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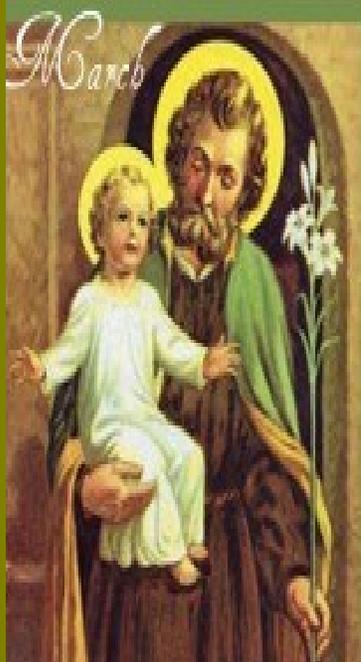
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2026



Solemnity
Of
St Joseph
Spouse
of our
Blessed Mother
19 March

MARCH IS MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



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St. Francis de Sales ~ Pray for Us

MASS Times:

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
Saturday → Anticipated Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

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

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 (John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	March 14 8:15 AM <i>In Memory of Mary Cronin</i> 5:00 PM <i>In Memory of Ron Lydick</i>
SUNDAY	March 15 8:00 AM <i>In Memory of Ted Braga</i> 10:00 AM <i>In Memory of Pat Finn</i> 12:00 PM <i>In Memory of Lucille C. & John Gaudio</i>
MONDAY	March 16 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of Sean Aquirre</i>
TUESDAY	March 17 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of Gus Singh</i>
WEDNESDAY	March 18 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of Corina Rinkenberger; St. Joseph the Worker</i>
THURSDAY	March 19 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of Robert Marian Walak</i>
FRIDAY	March 20 8:15 AM <i>In Memory of Annalee Nabua</i>
SATURDAY	March 21 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of Zoe Singh</i> 5:00 PM <i>For the Intentions of those whose names are in the Book of Angels</i>

**Pray For
The Dead**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Sean Aguirre, Gisele Hayek, Susan Ho, Ellery Wilson, Angela Samona, Denise Loren, Marilyn Bencar, Leticia Romero, Alex Chalof, Carmel Rattigan, Kathy Molloy, Glenn J. Lawlor, Jr., Olga Oshiro, Maria Berreondo, Tanya Valazquez, Catherine Crews, Deana Domsten, Mary Ann Blee, Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho, Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, Linda Lucas, Vickie Council, Joan Gore, William Moultrie, Rose Bann, James Armstrong, Sr., Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk, Pat Yahnke, Linda Mauleon, Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Crigler, Samiee Nejad, Mary Bailey, Eric Duran, Tina McConnell, Patrick McDougall, Tish Mc Daniel, Nina Barnes, Jana Rattigan, Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton, Jen Welch, Bob Dixon, Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto, Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar, Jim Earnhart, Joseph Stockert, Rose Ang, Sheila van der Veen, Leonila Siga-an, Jonathan Jacobs, Sammi Petri, Brett Good, Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, Saverio Barbieri, Davis Weld, Kevin Hogan, Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley, Karin Quinn Forward, Susan Maria, Kevin Patrick, Sean Kevin, Bruce Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fran Hurton, Arnaud Gregori, Mary Henriksen, Dominic Mantei, Edith Reeves, Stefanie Gabler, Jake Patterson, Rose Rios, Anita & Austen Canzano, David Bell, Marie Schewe, Tom & Judy King, Jonathan Masse, Steve Dee, Darya Williams, Gus Calderon, Robert Willing, Josue Meza, Thomas Oliver, Philip Graber, and Blake Cline

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 03/15	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday, 03/17	<i>St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day</i>
Wednesday, 03/18	<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday, 03/19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, 03/20	<i>Friday of Lent; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm; First Day of Spring</i>



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Holy Week Schedule



Palm (Passion) Sunday

Saturday, March 28th Anticipated Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29th Mass at 8:00 am,
10:00 am, and 12:00-Noon

Palms blessed and given at each Mass.

Monday of Holy Week: Mass at 8:15 am

Tuesday of Holy Week: Mass at 8:15 am

Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass at 8:15 am

Holy Thursday morning: Mass at 8:15 am

Easter Triduum 2026

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
(After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be in the
Children's Chapel for adoration until 10:30 pm)

Good Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday Service at 1:30 pm
(Reading of the Passion,
Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th

*Sunrise Mass at 6:00 am in Church
Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12-Noon

Lenten Devotions

- **Sunday Mass:** We have Anticipated Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Our Sunday Mass is at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12-noon. Sunday Mass is the foundation of our Catholic lives. Our presence at Sunday Mass is essential for our relationship with the living LORD and one another. Sunday Mass is God gathering us as God's holy people. Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient to atone for the sins of humanity. The Mass does not add to or replicate this event. Instead, the Mass connects the faithful to that one moment in history. This connection is not a physical re-enactment, but a spiritual and sacramental participation. The LORD invites us to unite ourselves to JESUS, as JESUS offers Himself in perfect obedience to His Abba. It is our weekly supper as God's family at which the Lord speaks to us in the Scriptures and then nourishes us with the Bread of Heaven.
- **Daily Mass** is the daily devotion *par excellence*. Our daily Mass is at 8:15 a.m., Monday thru Saturday.
- **The Stations of the Cross** is a meditation on the Passion and Death of the LORD JESUS.
We pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 the Friday evenings of Lent.
- **The Rosary**, the Liturgy of the Hours, reading the Bible are also excellent Lenten practices.
- **Practice the Corporal Works of Mercy:** To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked;
To shelter the homeless; To visit the sick; To visit the prisoner; To bury the dead. (Matthew 25)
- **Practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy:** To instruct the ignorant; To counsel the doubtful; To admonish sinners;
To bear wrongs patiently; To forgive offences willingly; To comfort the afflicted; To pray for the living and the dead.
(Isaiah 58, Hebrew 13)

