, indeed, the eternal joy of Heaven. Joy, once mastered, is thus inexhaustible. It flows from eternity. The virtue of joy is available to all. Ask – you will receive.

### PECADO Y VIRTUD XIII

#### La virtud de la Alegria

El pecado de la envidia es directamente opuesto a la virtud de la alegría. Cuando la alegría reina en el corazón humano, la envidia es imposible. Yo sé que nosotros tenemos tendencia en pensar que la alegría es una emoción, pero por supuesto la misma palabra puede ser usada para expresar un sentimiento feliz. Pero la alegría es mucho más profunda que ser agradable o tener sentimientos alegres. Nuestros sentimientos tienen tendencia a cambiar; entonces habitualmente la práctica de la virtud se vuelve secundaria, nosotros la encontramos cuando la necesitamos. Tal es el caso con la virtud de la alegría.

La alegría puede ser emitida en sonrisa y regocijo, pero se puede decir que estos son solamente entre los "síntomas." La virtud en sí—como todas las virtudes—profunda, sólida y verdadera. La verdadera alegría nos puede también acompañar hasta en un profundo dolor; se manifiesta como una tranquilidad y una aceptación de serenidad. La alegría se regocija en el bienestar de otros, se incita y es entusiasta, y rodeada de esperanza tanto para uno que para otros. Por lo menos sobre todo, la alegría siempre está llena de gratitud. Los que son alegres tienen la tendencia de contar con sus bendiciones, estando alerta de cada pequeña gracia y sus beneficios; ellos saben que cualquiera que sea su situación, siempre podría ser peor, aún muchísimo peor, y que si ellos ven y confían, ellos encontrarán razones para regocijarse cada día.

Tanto como la envidia se vuelve enteramente como mirar al mundo, también así la alegría es una costumbre de la mente—y del corazón. La práctica de la alegría puede empezar en cualquiera de la circunstancias; yo me acuerdo del poético maxim, " Dos hombres estaban sentados detrás de rejas de hierro; uno vio barro, el otro vio a estrellas." Alegria está entre los frutos del Espíritu que están mencionados por San Pablo en su carta a los Galatas (Galatas 5:22-3). Por su dimensión espiritual, alegría nos conecta a la eternidad, y, por supuesto, la alegría eterna del Cielo. Alegria, una vez dominada, es entonces inagotable. Corre por la eternidad. La virtud de la alegría esta disponible para todos. Pregunta y recibirás.

**Save the Date/Reserven la Fecha**

**IHM Feast Day will be on June 25, 2022  
El Santo de ICM sera el 25 de junio, 2022**

# Information/Información

# April 2022

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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
|  |   |   |   |  | 1   | 2  |
|  |  |   |  |  | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>6:45 Stations of the Cross<br>Benediction  | 8:00 Fr. Mark<br><br>3:30 Confessions<br>5:00 Fr. Mark / J<br>(Scrutiny – A)   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Lent 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9  |
| 7:30 Fr. Quang / L<br>9:00 Fr. Quang / L<br>10:45 Fr. Mark<br>12:30 Fr. Quang / L<br>2:00 Fr. Mark<br>5:00 Latin-Fr.         | 8:00 Fr. Mark   | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br><br>6:00 Confessions  | 8:00 Fr. Quang  | 8:00 Fr. Mark<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>6:00 Benediction   | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>6:45 Stations of the Cross<br>Benediction  | 8:00 Fr. Mark<br><br>11:00 Conv. Dcn. John<br>12:30 Conv. Dcn. John<br><br>3:30 Confessions<br>5:00 Fr. Quang  |
| Palm Sunday 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  | Holy Thursday 14   | Good Friday 15  | Holy Saturday 16   |
| 7:30 Fr. Quang<br>9:00 Fr. Quang<br>10:45 Fr. Mark<br>12:30 Fr. Quang<br>2:00 Fr. Mark<br>5:00 Latin-Fr.                     | 8:00 Fr. Mark   | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br><br>10:00 <b>Chrism Mass</b><br>Oakland Cathedral<br><br>6:00 Confessions | 8:00 Fr. Quang  | <br>8:00 Lauds – Dcn. John<br><br>7:00 The Lord's Supper –<br>All Priests & Deacons –<br>Preaching – Dcn. John | 8:00 Lauds – Dcn. Paul<br><br>12:00 Lord's Passion –<br>English – Fr. Quang<br><br>3:00 Lord's Passion –<br>English – Fr. Quang<br><br>5:00 Spa. Sta. of the Cross<br>7:00 Lord's Passion –<br>Spanish – Fr. Mark | 8:00 Lauds – Dcn. Leland<br><br>NO Confessions<br><br>8:00 <b>Easter Vigil</b><br>– All Priests & Deacons<br>Preaching – Dcn. Leland   |
| Easter 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23   |
| 7:30 Fr. Quang<br>9:00 Fr. Quang<br>10:45 Fr. Mark<br>12:30 Fr. Quang<br>2:00 Fr. Mark<br>5:00 Latin-Fr.                     | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br><br>Fr. Mark Break<br>April 18-22.                              | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br><br>6:00 Confessions  | 8:00 Fr. Quang  | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>6:00 Benediction  | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>Benediction  | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br><br>10:00 Wed. – Fr. Juan<br>12:00 Quin. Fr. Mark<br>2:00 Wed. – Fr. Arturo<br><br>3:30 Confessions<br>5:00 Fr. Mark / P   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Easter–Mercy 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29  | 30   |
| 7:30 Fr. Quang / P<br>9:00 Fr. Quang / P<br>10:45 Fr. Mark / L<br>12:30 Fr. Quang / P<br>2:00 Fr. Mark / L<br>5:00 Latin-Fr. | 8:00 Fr. Mark<br><br>Fr. Quang Break<br>May 2-6.                                  | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br><br>6:00 Confessions  | 8:00 Fr. Quang  | 8:00 Fr. Mark<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>6:00 Benediction   | 8:00 Fr. Quang<br>Benediction / Adoration<br><br>Benediction  | 8:00 Fr. Mark<br><br>10:00 Bap. – Dcn. Leland<br><br>9:00 – 4:30<br><b>Men's Conference</b><br><br>3:30 Confessions<br>5:00 Fr. Quang <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">12</span> |

