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*Sunday of Lent*  
**JESUS  
RETURNED  
FROM THE  
JORDAN AND  
WAS LED BY  
THE SPIRIT  
INTO THE  
DESERT FOR  
FORTY DAYS**

*Luke 4:1-2*

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

\*1st Saturdays - 8:00am

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

#### CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES. THURS. SAT  
4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY

\*Please see weekly schedule

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# THIS WEEK @OLG



## MONDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:00 pm - Encounter  
School of Ministry

## TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:15 am - TMIY
- 6:30 pm - Adult  
Confirmation Class
- 7pm - Holy Hour
- 7pm - Knights Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:30 am - Bible Timeline  
Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - RCIA
- 7:00 pm- SHE Women's  
Group Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

## THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:30 pm- Sacristan  
Training
- 6:30 pm- Luke Bible  
Study
- 6:30 pm- Grief Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Young Adult  
Group Meeting

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- 6:00pm- Stations of the  
Cross

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**



- Visit three Missions along the El Camino de San Antonio Missions
- Bike, ride the bus, or drive yourself- bus departs from OLG at 8 am
- Prayer, reflections, and special children's activities at each Mission
- All pilgrims will attend Mass, the pilgrimage will end with a picnic lunch

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**Masses as Gifts:** Having a Mass offered on a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, is a most prayerful way to commemorate the special event. Mass cards are available to acknowledge your loved one's special remembrance.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group Every third **Tuesday of the month**. Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



**MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE**

- Monday, March 10  
7:00 AM Fr. Jorge  
Larry Roegelein-Birthday - Steve Roegelein
- Tuesday, March 11  
4:30 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe  
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe  
Rafael Mendible (d) - Rafael Mendible & Family
- Wednesday, March 12  
7:00AM Fr. Jorge  
In Thanksgiving - Debra Gooden
- Thursday, March 13  
4:30 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe  
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe  
Jerry SESCO (d) - Christine Pytel
- Friday, March 14  
7:00 AM Fr. Jorge  
William Henry Johnson (d) - Marilyn Johnson
- Saturday, March 15  
4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe  
5:30 PM Fr. Abe  
Ernestine Navarro (d) & Rose Esquivel (d)  
- Esquivel Family & Friends
- Sunday, March 16  
8:30 AM Fr. Abe  
Maruca Harz (d) - Friends  
10:30 AM Fr. Frank  
Charles J. Ware, Jr. (d) - Barlow Family  
12:00 PM Fr. Abe  
12:10 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge  
Cruz Salinas (d) & Rogelio Salinas (d)  
- Family

**This weekend's second collection  
for the Black & Native American Missions**

**NEW OFFERTORY PROCEDURE  
FOR SUNDAYS WITH A  
2ND COLLECTION**

We will do both collections at the same time during Mass

- the regular basket will be for the 1st collection
- the blue handled bag will be for the 2nd collection.

**1st  
COLLECTION**



**2nd  
COLLECTION**





Lent is a time that we tend to focus on suffering, fasting, penance, and prayer. All of these are good practices that help us to draw closer to God, but they also help us realize our place in the world. Suffering allows us to see that we live in a fallen world and it forces us to call out to God as our Father. Fasting allows us to break our sinful habits and deny the desires of the flesh so that we can live closer to how we were created to be. Penance forces us to admit that we have done wrong and need mercy from a loving God. And prayer, perhaps the most important of all of them, is entering into communion with the Trinity.

All of these practices have one thing in common, they pull us outside of ourselves and change the focus to God. During this time of Lent I am trying to focus on humility. We all have various gifts that God has given us, whether material or spiritual, and it can be tempting to take these for granted or even say that these gifts are here because of how hard we have worked or what we have done. Instead of falling into this trap, I want to try to be a good steward of the gifts God has given me during this Lenten season.

Our first reading today seems to speak of humble stewardship. Moses spoke to his people and said, "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God." Notice that all that the people are required to do is give. The priest does the offering and God receives it, but the people just need to be open to give. This is an act of true stewardship and true humility when we offer everything we have back to our loving Father in gratitude.

Another thing to notice is that the priest is required to perform the sacrifice. God doesn't NEED anything from us. It is when we offer everything back to the Father through the sacrifice of His Son that it becomes a pleasing offering. We don't go to Mass just to worship God but to participate in the worship of the Son on the cross to the Father. In that way, when we tie our sufferings, joys, failures, talents, and miseries, to the sacrifice of the cross, it becomes a pleasing sacrifice to the Lord. It also allows us to see that even worship is impossible without God's help.

During this Lenten season I encourage you to reflect on your life and start to offer it all to the Father at Mass. Once we start doing this and realize through true humility that everything we have is a gift, it will be much easier for us to be a gift to those around us.

