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## **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

### **WEEKEND SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday Eve: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M. (ESPAÑOL)

10:45 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

Daily Mass - Monday to Saturday 7:45 A.M. & 12:05 P.M.

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English: The 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm.

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Instruction class is on the Friday before at 7:00 pm.

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Communion is regularly brought to the sick by the Priests and Ministers of Communion. Please let us know if someone is confined at home because of illness or age.

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# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Masses for the Week

### Saturday, February 10

5:00p Myrna Lucero

### Sunday, February 11

7:30 Purgatorial Society

9:15 Tito Muniz

Maria Rodriguez

Patricia Margolys (1 Month Death Anniv.)

Felix Antonio Rodriguez (Death Anniv.)

10:45 Rico A. Borja

Albert Antenor

Bernardo Umali

12:15p For the People of the Parish

5:00p Nina and Elizabeth Brea (For Eternal Peace)

### Monday, February 12

7:45 Nina and Elizabeth Brea (For Eternal Peace)

12:05 Albert Antenor

### Tuesday, February 13

7:45 Nina and Elizabeth Brea (For Eternal Peace)

12:05p Remy Abellar Zarate

### Wednesday, February 14

7:30 Thomas Tauro

12:05p Floredeliza Garcia Manalang

7:30p Fr. Aresio Pesquira

### Thursday, February 15

7:45 Fr. Aresio Pesquira

12:05p Luisito M. Lantin

### Friday, February 16

7:45 Fr. Aresio Pesquira

12:05p Joseph Richard Scarola

### Saturday, February 17

7:45 Fr. Aresio Pesquira

12:05p Souls in Purgatory

5:00p Geraldine Granger and Jim Shyne, Jr.

### Sunday, February 18

7:30 Yolanda Fremista (L) (Thanksgiving & Birthday)

9:15 Rosa Cordova and Henry Cueva (Death Anniv.)

Jose Anibal Vargas

Gilberto Antonio Vargas

Juana Ramona Vargas

Ramon Antonio Vargas

10:45 Gavino Lacambra (Birthday in Heaven)

Angelita Cruz (Death Anniv.)

Fr. Aresio Pesquira

Philippe Devieux and Leonce Edouard

Eladia Umali

Leticia Tiangco (L) (Birthday)

12:15p Bernadette Blancada (L) (Birthday)

5:00p For the People of the Parish

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## Next Weekend's Readings

**Genesis 9:8-15** God establishes the rainbow as a sign of the covenant with all living things.



**Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9** God guides and teaches those who are humble enough to accept instruction.

**1 Peter 3:18-22** God waited patiently for Noah to build the ark of his salvation.

**Mark 1:12-15** After the trial in the desert, Jesus proclaims repentance and the Kingdom coming.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Fr. Abraham Mathew  
Miriam Vallebuona  
Gloria Juntereal

**The Deceased:** Michael J. Nuzzi  
Dane Asuncion  
Baby Morgyn Rose

## Week Ending: 2/4/2024

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024 ARE AVAILABLE

Come by the Rectory to reserve a Mass for a loved one.

## SECOND COLLECTION

## Monthly Maintenance

February 14, 2024  
(Miércoles de Ceniza)  
Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

7:30 am  
12:05 pm  
7:30 pm

There will also be a Prayer Service conducted at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.



## *Purgatorial Society*

*The following names were enrolled in the Purgatorial Society in the month of: JANUARY 2024*

**Thomas Moriarty**  
**Colleen Price**  
**Linda Asumaa**  
**Maria Vallone Siragusa**  
**Alfredo Dionio**  
**Octavio Dikitanan**  
**Geraldine Morrissey Garczynski**  
**Norma Guerrero**  
**Marion Schmitz**  
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**Alpha Ladera**  
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**Sister Alice Michael, S.U.S.C. - Director of Faith Formation**  
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**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES-February 11th**

As previously mentioned, today 20 minutes before each Mass, we will pray the rosary for all of the sick, especially those whose names are in the basket in front of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. There still are slips of paper at all entrances to the Church on which to write the name of the sick. Please place them in the basket in front of the Shrine.

**LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT**

The frequent question lately is, "why is Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday so early this year?" We will recall that the date for Easter Sunday is linked to the Jewish Passover which happens each year on the day that there is the full moon which falls on or after March 21, the following Sunday is our Easter Sunday. Unlike Christmas, there is not a fixed date. The "events" of Jesus' life on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter took place in the context of the Passover. It was during the Passover Meal that Jesus gave us Himself in the Eucharist for the first time.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lencten" which literally means the lengthening of the hours of daylight or "Springtime". It is like our spiritual "springtime". At the very beginning of spring, we eagerly look for signs of new life; we appreciate longer hours of our beautiful sun; we tend to do spring cleaning around the house etc. From the beginning, Lent was established as a time of penance for the celebration of Easter. Initially it was a three-day observance of strict fast covering the Triduum of Holy Week. Then it was later expanded to three weeks. The focus was on the final preparation for the adults who were going to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Then in 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea regulated the practice of forty days of penance from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday.

Very often the number 40 is used in Scripture. After Moses had made the covenant with God on Mt. Sinai and then discovered the Jewish people guilty of idolatry, he spent 40 days of fasting before he continued his role as leader. After that, the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years often hungry and thirsty. The prophet Elijah fasted in the desert for 40 days. God directed Jonah to give the people of Nineveh 40 days to repent and change their lives before disaster would strike. In the New Testament, Jesus prepared for His three years of the mission the Father had entrusted Him with by fasting in the desert for 40 days and endured the temptations of the devil. After Jesus' resurrection, He spent 40 days with the Apostles before He returned to His Father in heaven. The number 40 was understood as a special period of preparation.

It was quite customary to have severe Lenten penances. In 1966 Pope Paul VI mitigated this severity and tried to fill Lenten practices with more prayer and donating money to charity. After the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Church returned to greater emphasis on baptism and the renewal of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The Lenten season has various rites and prayers for those adults who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This year here at St. Nicholas of Tolentine we have two young adults for baptism and one who is Methodist becoming Catholic. At all Masses on Easter all who are already baptized renew our baptismal promises. Thus, during Lent, we could spend some prayer and reflection on the promises that were made in our name if we were baptized as children, but we personally are called to live these in our daily lives. In future bulletins during Lent we will have further reflection on these promises.

Lent is the season that calls us to turn our hearts to God. Jesus' call to conversion and penance is not primarily focused on external actions, fasting, and mortifications. Though these are necessary; however, what is at the heart of our Lenten journey is the conversion of heart, interior conversion. Each one of us needs to spend time reflecting on what is the state of our spiritual lives. What needs to change? What can I do to come to a closer relationship with the Lord? What can be my contribution to helping to make our family lives more loving, forgiving and joy-filled?

In next week's bulletin, we will share some thoughts that may benefit us as we journey through these 40 days.

Many Blessings,

***Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.***

## ESQUINA DE LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

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### **FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES-11 de febrero**

Como se mencionó anteriormente, hoy 20 minutos antes de cada Misa, rezaremos el rosario por todos los enfermos, especialmente aquellos cuyos nombres están en la canasta delante del Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Todavía hay papelitos en todas las entradas de la Iglesia en los que se puede escribir el nombre del enfermo. Por favor, deposítenlos en la canasta que hay delante del Santuario.

### **TIEMPO LITÚRGICO DE CUARESMA**

La pregunta frecuente últimamente es: "¿por qué el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Domingo de Resurrección se adelantan tanto este año?". Recordaremos que la fecha del Domingo de Resurrección está ligada a la Pascua judía que sucede cada año el día que hay luna llena que cae en o después del 21 de marzo, el domingo siguiente es nuestro Domingo de Pascua. A diferencia de la Navidad, no hay una fecha fija. Los "acontecimientos" de la vida de Jesús en Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, Sábado Santo y Pascua tuvieron lugar en el contexto de la Pascua. Fue durante la Cena Pascual cuando Jesús se nos entregó por primera vez en la Eucaristía.