## Ministry Meetings/

### **+** Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM  
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

### Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes  
7:30AM

### **Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario**

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Wednesday/Miércoles  
8:30AM

### **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro**

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Friday/Viernes  
8:30AM

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia**

### Anointing of the Sick Unción de los Enfermos

### Home Communion Comunión a los Enfermos

Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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## Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

### DATE/TIME:

### MEETING:

### LOCATION:

#### Mon. Mar. 28th

|        |                      |         |
|--------|----------------------|---------|
| 5:00pm | Legion of Mary/Eng   | Library |
| 6:00pm | ICF—Monthly Mtg.     | Hall C  |
| 7:00pm | Bible Study/Sp       | Hall A  |
| 7:00pm | Escuela de la Cruz   | Luke    |
| 7:00pm | Guadalupanos Meeting | John    |
| 7:00pm | Men of St. Joseph    | Library |

#### Tues. Mar. 29th

|         |                   |         |
|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 10:00am | IHM Crafters      | Library |
| 6:00pm  | Confessions       | Church  |
| 6:00pm  | Legion of Mary/Sp | Chapel  |

#### Wed. Mar. 30th

|         |                                |              |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 10:00am | Men's Fellowship               | Library      |
| 4:00pm  | Catechesis of the Good Shepard | Jn/Lk/Hall B |

#### Thurs. Mar. 31st

|         |                                |              |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 10:00am | Women's Faith Sharing          | Library      |
| 4:00pm  | Catechesis of the Good Shepard | Jn/Lk/Hall B |

|        |                         |         |
|--------|-------------------------|---------|
| 5:00pm | Widow and Widowers      | Library |
| 7:00pm | Discovering Christ      | Library |
| 7:00pm | RCIA                    | Mark    |
| 7:00pm | RCIA                    | Luke    |
| 7:00pm | Adult Confirmation /Eng | Matt    |

#### Fri. Apr. 1st

|        |                       |            |
|--------|-----------------------|------------|
| 8:00am | St. Vincent de Paul   | Hall A/B/C |
| 3:30pm | Bible Study/Eng       | Library    |
| 7:00pm | Confirmation Adult/Sp | John       |
| 7:00pm | Divine Mercy/Sp       | Luke       |

#### Sat. Apr. 2nd

|         |                                   |         |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 10:30am | Marin Movement of Priests Cenacle | Library |
| 10:30am | Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group   | Mark    |
| 3:30pm  | Confessions                       | Church  |

### **2022 Scholarships**

Graduating High School Seniors and Continuing College Students are reminded that the 2022 High School and College scholarships are available on the IHM Brentwood Website or at the parish office. Scholarships are due by **April 9, 2022**. A number of Scholarships will be available this year.



### **Becas 2022**

Se recuerda que los formularios para las becas de 2022 para la Escuela Secundaria y la Universidad están disponibles en el sitio Web de ICM Brentwood o en la oficina parroquial. Los formularios de las becas deben entregarse antes del **9 de abril de 2022**. Este año habrán varias becas disponibles

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