

CLERGY

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.
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Deacon Ruben Gutierrez

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English) Sunday/Domingo: 7:30a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. (*Español*)

WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Mon. to Sat.: 8:15 a.m. (English)
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. (Español)

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (*Español*)

Friday: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptisms: Call office for information

Confessions: Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 7:30am - 8am; Sat.: 4pm - 5pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am - 8:15am

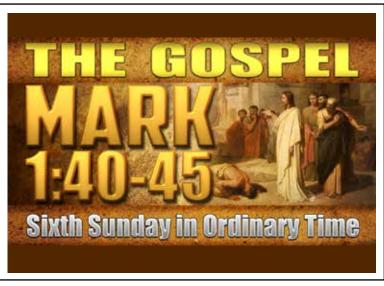
OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months

in advance and before setting a firm date.





RECENT EVENTS



Del **Párroco**

Do you want to be healed?

Listen attentively to today's Gospel and humbly acknowledge that Jesus is our Savior and Divine Physician! Today's Gospel presents us the powerful story of the leper; the man who was weighed down with a disease that not only caused pain and physical distortion but also isolated him from the community.

As we all know, in Jesus' time—as in our time—leprosy was considered a serious decease. Moreover, for many people it was also a sign of uncleanness. In the New Testament there is no disease regarded with more terror and pity than leprosy. When Jesus sent the twelve, he commanded them, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers..." (Matt 18:8) The fate of the leper was truly hard. A leper was banished from the fellowship of men; he must dwell alone outside the camp; he must wear rent (torn) clothing, a bared head, a covering upon his upper lip, and as he went, he must give warning of polluted presence with the cry, "Unclean, unclean!" (The Gospel of Mark, Pp. 43 and 45)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today, as in Jesus' time, there is a desperation of human need with an understanding of compassion. As in the time of Jesus, there are many types of leprosy in our world today; there are some still present. However, there is one that should concern us the most, which is not physical but spiritual. It is Hetarenes, the mother and root sin of many others like unforgiveness, rivalry, envy, jealousy, division, deceit, malice, gossiping and rivalry. The fathers of the Church such as Saint Augustine talk about this clearly and distinctly, protecting us from the danger of this mortal disease. It takes humility to recognize that we are but lepers seen with the eye of a merciful and compassionate God.

On the other hand, this Sunday's Gospel is an invitation for us to have more concern for those who are ill. He is the one who has compassion for the sick, the possessed, and those in need. Compassion is love. Gradually, we will realize that this love is the love of God himself. He stretched out his hand—what a powerful act. If we can do the same in our society, even if only in Church, this world would be different. But how many times do we choose to do nothing for others? There are many ways to reach out to those who are nothing in the eyes of the world.

Love has the power to heal. We should imitate the example of the leper who was a man of faith. We are invited to have the same faith—to go to Jesus in prayer and the sacraments and to seek his healing for whatever ails us, especially our spiritual ills.

Do you really want to be healed? Do not be afraid to approach the sacrament of reconciliation with humility and trust that God works through us your unworthy servants. May God in his mercy have pity on us for the times we have been scrupulous about others and for the times we have not recognized that we ourselves need a physician!

May God help us to experience his love and healing power when we approach the sacrament of reconciliation.

Have a blessed Sunday! Sincerely, Father Alejandro Reyes

¿Quieres ser sanado?

¡Escuchen atentamente el Evangelio de hoy y reconozcan humildemente que Jesús es nuestro Salvador y Médico Divino! El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta la poderosa historia del leproso; el hombre que estaba agobiado por una enfermedad que no solo le causaba dolor y distorsión física, sino que también lo aislaba de la comunidad.

Como todos sabemos, en la época de Jesús, como en nuestra época, la lepra se consideraba una enfermedad grave. Además, para muchas personas también era un signo de inmundicia. En el Nuevo Testamento no hay enfermedad considerada con más terror y piedad que la lepra. Cuando Jesús envió a los doce, les ordenó: "Sanad a los enfermos, limpiad a los leprosos..." (Mateo 18:8.) El destino del leproso fue verdaderamente duro. Un leproso fue desterrado de la comunión de los hombres; debe vivir solo fuera del campamento; debe usar ropas rasgadas (rasgadas), una cabeza desnuda, una cubierta sobre su labio superior, y mientras caminaba, debía dar aviso de la presencia contaminada con el grito: "¡Inmundo, inmundo!" (Evangelio de Marcos, pp. 43 y 45)

