

St Joseph Catholic Church



First Sunday of Lent

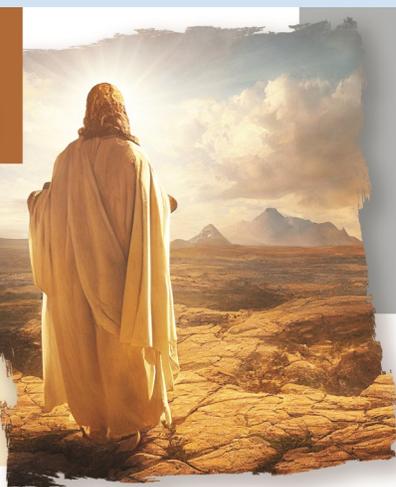
February 26, 2023

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At that time
Jesus was led by
the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1



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Welcome to Visitors & New Members

You are welcome to worship with us at any time. If you are new to the Randolph County area, may we invite you to register as a member of the parish. Registration forms are available in parking lot vestibule or by calling the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday/Sabado
1:00pm-3:00pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA
FIRST FRIDAY/ PRIMER VIERNES 9AM- 5AM**

Mass Schedule/ Misas

Saturday/Sabado:	4:00 PM English 6:00 PM Spanish
Sunday/ Domingo	7:00 AM Español 9:00 AM English 12:00 PM Español 4:00 PM Español
Weekly Masses/ Misas entre semana	Monday and Friday 8:15 AM Wednesday 6:00 PM Thursday 7:00 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

God is Holy. He gave us life and requires us to be holy. Our holiness has to be revealed in our loving others as we love ourselves. Holiness becomes an expression of one's intrinsic being. Its genuineness is revealed in the willingness to extend it to other beings. The process of this human dynamics becomes an exposure of the divine in us.

This process precipitates a sense of holy in us. It is the Holy Spirit who we are gifted with and who dwells in us who is empowering us to engage in this holiness process. This awareness implies that we always seek His help in successfully maintaining this holiness process.

His power and presence in us enable us to recognize we are the temple of God. We cannot defile His temple. The influence of the evil in the world, the trials and tribulations of our daily living, the susceptibility of our humanness in adverse environments, and our honest desire to prevail, prompt us to be vigilant and seek to adopt diligent efforts to maintain this sense of holy.

Examinations of conscience is a successful tool employed by all the saints in the history of spiritual traditions. It facilitates to maintain the awareness and the desire to stay away from evil influences.

This tool can be fruitfully employed at the end of the day or at midday and evening. If we train our children this practice of the examination of conscience on a regular basis, they will be excited to avoid the evil in the world and very eagerly maintain their focus on the success in this life and eternal salvation at the end.

God bless you all

Dios es Santo. Él nos dio la vida y requiere que seamos santos. Nuestra santidad tiene que ser revelada en nuestro amor a los demás como nos amamos a nosotros mismos. La santidad se convierte en una expresión del propio ser intrínseco. Su autenticidad se revela en la voluntad de extenderlo a otros seres. El proceso de esta dinámica humana se convierte en una exposición de lo divino en nosotros.

Este proceso precipita un sentido de santidad en nosotros. Es el Espíritu Santo con el que estamos dotados y que mora en nosotros quien nos está capacitando para participar en este proceso de santidad. Esta conciencia implica que siempre busquemos Su ayuda para mantener con éxito este proceso de santidad.

Su poder y presencia en nosotros nos permiten reconocer que somos el templo de Dios. No podemos profanar Su templo. La influencia del mal en el mundo, las pruebas y tribulaciones de nuestro diario vivir, la susceptibilidad de nuestra humanidad en ambientes adversos y nuestro sincero deseo de prevalecer, nos impulsan a estar atentos y buscar adoptar esfuerzos diligentes para mantener este sentido de santo.

Los exámenes de conciencia son una herramienta exitosa empleada por todos los santos en la historia de las tradiciones espirituales. Facilita mantener la conciencia y el deseo de alejarse de las malas influencias. Esta herramienta puede emplearse fructíferamente al final del día o al mediodía y por la noche. Si entrenamos a nuestros hijos en esta práctica del examen de conciencia de manera regular, estarán entusiasmados por evitar el mal en el mundo y con mucho entusiasmo mantendrán su enfoque en el éxito en esta vida y la salvación eterna al final.