La palabra "Cuaresma" procede del inglés antiguo "lencten", que significa literalmente el alargamiento de las horas de luz o "primavera". Es como nuestra "primavera" espiritual. Al comienzo de la primavera, buscamos ansiosamente El comienzo de la primavera, buscamos ansiosamente signos de nueva vida; apreciamos las horas más largas de nuestro hermoso sol; tendemos a hacer la limpieza de primavera en la casa, etc. Desde el principio, la Cuaresma se estableció como tiempo de penitencia para la celebración de la Pascua. Inicialmente era una observancia de tres días de ayuno estricto que abarcaba el Triduo de Semana Santa. Más tarde se amplió a tres semanas. Se centraba en la preparación final de los adultos que iban a ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual. Luego, en el 325 D.C., el Concilio de Nicea reguló la práctica de cuarenta días de penitencia desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta el Domingo de Pascua.

En las Escrituras se utiliza muy a menudo el número 40. Después de que Moisés hiciera el pacto con Dios en el monte Sinaí y descubriera que el pueblo judío era culpable de idolatría, pasó 40 días de ayuno antes de continuar con su papel de líder. Después, los judíos vagaron por el desierto durante 40 años, a menudo hambrientos y sedientos. El profeta Elías ayunó en el desierto durante 40 días. Dios ordenó a Jonás que diera al pueblo de Nínive 40 días para arrepentirse y cambiar de vida antes de que sobreviniera el desastre. En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús se preparó para los tres años de la misión que el Padre le había encomendado ayunando en el desierto durante 40 días y soportando las tentaciones del diablo. Tras la resurrección, Jesús pasó 40 días con los Apóstoles antes de regresar a su Padre Celestial. El número 40 se entendía como un periodo especial de preparación.

Era bastante habitual hacer severas penitencias cuaresmales. En 1966, el Papa Pablo VI mitigó esta severidad e intentó llenar las prácticas cuaresmales con más oración y donaciones de dinero a obras de caridad. Tras el Concilio Vaticano II de 1965, la Iglesia volvió a poner mayor énfasis en el bautismo y la renovación del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. El tiempo de Cuaresma tiene varios ritos y oraciones para aquellos adultos que serán bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual. Este año aquí en San Nicolás de Tolentino tenemos dos jóvenes adultos para el bautismo y uno que es Metodista convirtiéndose en Católico. En todas las misas de Pascua todos los que ya están bautizados renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales. Por lo tanto, durante la Cuaresma, podríamos pasar un poco de oración y reflexión sobre las promesas que se hicieron en nuestro nombre si fuimos bautizados como niños, pero nosotros personalmente estamos llamados a vivirlas en nuestra vida diaria. En futuros boletines durante la Cuaresma tendremos más reflexiones sobre estas promesas.

La Cuaresma es el tiempo que nos llama a volver nuestro corazón a Dios. La llamada de Jesús a la conversión y a la penitencia no se centra principalmente en acciones externas, ayunos y mortificaciones. Aunque éstas son necesarias; sin embargo, lo que está es la conversión del corazón, la conversión interior. Cada uno de nosotros necesita dedicar tiempo a reflexionar sobre cuál es el estado de nuestra vida espiritual. ¿Qué hay que cambiar? ¿Qué puedo hacer para acercarme más al Señor? ¿Cuál puede ser mi contribución para ayudar a que nuestra vida familiar sea más amorosa, perdon mutuo y llena de alegría?

En el boletín de la próxima semana, compartiremos algunos pensamientos que pueden beneficiarnos en nuestro camino a través de estos 40 días.