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: Hoy, como en los tiempos de Jesús, hay una desesperación de la necesidad humana con una comprensión de la compasión. Al igual que en la época de Jesús, hay muchos tipos de lepra en nuestro mundo de hoy; Todavía hay algunos presentes. Sin embargo, hay uno que debería preocuparnos más, que no es físico sino espiritual. Es Hetarenes, la madre y el pecado raíz de muchos otros como la falta de perdón, la rivalidad, la envidia, los celos, la división, el engaño, la malicia, el chisme y la rivalidad. Los Padres de la Iglesia, como san Agustín, hablan de esto clara y distintamente, protegiéndonos del peligro de esta enfermedad mortal. Se necesita humildad para reconocer que no somos más que leprosos vistos con los ojos de un Dios misericordioso y compasivo.

Por otro lado, el Evangelio de este domingo es una invitación para que tengamos más preocupación por los enfermos. Él es el que tiene compasión por los enfermos, los poseídos y los necesitados. La compasión es amor. Poco a poco, nos daremos cuenta de que este amor es el amor de Dios mismo. Extendió la mano, ¡qué acto tan poderoso! Si pudiéramos hacer lo mismo en nuestra sociedad, aunque solo fuera en la Iglesia, este mundo sería diferente. Pero, ¿cuántas veces elegimos no hacer nada por los demás? Hay muchas maneras de llegar a aquellos que no son nada a los ojos del mundo.

El amor tiene el poder de sanar. Debemos imitar el ejemplo del leproso que era un hombre de fe. Se nos invita a tener la misma fe: a acudir a Jesús en oración y a los sacramentos y a buscar su sanidad para todo lo que nos aflige, especialmente nuestros males espirituales.

¿Realmente quieres ser sanado? No tengáis miedo de acercaros al sacramento de la reconciliación con humildad y confianza en que Dios obra a través de nosotros, vuestros siervos indignos. ¡Que Dios, en su misericordia, se apiade de nosotros por las veces que hemos sido escrupulosos con los demás y por las veces que no hemos reconocido que nosotros mismos necesitamos un médico!

Que Dios nos ayude a experimentar su amor y su poder sanador cuando nos acerquemos al sacramento de la reconciliación.

¡Que tengas un domingo bendecido! Atentamente, Padre Alejandro Reyes

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, February 10

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

5:30 PM †Stephen & †Rose Sevachko (by Tianna)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, February 11

7:30 AM †Florencio Avitia, Sr. (by Medina Family)

†Maria J. Soto, †Robert O. Soto,

& †Ricky O. Soto (by Family)

9:00 AM †Jesús Rey

†Carmen Lucina Loya

†Familia Jasso (por Debbie Villegas)

11:00 AM †Ramon, †Aurelia, †Jaime, & †Enrique Lopez

(by Family)

Monday/Lunes, February 12

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68,71-72, 75-76/Mk 8:11-13

8:15 AM Marcos Contreras – Happy Birthday (by Mom)

Tuesday/Martes, February 13

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

8:15 AM †Tony & †Letha Trujillo (by Gloria Lithgow)

6:00 pm †Cruz Monje (by Cecilia M. Monje)

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:15 AM †Mary Fragoso (by Edward Fragoso)

12:10 PM Our Parish Family

3:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:00 PM World Peace

7:30 PM Nuestra Familia Parroquial

Thursday/Jueves, February 15

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

8:15 AM Alex Velasco – Thanksgiving & Healing

(by Steve & Liza Archuleta)

Friday/Viernes February 16

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

8:15 AM IHM Youth

Saturday/Sabado, February 17

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

8:15 AM Poor and Homeless

Young people join religious sisters in global fight against trafficking

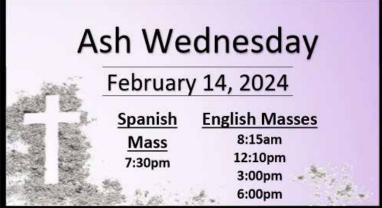
Talitha Kum, a global network begun by women religious in the 1990s to assist victims and fight trafficking, coordinated a series of events in

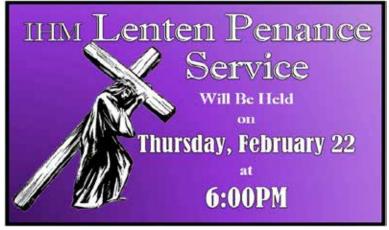
Rome Feb. 2-8 for young people who are working to end human trafficking. The Catholic Church marks the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking every Feb. 8, the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese religious sister who was enslaved as a child.