Dios los bendiga a todos

The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

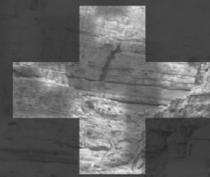
Sin, he says, is the cause of death. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. A less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, like smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. The main difference between them is that Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

In the Gospel, Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

Week of February 26, 2023
MASS SCHEDULE

- Mon 2/27 **8:15am** †William McAdams by Joe McGinty
- Wed 3/01 **6:00pm** †Rogelia Curiel by Familia Moure
- Thurs 3/02 **7:00am** †Kris Dillon by Joe McGinty
- Fri 3/03 **8:15am** †David Boisey Jr. by Joe McGinty
- Sat 3/04 **4:00pm**
6:00pm †Hugo Diaz by Jenny Nolasco
- Sun 3/05 **7:00am**
9:00am †Kathleen Monroe by Carol Rich & Marie Shandor
12:00pm Almas del Purgatorio by Cecilia Arellano
4:00pm



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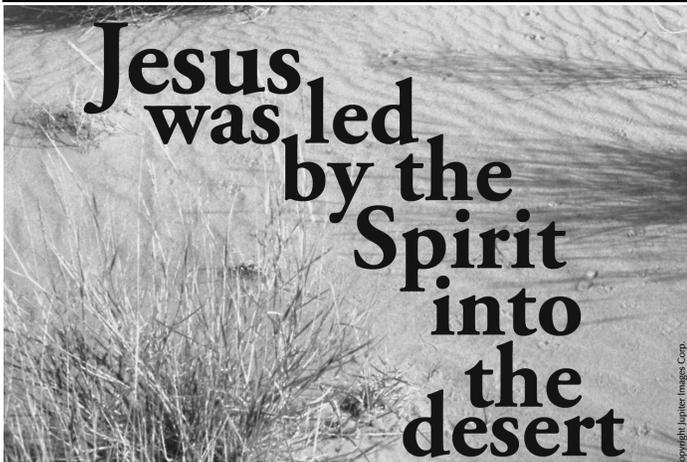
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BIRTHDAY LIST

- 2/27 Sonia Alvarado Garay
- 2/28 Wendy Graham, Celeste Gutierrez, Lisseth Reyes, Miranda Reza, Luis Vazquez. Brisa Vazquez
- 3/01 Ofelia Avila, Manuel Cantero, Salvador Canuto, Maria Veronica Corona, Maria Guadalupe Jaimes Cruz, John Kneiss, Isabel Newman, Leonila Osorio, Eric Ruiz
- 3/02 Damian Alvarado, Edwin Giovanni, Alvarez, Maria de la Cruz, Nayely Garcia, Jaylani Garcia, Catherine Hamm, Marjoric Joachin, Giovana Patino, Bianca Perez, Adrian Rabadan, Heather Ramirez, Lisbeth Vazquez
- 3/03 Angel Amaya, Ines Garcia, Ivan Perez, Emily Toledo, Dalyla Valdez
- 3/04 Nicholas Duggins, Juan Flores, Rosa Maria Fuentes, Keena Heaton, Maria Hilda, Mary McEllistrem, Gisselle Moreno, Stephanie Pena, Leslie Richards, Elizabeth Velazquez
- 3/05 Heather Kroeger, Adriana Lopez, Daniel Rodriguez, Sandra Rodriguez, Alberto Soto,



Have a Very Blessed Birthday



WEEKLY OFFERINGS: FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

Offertory: \$4,400.00

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; 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 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Gregory of Narek; Julian Calendar Lent begins
- Friday:** St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** St. Casimir; First Saturday

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Cosieron, pues, unas hojas de higuera, y se hicieron unos taparrabos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Salmo — Ten piedad de nosotros los pecadores, oh Señor (Salmo 51 [50]).

Segunda lectura — Una sola trasgresión acarree sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos (Romanos 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Evangelio — Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás (Mateo 4:1-11).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Martes:** Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Miércoles:** Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
- Jueves:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Viernes:** Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Sábado:** Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Domingo:** Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACION

- Domingo:** Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
- Lunes:** San Gregorio de Narek; Inicio de la Cuaresma en el calendario juliano
- Viernes:** Santa Katharine Drexel; Abstinencia; Primer viernes; Jornada Mundial de Oración
- Sábado:** San Casimiro; Primer sábado

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**Prayer during Lent**

Holy God, now is the acceptable time to return to you.

As we walk the path of these forty days, may we turn away from sin and embrace a life of goodness and truth.

Strengthen us on our Lenten journey and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.

He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA**Oración durante la Cuaresma**

Dios santo, ahora es el momento aceptable para volver a ti.

Mientras recorremos el camino de estos cuarenta días, que nos alejemos del pecado y abracemos una vida de bondad y verdad.

Fortalécenos en nuestro camino cuaresmal y manténnos centrados en la cruz y la resurrección de tu Hijo, nuestro Salvador y Redentor. Él es el Señor por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH**Lent**

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed. By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be Initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE**Cuaresma**

Una de las reformas litúrgicas ordenadas en el Concilio Vaticano II fue la de restablecer el enfoque del tiempo de Cuaresma como tiempo de preparación -o de renovación- del bautismo. Los obispos del Concilio eran conscientes de que los orígenes de la Cuaresma como tiempo litúrgico distintivo se encontraban en los primeros siglos, cuando la Iglesia celebraba los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana sólo una vez al año, en la Vigilia Pascual. Para preparar a los que iban a recibir esos sacramentos, se desarrolló gradualmente un período especial de preparación (que llegó a durar cuarenta días). En la época del Concilio Vaticano II, el carácter iniciático de la Cuaresma se había olvidado hace tiempo, y se había convertido en un simple tiempo de penitencia centrado en la renovación espiritual individual. La introducción del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos y la revisión del Leccionario después del Concilio han cambiado todo esto. Ahora, las lecturas dominicales de la Cuaresma se seleccionan cuidadosamente teniendo en cuenta el camino de los que se preparan para ser iniciados en la Vigilia Pascual. Una vez más, se pide a toda la comunidad que haga penitencia en solidaridad con los candidatos al Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Así, para apreciar plenamente el significado de las lecturas de este tiempo, el “filtro” a través del cual hay que escucharlas es siempre el conocimiento de que estamos ayudando a preparar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el catecumenado para su iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual.

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† Sacraments †

****Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptism is a highly sacred event and deserves careful and complete readiness. Please contact the church office (336-629-0221) to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, which is done on a regular basis. Parents must be registered and participating members of our parish community

****Sacrament of Marriage** - Couples should contact the Pastor (336-629-0221) at least 6 months prior to the wedding date for necessary preparation.

****Ministry of the Sick**— Please call the church office (336-629-0221) to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a family member. Federal Privacy Law prohibits the hospital from giving room numbers, so we must have prior knowledge of a patient's room number before we visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or an illness.



****Prayers for our Military**—please call the office (336-629-0221) to notify us of their Military Status

Out of respect for the Liturgy in which we partake, please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary of Our Lord. If your Children are acting up, please take them to the cry room in order not to disrupt the liturgy for others.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*The Knights are looking for new members to join their brotherhood. If interested please contact the church office and a Knight will return your call



COLUMBIETTES:

The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please take a moment to pray for our parishioners needs, illness, persona problems and our young men serving our country:

- Christopher Gardner, Lillian Hazelwood, Colleen Greene, Gary Hutchins, Jose Espiallet, Monica Smith, Patrick Guarion, Raphael Guriel, Josefina Arellano, JR Newsome, Mary Matthews, Sara Dunmeyer's daughter, Donald Hills, Robert Barker, Mary Poremba, Sharon Derosi, Chester Devarney, Ernest Devarney, Luis Saavedra, Don Troup, Phyllis Morrison, Harry Chriscoe



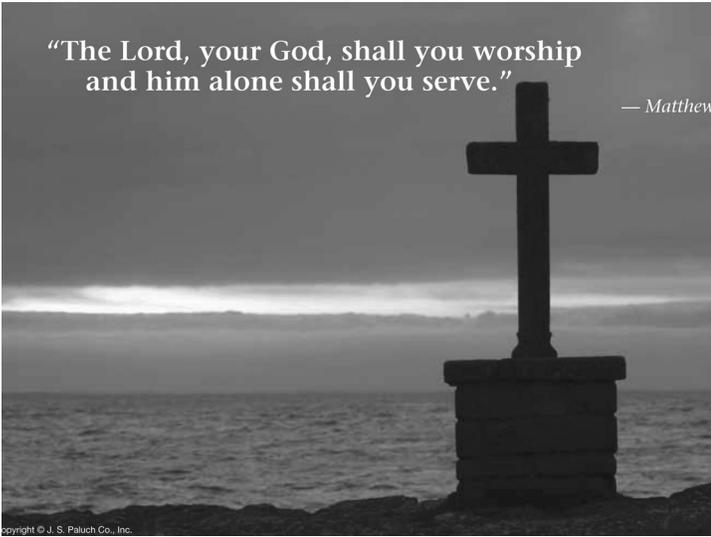
Military: Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz. Carlos Chavez

Seminarians & Religious: Jose Palma, Kevin Martinez, & Jessica Palma



Calling all young men ages 10-18. Are you looking to grow in your faith, learn to become a community leader, or help your community and church all while having fun with other Catholic young man? Well, the Columbian Squires are looking for new members. The Columbian Squires is part of the Knights of Columbus family. For more information please have a parent contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418





“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”
— Matthew

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent
English after the 8:15am Mass
 Youth 5:30pm
 Spanish 7:00pm

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE
 The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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K O C Lent Food Sale
 The K O C will be having a food sale on March 3rd and March 31

RECICLANDO

El Grupo de Juvenil esta colectando latas de aluminio, latas de comida o cualquier otro metal para apoyar las actividades del Grupo Juvenil. Por favor deposite los articulos que usted tenga en la esquina de la casita. Gracias a los que poneen en bolsa separadas el alumino y el acero. Articulos de acero como sartenes biejos, erramientas, palas etc.. Se convierten en efectivo. Porfavor Done. Muchas Gracias.



RECYCLING

The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans, tin cans, and other metal items for recycling to support the Youth Group activities. Please leave your items by the shed in the corner of the parking lot. Thank you in advance for separating the cans into separate bags for aluminum and steel. Steel items like old fry pans, basketball hoops, poles, tools, shovels, tire rims etc. can be turned in for cash. Please donate. Thank you.





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