As GOD's people, together we enter into the time-honored Biblical disciplines of prayer, fasting, and works of charity. While each of us will practice these three ancient disciplines in our own way, the desire is the same: To help us recapture the awareness that we depend upon GOD for everything; To remind us to share some of what we have with those less fortunate; To share in the daily hunger for food that so many in the world feel every day and to grow in the awareness that we are not alone, that we are members of GOD's family.

Here are some suggested on-line resources to assist us during Lent.

- **Immaculate Heart Radio — Relevant Radio**—930 AM on your radio dial
Immaculate Heart Radio airs Roman Catholic religious programming.
The network provides 24-hour a day schedule consisting of call-in talk shows, interviews and broadcasts of the Mass.
- **IgnatiusSpiratuality.com**—online retreats, prayers, articles
- **Textweek.com** — lectionary, scripture study
- **Catholic.org** —saints, prayers, background for Ash Wednesday and Lent
- **USCCB.org/lent** —many Lenten resources
- **Formed.org**—entry to Catholic books, videos, sacramental preparation and much more
- Follow these easy steps to access **Formed.org**:
 - a. Register at **Formed.org** to access free content as a parishioner,
 - b. To Register, go to the link: <https://formed.org/signup>
 - c. In the "find your parish" search box, type in our parish Zip Code: **91423**
 - d. A drop-down list may show several parishes. Click on **Sherman Oaks, CA** listing.
 - e. Proceed to enter account information and you should be ready to go.

Our Elect and Our Candidates

Our Catechumens: Adriana, Dariush, David, Fredy, Jill, Karla, Karen, Maria, Manish, Philip, Reyna, Viktoriya, and William traveled to our Cathedral on Saturday, February 14th and were admitted as our Elect by Archbishop Gomez. Please keep a prayer for our Catechumens as they journey with the Lord Jesus, each other and their sponsors during the weeks of Lent.

Our Catechumens, now our Elect, are those who are not baptized and wish to enter our wonderful Catholic Faith. This desire of our Catechumens, now our Elect, is realized when he/she is re-born through Holy water and the Holy Spirit in the saving waters of Baptism, sealed with the Oil of Chrism in Confirmation, and then nourished with the Body and Blood of the Savior at the Easter Vigil.

Our Candidates are those who are baptized in another Christian community and who wish to make his/her Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, are sealed with the Oil of Chrism in Confirmation, and then nourished with the Body and Blood of the Savior. Please keep a prayer for our Candidates: Andrew, Barbara, Jana, Jermayne, Michael, and Snow as they prepare for their Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Holy Communion on Mother's Day.

Thank you to Mr. Paul Chavez who gives so much of his time and talent in shepherding, guiding and directing our catechumens and candidates in our Christian Initiation of Adults every Wednesday evening and every Sunday. *Thank you* to Mrs. Donna Casey in assisting our catechumens and candidates every Wednesday evening and Sunday.

What are the Steps of Christian Initiation?

Prior to beginning the process of becoming a Christian, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ, and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the **Period of Evangelization and Pre-catechumenate**. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest or a parish director of Christian Initiation, the person, known as an "inquirer", may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite for Entrance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen.

The **Period of the Catechumenate** can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen, the priest, and the parish team working with him or her believes, the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church; the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

The **Rite of Election** includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors, and families gather at the Cathedral church. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect.

The days of Lent are the final **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Elect receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Once the Elect have received these three sacraments, they are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Lent Penance Service</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>City</u>
St. Euphrasia at St. John Baptist De La Salle	Monday, March 16	7:00 PM	Granada Hills
St. Francis De Sales at St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Wednesday, March 18	7:00 PM	Encino
St. John Eudes	Wednesday, March 18	7:00 PM	Chatsworth
Our Lady of the Valley	Monday, March 23	7:00 PM	Canoga Park
Our Lady of Lourdes	Tuesday, March 24	7:00 PM	Northridge
St. Joseph the Worker	Wednesday, March 25	7:00 PM	Winnetka
St. Bernardine of Siena	Thursday, March 26	7:00 PM	Woodland Hills

Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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March 14 - 15, 2026

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. If you prefer to donate on-line, iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection.

Saturday, March 21st

4:30 p.m. Book of Angels Candle Procession

5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

6:00 p.m. Pasta Dinner

After Mass - Join us for Pasta Dinner!

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Did You Know?

Children and Healthy Relationships

Ideally, children should know what healthy relationships look like in their own lives. This example is important for them to learn how to develop their own relationships. Children need to know that everyone has the right to feel safe and respected, and that violence and abuse are never okay in any relationship or interaction. Safe adults can talk about the importance of respect and kindness, and model that in their own relationships to show children how to navigate friendships, conflict, and other interactions.

For more information, read the VIRTUS article

"*Domestic Violence: Part 2*"

at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know

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