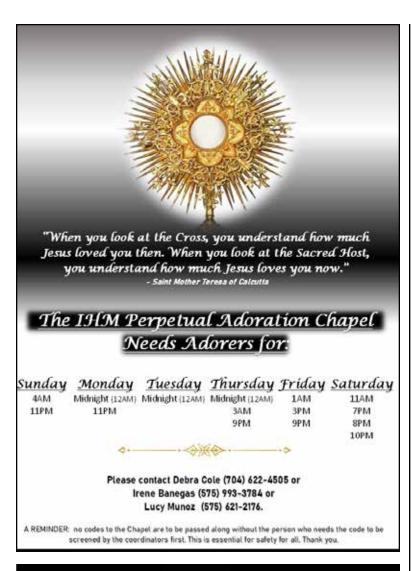


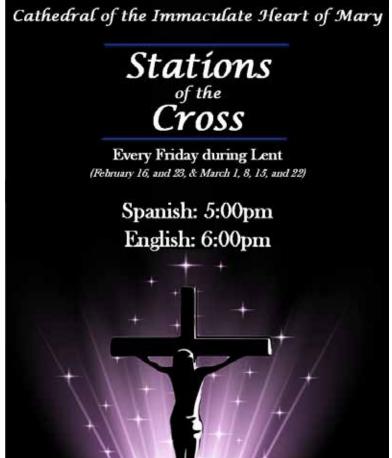
WHAT IS HAPPENING













The Roman priest

The story of Valentine, the Roman priest, dates back to around AD270, during the persecutions of the Emperor Claudius Gothicus. Valentine was well known for his sanctity and the Emperor, who was intrigued by his fame, invited him to the palace. He offered Valentine his friendship and said he should adore the gods. But Valentino stated courageously and firmly that it was a waste of time worshipping the gods since Jesus Christ had brought the only true hope and the promise of a better world. The Emperor was impressed by Valentine's faith and entrusted him to a Roman nobleman named Asterius, whom he ordered to convert Valentine using "mellifluous arguments". Asterius had a daughter who had been blind since the age of two. Valentino prayed over her and the girl regained her sight. Faced with this miracle, Asterius converted to Christianity along with his whole family. When he heard about their conversion, the Emperor Claudius condemned Valentine to be beheaded. The execution took place on the Via Flaminia in Rome. He was buried nearby and soon a church was built there in his honor.

The Bishop of Terni

The story regarding the Bishop of Terni takes place about seventy years later: Valentine was invited to Rome by the rhetorician and philosopher Crato, a teacher of Greek and Latin. He had a son named Chaeremon who suffered from a physical deformity that forced him to keep his head between his knees. No doctor had managed to heal him. Crato promised Valentine half of his possessions if he healed his son. But during a long night-time conversation, Valentine explained that it would not be his useless wealth that would heal the boy, but his faith in the one true God. Valentine then prayed over the boy and he regained his health. Moved by this miracle, Crato and his whole family were baptized by the bishop, together with three Greek students, Proculus, Ephebus and Apollonius. Abbondius, another student and son of the Prefect of Rome, Furious Placidus, also embraced Christianity. We know that Placidus held office between 346-347AD, so this is the historical date we associate with Valentine's martyrdom. Placidus was devastated by the conversion of his son. He had Valentine arrested and decapitated on the Via Flaminia in Rome. The execution was performed at night to avoid the reaction of the now numerous Christian component of the city. After a brief burial on the site of his martyrdom, Proculus, Ephebus and Apollonius carried the body of the martyr to Terni and buried him just outside the city. But in Terni, the Consul Lucentius, arrested all three of them and before the populace could free them, had them beheaded as well. When they found out about the execution, the people buried the new martyrs together with Valentine in his tomb.

Patron saint of lovers

There are too many connections between the stories of the Valentine of Rome and the Valentine of Terni, including their places of martyrdom and burial, for us not to think they are one and the same person. Both give heroic testimonies of faith, both perform a miraculous healing that causes conversions, and both are martyred by beheading on the Via Flaminia in Rome. It was the Benedictine Order that maintained the church of St Valentine in Terni during the Middle Ages and that spread the cult of Valentine's Day in their monasteries in France and England. The tradition of his being patron saint of lovers finds its origin in an ancient English text by Geoffrey Chaucer, according to whom birds start mating on Valentine's Day. In mid-February, in fact, nature begins to awaken from its winter lethargy, so Saint Valentine has become the saint who announces the coming spring — which is why he is sometimes represented holding the sun in his hand.