By Tommy Shultz

## Scripture Readings For the Week of March 9, 2025

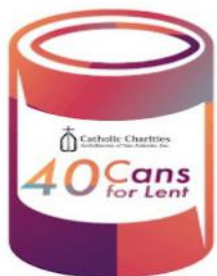
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
<b>Monday</b>	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

### 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

During Lent, you are invited to donate one can each day in solidarity with those who struggle to find their next meal. Your donation will assist the food pantry at the Guadalupe Community Center, our Parish Outreach Partner.

**Parishioners** can drop off cans in the bins inside the church or use the QR Code to shop/donate online.

**RE Students** can donate cans in each classroom and the class that brings the most food (by weight) will receive a 'breakfast party' at the conclusion of the food drive.



## Putting God to the Test

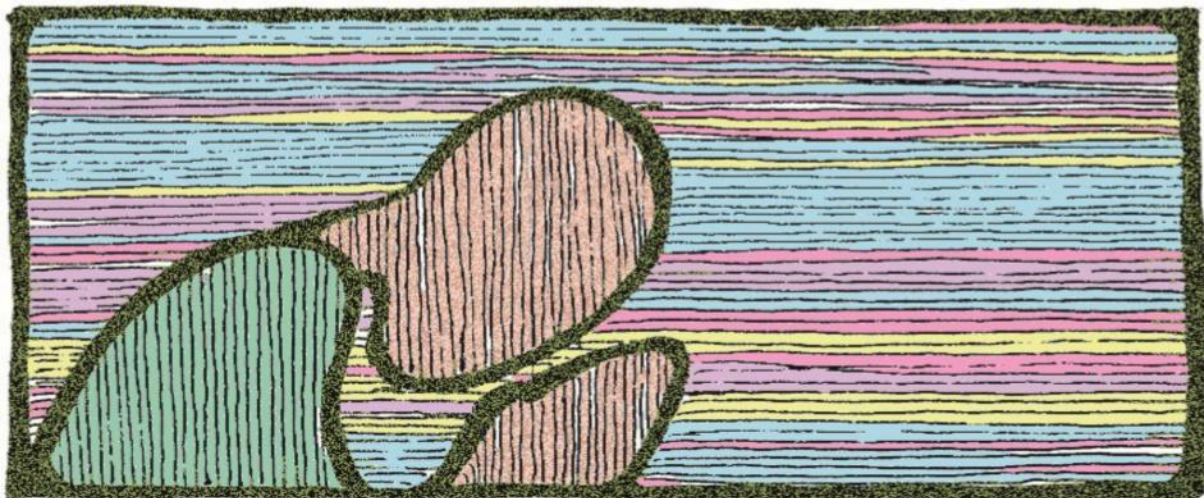
I always thought of the temptations in the desert as part of Jesus' growth in "wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52). They show how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. So he could have provided for all our needs (turn stones into bread,) brought peace to the world as a great leader (worship the devil,) or been a superhero (jump off the temple without harm). But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into "bread" (i.e., money)? When we ask God to help us by doing everything for us, we are tempting the Lord. God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. It might be a friend who helps us find the right doctor for a medical problem.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring about that peace. We could follow Jesus' command to love those around us, so that peace spreads from our actions. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, curing diseases, stopping hurricanes or earthquakes, and strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

Tom Schmidt





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# Fish Fry



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Friday mornings, 4 AM – 5 AM

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...another day?

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Rosary & Prayers

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begins on Wednesday,  
January 29th at 9:30am  
Guadalupe Room

**Study Leader: Shelley Clary 903-714-3889**



All men are invited to join a special Lenten Series of TMIY beginning Tuesday, March 4th from 6:15am-7:30am in the Madonna Room. The series will focus on rediscovering the power of the Rosary through videos filmed in the Holy Land focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please come join this awesome brotherhood of men growing in faith together!

The OLG Thursday evening Bible Study returns March 6. All are invited to a deeper spiritual engagement this Lent through the study of the Gospel of Luke.

This 8 part Bible study will include key moments in Salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, Jesus's public ministry, the Passion, the Crucifixion and Resurrection as well as parables found only in Luke.

In his Gospel, Luke makes special mention of Christ as Healer. Please join us for this transformative Lenten journey with Luke.

**THURSDAYS ~ 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**In the GUADALUPE ROOM**

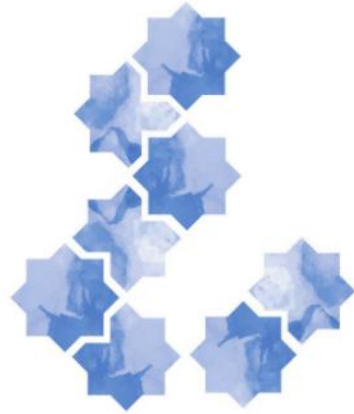
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