

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, February 22

7:00 am Por la salud de Arturo Berumen
 9:00 am All Souls
 11:00 am For the Healing of Lily Plasencia
 1:00 pm Cumpleaños de Manuel Guerrero
 7:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Dios

Monday, February 23

12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 pm Cumpleaños de Martha Pedroza

Tuesday, February 24

12:10 pm All Souls

Wednesday, February 25

12:10 pm + Adilene Elva Pedroza

Thursday, February 26

12:10 pm + Maria Nga Pham

Friday, February 27

12:10 pm All Souls
 7:00 pm Aniversario de Boda de Brian y Karen
 Magaña

Saturday, February 28

5:00 pm All Souls
 7:00 pm + Guadalupe Montesinos

Sunday, March 1

7:00 am + Edgar Victoriano
 9:00 am + Carlos Olivas
 11:00 am + Dr. Hans Werner Niessan
 1:00 pm Cumpleaños de Adalberto Gil
 7:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Dios

For the sick ... Por los enfermos

Luisa Gil, Jose Reynoso, Laura Felix, Nancy Rojas, Ramon Salinas, Aurora Bautista, Goya Estrada, Maria de Jesus Perez, Magda Pinedo, Estela Cruz, Salvador Torres, Steve Baur, Andres Sierra, Catalina Corral, Maria Delgado, Lucia Lagunas, Alfredo Navarro Arevalo, Guadalupe Martinez, Bonfilia Diaz, Rosendo Ramirez, Antonia Machado

For the deceased... Por los difuntos

+ Juan Carlos Hernandez, + Jesus Hernandez, + Jose Villalobos, + Carmen Olmedo, + Jose Martin Navarro, + Juana Guzman, + Christian Murillo Garibay, + Francisca Lopez, + Adan Betancourt, + Marta Yolanda Zuniga, + Salvador Torres, + Victor Lopez, + Carlos Cortez, + Marcela Cortez, + Jose Ruben Carrasco, + Enedina Ramirez, + Francisco Machado

Virtues, Explained! Understanding

"I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine. "And I understand, the better to believe."

The virtue of understanding, which is a gift conferred by the Holy Spirit, shows us that there is no such thing as "blind faith." Faith, by its very nature, seeks to better understand the object of that faith.

It is important to know that understanding is a process — the Holy Spirit is always willing to give a gift over and over again! "The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood," we read in Dei verbum, the dogmatic constitution on divine revelation.

Understanding is the "food" of faith. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith. "A more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love," says the Catechism (CCC 158).



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule / Horario De Misas

Monday – Friday : 12:10 PM (English)
 Lunes & Viernes : 7:00 PM (Español)

Vigil / Vigilia (Saturday / Sabado)

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday / Domingo

7:00 am , 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Español)
 9:00 am , 11:00 am (English)

Confessions / Confesiones

Saturdays/ Sabados : 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Adoration / Adoracion

Thursdays / Jueves
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Baptisms / Bautismos

2º Domingo (Español)
 3rd Sunday (English)
 2:30 pm

Marriages/ Matrimonio

Must register 6 months in advanced
 Necesitan registrarse con 6 meses de anticipacion

Quinceañeras

Call office for information (6 months in advance)
 Llame a la oficina para informacion (6 meses de anticipacion)

Funerals/ Funerales

Call our office/ llame a la oficina

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

In-person at office / En persona en la oficina

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM , 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday / Domingo
 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Gospel Reflection ... Reflexion del Evangelio

22 de febrero de 2026
1 Domingo de Cuaresma

Con el Miércoles de Ceniza inicia el Tiempo de Cuaresma. Los colores litúrgicos cambian, indicando un tiempo especial de conversión y arrepentimiento. La Cuaresma es tiempo para encontrarnos con Jesús en el desierto, y nos invita a la conversión y a la reconciliación de todo lo que nos aleja de Dios. Es también un tiempo de renovación espiritual profunda, de oración, de ayuno y de dar al que no tiene. Esto es importante porque nos ayuda a llegar a la Pascua de la Resurrección de Jesucristo con un corazón puro y limpio.

Habrà muchas tentaciones que debemos rechazar y vencer. Esto se logra con un acercamiento sincero al Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Recordemos que las tentaciones son siempre seductoras y engañosas. El Señor Jesús fue tentado por el diablo tres veces en el desierto y salió victorioso. Al final, nos relata el Evangelio: “Entonces lo dejó el diablo y se acercaron los ángeles a servirle” (Mateo 4:11). Seguir los pasos de Jesús es importante en este Tiempo de Cuaresma. ¿Cómo seguirlo?, quizá se pregunte. Confiando en su Palabra, rezando en familia, como nos lo pide el Papa León XIV, y teniendo un altar en casa, donde se pueda apreciar que Dios es el centro de nuestra vida. Estos pequeños detalles nos conducen a la Verdad y a la Vida, que es Dios mismo. Pidamos al Señor que su Palabra penetre en la tibieza de nuestro corazón en esta Cuaresma, para que dé fortaleza a nuestras debilidades y no nos deje caer en la tentación, como decimos en el Padrenuestro.

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt
25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt
6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk
11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde
-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt
5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-
48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2
Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

Saints and Observances

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

San Policarpo de Esmirna | 23 de febrero

Como discípulo de San Juan, el Evangelista, San Policarpo pudo escuchar sobre la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús directamente de quienes la presenciaron. Debido a que Policarpo fue ordenado obispo de Esmirna por San Juan, es uno de los tres principales Padres Apostólicos, junto con Clemente de Roma e Ignacio de Antioquía.

Durante su vida, Policarpo defendió a la Iglesia contra las herejías. Su importante escrito, la Carta a los Filipenses, citaba los Evangelios y los Hechos de los Apóstoles, enfatizando la autoridad de Pablo en la Iglesia y exponiendo argumentos claros contra la herejía gnóstica que negaba la divinidad de Cristo.

El periodo inicial de la Iglesia fue un periodo peligroso para ser cristiano y, como muchos, San Policarpo fue martirizado. Fue capturado por los romanos y condenado a ser quemado en la hoguera. Sin embargo, el fuego no le tocaba, sino que se elevaba como velas a su alrededor. Al ver que las llamas no herirían a Policarpo, los romanos lo apuñalaron en su lugar. El Martirio de Policarpo es quizás el relato más antiguo y completamente conservado de un mártir cristiano.



Wedding Banns / Amonestaciones

The following couples would like to express their intention to be made One in the Sacrament of Matrimony at St Joseph Church in Santa Ana,



Jesus Maturino & Lizeth Flores,
Javier Lemus & Evelyn Valle,
Mauricio Garcia & Silvia Saavedra,

If anyone has knowledge of any impediment or hindrance to the proposed marriage between the mentioned couples, please contact the parish office.

St. Polycarp of Smyrna | February 23

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the Letter to the Philippians, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

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