Parolin: Caminar entre la humanidad herida debe ser la especialidad de los sacerdotes

El cardenal Pietro Parolin, Secretario de Estado, expresó su gratitud a tantos sacerdotes que "ofrecen diariamente su vida, entregándose a la causa del Evangelio, a menudo en el silencio de la siembra humilde y paciente, a veces en la dolorosa soledad de la incomprensión". La Santa Misa celebrada en el altar de la Cátedra de la Basílica Vaticana, el martes 6 de febrero por la mañana, con motivo de la apertura del Congreso internacional sobre la formación permanente de los sacerdotes. El encuentro, que finalizará el sábado 10, está promovido por el Dicasterio para el Clero en colaboración con los Dicasterios para la Evangelización - Sección para la primera evangelización y las nuevas Iglesias particulares, y el Dicasterio para las Iglesias orientales.

En su homilía, el cardenal destacó cómo muchos sacerdotes en algunos contextos experimentan «incluso la indiferencia o la hostilidad de la persecución, pero llevando siempre en el corazón el asombro de una fe que, cada día, se regenera en la fuente del amor de Cristo para luego fluir y esparcirse como agua viva en el ejercicio del ministerio pastoral".

El sacerdote, subrayó el Secretario de Estado, es "un discípulo que se propuso seguir al Señor" y, después de aceptar con alegría su llamada, "se sumerge en la historia del Pueblo de Dios como intercesor". Acompañando a todos aquellos que les son confiados a él y convertirse para ellos en Evangelio vivo, signo e instrumento del amor misericordioso del Padre. No es casualidad que la Ratio fundamentalis Institutionis sacerdotalis en el n. 61, recordó Parolin, "afirma que el sacerdote es un discípulo en camino y, al mismo tiempo, misionero y testigo del Evangelio".

A este respecto, el cardenal destacó la necesidad de sacerdotes que, "siguiendo las huellas del Buen Pastor, en unidad con el obispo y entre sí", pasen su existencia "al servicio de la fe de sus hermanos y de su búsqueda". Unidos a Cristo, añadió, los sacerdotes "están llamados a vivir como Él", es decir, "no haciendo alarde del privilegio de la llamada y del papel recibido, sino sumiéndose en el corazón de la humanidad herida, oprimida y necesitada". Intercediendo ante el Padre en favor del pueblo, observó Parolin, «con las manos levantadas hacia el cielo y al mismo tiempo inclinadas hacia la tierra para lavar los pies de sus hermanos, anunciándoles la Palabra que salva, partiendo para ellos el pan de vida eterna, acompañándolos y guiándolos en su camino".

El Secretario de Estado recordó luego el discurso del Papa Francisco a los sacerdotes presentes en la catedral de Santa Teresa de Juba, el 4 de febrero de 2023, durante el viaje apostólico a Sudán del Sur: «Debe ser especialidad de los pastores, caminar en medio: en medio del sufrimiento, en medio de las lágrimas, en medio del hambre de Dios y de la sed de amor de los hermanos y hermanas". Y no es "una tarea sencilla", por lo que no hay que olvidar nunca "que los sacerdotes son también hombres, con sus debilidades, sus cansancios, sus miedos, viejos y nuevos desafíos que presionan su ministerio".

Finalmente, recordando el tema del Congreso: «Reaviva el don de Dios que está en ti» (2 Tim 1, 6), el cardenal explicó cómo con estas palabras el apóstol Pablo animó al joven Timoteo a no «ceder ante la carga de las contradicciones y de los desafíos contingentes de un contexto eclesial y social muy difícil, instándolo a revivir la belleza y la vitalidad de la gracia de Dios recibida como don en el día de la consagración".

Virtus Training:

To participate in ANY ministry (no matter if it involves children or not), the Diocese of Las Cruces REQUIRES you to have completed the Virtus Training every 5 years.

Beginning March 1 2024

Anyone who does not have an up-to-date Virtus Certification will NOT be allowed to serve in a ministry.

To complete the training go to:

Virtusonline.org/virtus

New users will click on: FIRST-TIME REGISTRAINT
Those who are recertifying will enter their user ID and Password

Need help or don't have a computer?

Contact Elena in the IHM office at: (575)524-8563

Fast & Abstinence

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church.

the norms on fasting are
obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two
smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the national rate of their own sol larie Church

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil lon Hoty Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection."