Muchas Bendiciones,  
***Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.***

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 GOSPEL MK 1:40-45****A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**DOMINGO, 11 DE FEBRERO 2024, EVANGELIO MC 1, 40-45**

**LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN MARCO**

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: “Si tú quieres, puedes curarme”. Jesús se compadeció de él, y extendiendo la mano, lo tocó y le dijo: “¡Sí quiero: Sana!” Inmediatamente se le quitó la lepra y quedó limpio. Al despedirlo, Jesús le mandó con severidad: “No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés”. Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad, sino que se quedaba fuera, en lugares solitarios, a donde acudían a él de todas partes.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

- This is a story of healing and touching. Strictly speaking, Jesus should not have touched a leper. Neither should the leper have approached Jesus, as lepers had to isolate themselves and call out 'unclean, unclean' to anyone who approached. Lord, help us to see how we isolate ourselves and others and how to break down barriers of stigma, shame and fear, and reach out in love to others, just as you did.
- Desire is important in life as it gives direction and momentum. The leper knew what he wanted and believed that Jesus had the power to grant it. He came in humility, begging from a kneeling position. Jesus met him with a compassionate response. Lord, we come to you in our need, with our desire, and with total confidence in you to meet our needs and to heal our wounds.
- Jesus is filled with a deep sense of compassion for the man's plight. Highlighting the emotional feelings of Jesus is a characteristic of Mark's gospel. What Jesus feels is compassion not just pity. The leper is told not to say anything about his healing. Jesus wanted no sensationalism.
- Lord, let my faith not be swamped by horror at the misery and hopelessness of so many in our world. Instead, I ask your blessing on those who devote themselves to compassionate care of the needy. They are the unsung champions of your love today. I ask the grace to be numbered among them.

(SACRED SPACE)

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**ABSTINENCE** – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

**FASTING** – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

**EASTER DUTY** – After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (February 18, 2024) to Trinity Sunday (May 26, 2024).



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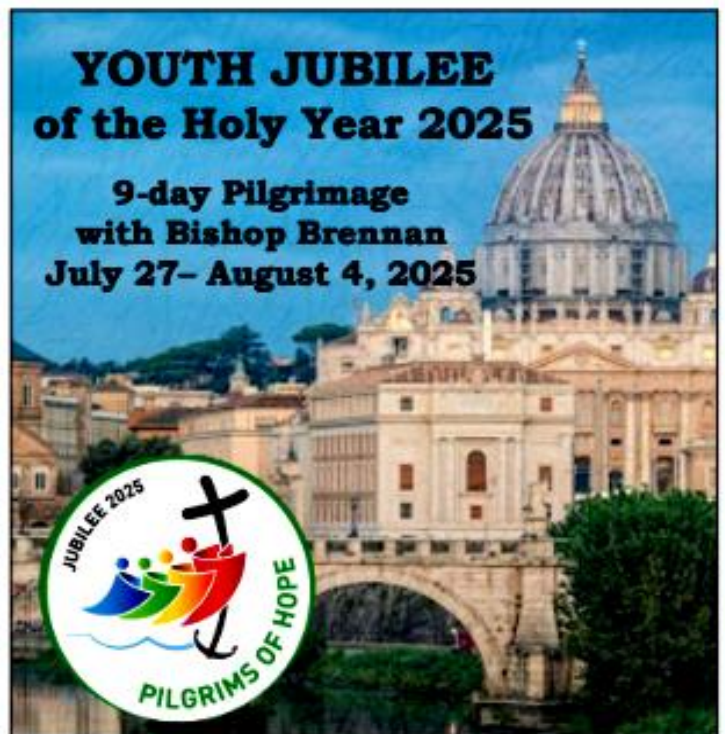


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Capilla de San Nicolás



## Ash Wednesday

marks the beginning of Lent.

Catholics attending mass on this day have their foreheads marked with ashes as a sign of repentance.

It is a day to remember that we are God's creation, made from the dust of the Earth. But it is also good to remember that we are God's Beloved.

We might hear one of these admonitions as the ashes are rubbed on our heads in the form of a cross: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." "Remember you are dust and to dust you will return." "Repent and believe the Good news."

So on Ash Wednesday, we receive the ashes on our heads with a sense of sorrow for our shortcomings, but also with a sense of hope. With God's grace, we can repent and believe.

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