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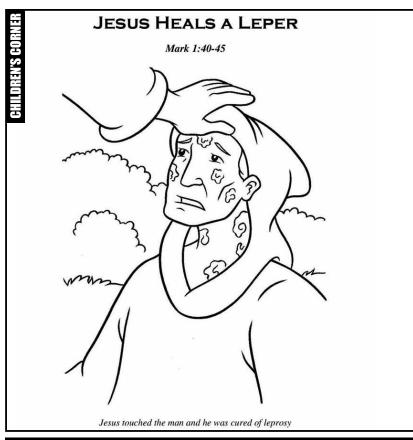




From Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Palm Sunday, March 24th, the Southwest Coalition for Life is inviting each and every one of the IHM Parish to join 40 days for Life in Las Cruces and Santa Teresa, to respond to the influx of abortion businesses targeting New Mexico where abortion remains unregulated for any reason up until the moment of delivery.

This campaign of Prayer, and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach will be taking place at 3 locations in Las Cruces and one in Santa Teresa, NM.

For more information go to: https://southwest.life/40daysforlife or call 915-800-2580.



PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Manuel (Manny) Rodriguez

Leo Alirez

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Edward Frias

Sam Tomé

Michael Rodriguez Roni Trevillo Gabriel Granillo Ed Fragoso, Mother Maria & Family Demetryoas Griffith Raymond Matlak Matilda Evaro **Briana Telles** Arturo Serna Ramon Madrid Angel Baker Danny Gamboa Frank Jimeniz Robert R. Carrillo Felicia Krynitz Everardo Meza Blanca Echevarria lose Ignacio Garcia Amparo Espinosa lose Moreno Maria Elena Moreno

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If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the office (575) 524-8563.

Fatima Aguilar Ortiz

Collections: 2-4-2024

Sunday Collection: \$5386.00

Collection - Religious Education: \$928.00

Mother Teresa: \$1298.00 Mail Donation: \$2070.00

Front Office: \$674.00 Online Donations: \$1588.75

Upcoming 2nd Collections: February 14: Ash Wednesda

February 18: UIM During Lent, CRS Rice Bowl

Program

Did you know you can sponsor? Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00

Prayer Request: Free

** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance.**



National Marriage Week "Love Beyond Words,"

Each year, National Marriage Week USA and World Marriage Day provide an opportunity for the Catholic Church to focus on and celebrate the vocation to marriage and family life. This year, National Marriage Week USA will be celebrated February 7-14 and World Marriage Day, which is commemorated on the second Sunday of February, will be celebrated on February 11.

The theme for this year's celebration of National Marriage Week is "Love Beyond Words," which recalls the self-sacrificing love in marriage that is rooted in the wedding promises that the couple makes in matrimony.

Each day of National Marriage Week, digital content will be shared on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' social media channels: X (formerly known as Twitter), Facebook, and Instagram. Additionally, resources have been prepared by the USCCB's Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth which are available for dioceses to utilize at their discretion including a flyer/bulletin insert, and social media graphics in English and Spanish. They may be found at: ForYourMarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week.

Other USCCB resources that uphold marriage as a lifelong union of one man and one woman that have been created for the faithful may be accessed through dedicated websites: ForYourMarriage.org, PorTuMatrimonio.org, and LoveMeansMore.org.

National Marriage Week USA, launched in 2010, is part of an international event seeking to mobilize individuals, organizations, and businesses in a common purpose to strengthen marriage in communities and influence the culture. Please visit: NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org. World Marriage Day was started in 1983 by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Rebuilding the Church in Georgia

After decades of persecution, Catholics of the Armenian rite, the Chaldean rite, and the Latin rite have experienced a new era of freedom since Georgia became independent from the Soviet Union. These communities have set about rebuilding the Church, but poverty and remote, rural locations have made this work more difficult.

See how Catholics in the village of Arali kept the faith during years of persecution and now that their church is restored and they have a priest, they are able to celebrate Mass as a community. With assistance from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics in Georgia are able to rebuild churches, provide medical care for the poor, and to pass on the faith to the next generation so that the Church can once again thrive where once it was persecuted.

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Important Dates at IHM

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, February 10 Mass: 5:30PM

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 14 English: 8:15AM, 12:10PM,

3:00pm, 6:00PM Spanish: 7:30PM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent Spanish: 5:00PM English: 6:00PM

Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, February 22 6:00PM

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17

Starting at 5:00PM

Come enjoy the music and dancing for Free! Dinner Plates are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. 2 game plays for \$1

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 19 5:30PM

Palm Sunday/

Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday, March 24 Begins at 10:15AM at Valley View Park

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 2024

English: 7:00PM

The Altar of Repose - Adoration will begin after Mass in Finley Hall Until Midnight

Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024

No Meat

English: 6:00PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Bilingual: 8:00PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule