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Can a blind Man Lead a blind Man?

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ORDINARY TIME
If we look closely we will be able
to find God in the ordinary of our lives.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.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)

Baptism: Call Office to Register for Classes

Classes offered 3rd Saturday of every month

Spanish: 10AM-12PM and English: 12PM-2PM

Confessions in Church: Monday - Friday: 7am-8am

Sat.: 4pm-5pm

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

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Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months
in advance and before setting a firm date.



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Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



RECENT EVENTS

1. MDS Food Sale
2. Fiser Of Men, Presentation
3. Vocational Presentation and Volleyball Game, Cafecito Vocacional



"Can a blind person guide a blind person?" Luke 6:39-45

Today, as disciples of Jesus, we are called to respond to this essential question that is directed to those who call themselves guides. To lead or guide someone or a community is a mission of great responsibility. One day we shall give account to God for the souls of our brothers and sisters who have been entrusted to us.

This is a very challenging time for us because people go in every direction and the most serious problem is that many of them don't want to be guided. There are some who wander between pseudo philosophies and pseudo religions and some are the blind leading the blind. There is a longing for Truth but a rebellious attitude that stinks like pride. Many claim to have the Truth, but their hearts are far from God and their neighbors.

What is the solution to this pseudo way of thinking? Knowledge of God and knowledge of Jesus!

We pretend to know about Jesus, but we don't really know him. This is pivotal for Christianity; the followers of Christ are required to live a life according to the proclamation of the Gospel. By your fruits people will know that you are Christians. Today's gospel admonishes us to see what kinds of trees we are, or what kind of fruit we are bearing. Ask yourself: If I am a good tree then why am I bearing rotten fruit? If you claim to be a good person, then why do you do evil?

Consider the way you speak. Is it good or evil? We cannot justify our rotten behavior because evil is evil. Let us ask God to grant us the grace to see clearly what is going on in our lives.

In today's Gospel Jesus prevents us from hypocrisy, which is another evil that is present in our times. How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye," when you don't even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! By this Jesus unmasks hypocrisy.

Pope Benedict XVI, along with many other popes, condemned religious hypocrisy and urged people to avoid it. He believed that Jesus condemned hypocrisy and that it can destroy communities. He said: "Hypocrisy is a serious sin that can prevent people from entering the kingdom of God because it kills people and communities, it is a language of deceit that smiles sweetly while judging others harshly. Hypocrisy jeopardizes the unity of the church and prevents people from loving one another. Hypocrisy is a danger because it is the language of the devil that enters our hearts."

"A true Christian cannot be a hypocrite, and a hypocrite is not a true Christian," wrote Pope Francis. As we enter the Lenten season, let us ask God to grant us the grace to see the beauty of a sincere and pure heart and help us to get rid of the evil of our times. We need his help to be more credible and charitable to our brothers and sisters who need a coherent testimony. The sinful practice of hypocrisy has taken many people away from the church and is badly hurting those who remain.

Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to look into our hearts to check our personal history for the times we have been away from his path—from the Truth—and to forgive us for the times we have been too hard on our neighbors without recognizing our own faults. Whoever is unable to point the finger at themselves is not a good Christian. As Pope Francis has said, "We are but sinners seen by the eyes of mercy of a compassionate God."

May the Lord grant us the grace to remain strong and look for the best in our brethren. Let us ask Him to guide us during this Lenten season to the path of true repentance and conversion of our hearts.

As we prepare to be marked with the ashes on Wednesday, may the Lord give us the grace to contemplate our misery and the greatness of his love. Only that can renew us and restore us to life. Have a blessed Sunday.

Sincerely,

Fr. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

"¿Puede acaso un ciego guiar a otro ciego?" Lucas 6,39-45

Hoy, como discípulos de Jesús, estamos llamados a responder a esta pregunta esencial que se dirige a quienes se dicen guías. Dirigir- guiar a alguien o a una comunidad es una misión de gran responsabilidad. Un día daremos cuenta a Dios por las almas de nuestros hermanos y

hermanas que nos han sido confiados.

Estos son tiempos muy difíciles para nosotros, porque la gente va en todas direcciones y el problema más grave, es que muchos de ellos no quieren ser guiados. Hay algunos que vagan entre pseudo filosofías y pseudo religiones, y algunos son ciegos guiando a ciegos. Hay un anhelo por la VERDAD, pero una actitud rebelde que huele a orgullo. Muchos dicen tener la Verdad, pero sus corazones están lejos de Dios y de sus prójimos.

¿Cuál es la solución a esta pseudo manera de pensar? ¡El conocimiento de Dios y el conocimiento de Jesús!

Simulamos saber de Jesús, pero en realidad no lo conocemos. Esto es fundamental para el cristianismo. A los seguidores de Cristo se les exige vivir una vida de acuerdo con el anuncio del Evangelio. Por sus frutos la gente sabrá que son cristianos. El Evangelio de hoy nos exhorta a ver qué tipos de árboles somos, o qué tipo de fruto estamos dando. Pregúntese: Si soy un buen árbol, entonces ¿por qué estoy dando frutos podridos? Si afirma ser una buena persona, entonces ¿por qué hace el mal?

Considere la manera en que habla. ¿Es buena o mala? No podemos justificar nuestro comportamiento podrido porque el mal es mal. Pidamos a Dios que nos conceda la gracia de ver claramente lo que está sucediendo en nuestras vidas.

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos previene de la hipocresía, que es otro mal que está presente en nuestros tiempos. ¿Cómo te atreves a decirle a tu hermano: "¿Déjame quitarte la paja que llevas en el ojo", si no adviertes la viga que llevas en el tuyo? ¡Hipócrita! Con esto Jesús desenmascara la hipocresía.

El Papa Benedicto XVI, como muchos otros Papas, condenó la hipocresía religiosa e instó a las personas a evitarla. Creía que Jesús condenaba la hipocresía y que ésta puede destruir las comunidades. Dijo: "La hipocresía es un pecado grave que puede impedir que las personas entren en el Reino de Dios porque mata a las personas y a las comunidades, es un lenguaje de engaño que sonríe dulcemente mientras juzga a los demás con dureza. La hipocresía pone en peligro la unidad de la iglesia e impide que las personas se amen entre sí. La hipocresía es un peligro porque es el idioma del diablo que entra en nuestros corazones".

"Un verdadero cristiano no puede ser un hipócrita, y un hipócrita no es un verdadero cristiano", escribió el Papa Francisco. Al entrar en el tiempo de Cuaresma, pidamos a Dios que nos conceda la gracia de ver la belleza de un corazón sincero y puro y que nos ayude a alejarnos del mal. Necesitamos su ayuda para ser personas más confiables y caritativas con nuestros hermanos y hermanas que necesitan un testimonio coherente. La pecaminosa hipocresía ha alejado a muchas personas de la Iglesia y está dañando a los que permanecen.

Pidamos al Señor que nos conceda la gracia de mirar dentro de nuestro corazón para revisar nuestra historia personal en busca de las veces que nos hemos alejado de Su camino - de la Verdad - y que nos perdone por las veces en que hemos sido demasiado duros con nuestro prójimo, sin reconocer nuestras propias faltas. Quien no es capaz de señalarse a sí mismo con el dedo, no es un buen cristiano. Como ha dicho el Papa Francisco, "No somos otra cosa sino pecadores vistos por los ojos de la misericordia de un Dios compasivo".

Que el Señor nos conceda la gracia de permanecer fuertes y buscar lo mejor de nuestros hermanos. Pidámosle que nos guíe durante este tiempo de Cuaresma por el camino del verdadero arrepentimiento y la conversión de nuestros corazones.

Al prepararnos para ser marcados con las cenizas del miércoles, que el Señor nos conceda la gracia de contemplar nuestra miseria y la grandeza de Su amor. Sólo eso puede renovarnos y restaurarnos a la vida. Que tengan un bendecido domingo.

Atentamente,

P. Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, March 1

5:30 PM † Terri Cardon Sanchez (by Kathy Cardon)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, March 2

Sirach 27:4-7 / Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45

7:30 AM IHM Youth

9:00 AM(Sp) † Jesus Burciaga (por Bertha Burciaga)

Almas del Purgatorio

Salud para Sarina Solis (por Alicia Diaz)

11:00 AM † Bertha Gallegos (by Jose and Marie Gallegos)

† Luis Garcia (by Amanda)

Monday/Lunes, March 3

Sirach 17:20-24 / Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 / Mark 10:17-27

8:15 AM † Charles and Amanda Shaw (by Erlinda Moreno)

Tuesday/Martes, March 4

Sirach 35:1-12 / Psalm 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 / Mark 10:28-31

8:15 AM † Pedro M. Romero (by Rosa Romero)

6:00 PM(Sp) Por las Vocaciones Sacerdotales

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 5

Joel 2:12-18 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-14, 17 / 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

8:15 AM † Jesus A. Velazco and Jesus Elias (by Eva Elias)

12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory

3:00 PM World Peace

6:00 PM Vocations to Priesthood

7:30 PM (Sp) Nuestra Familia Parroquial

Thursday/Jueves, March 6

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Luke 9:22-25

8:15 AM † Joshua Gonzales (by Sandra Guerrero)

6:00 PM(Sp) † Thomas Dean Davis y Natalia Davis (by Tessie Bencomo)

Friday/Viernes, March 7

Isaiah 58:1-9a / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 / Matthew 9:14-15

8:15 AM † Nellie and Pedro Nunez (by Nancy Cotto)

Saturday/Sabado, March 8

Isaiah 58:9b-14 / Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 5:27-32

8:15 AM For the homeless

WHAT IS HAPPENING

MONTHLY
**HOLY
HOUR OF
REPARATION**

**Thursday
March 6
6:00 to 7:00 PM
in the Church**

Please join us for
this beautiful hour
of prayer!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday,
March 5, 2025

English Masses:

8:15am, 12:10pm, 3pm, 6pm

Spanish Mass:

7:30pm



¿Quieres saber cómo se vive casado y enamorado?



Descubran los secretos de un matrimonio
Duradero, Solidario y Transformador
Profundiza tu amor
y recupera tus ilusiones de pareja.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial
Te invita avivir con tu conyuge un fin de semana
De enriquecimiento para su matrimonio
Que les ayudara a fortalecer su relacion de
Esposos.

UN FIN DE SEMANA EN PAREJA
QUE PUEDE HACER LA DIFERENCIA

HOLY CROSS CENTRO DE RETIRO,
LAS CRUCES, NM.
FECHA: 7, 8 y 9 de MARZO, 2025.

Para mas informacion:
Luis y Ofelia Martinez
575-571-2852



ENCHILADA PLATE SALE

FRIDAY, MARCH 7
THROUGH
SUNDAY, MARCH 9



Pray for the Members of Our Parish Who are Ill

Vickie Y Peter Alvarez
Jennette & Jessie Apocado
Margie y Carlos Armendariz
Stella Armenta
Christina Arrieta
Mrs. Arvizu
Daniel J. Castillo
Alice & Carlos Castro
Fred S. Chavez
Jessica D. Chavez
Bill & Raquel Chubb
Joe Contreras
Narciso Dominguez
Rick & Gerry Duran

Ed Fragoso
Maria Fragoso
Manuel Granillo
Daniel Jasso
Isabel Juarez
Mary y Tony Gallegos
Jim Hirschy
Phyllis Larkin
Raymond Matlak
Lupe Mirabel
Deacon Ed Misquez
Mr. & Mrs. Montoya
Msgr. Juan Moreno
Lucy & Nacho Nuanes
Jackie Ontiveros
Virginia y Mike Ortega
Martha Rivera
Julieta Rojas
Rose Sedillo
Daniel Telles
Ralph Trevizo
Sadie Valverde
Mr. & Mrs. Zapta



Collections: 2-23-2025

1st Collection.....	\$5,633.00
2nd Collection.....	\$660.00
Office.....	\$1,675.00
Gift Shop.....	\$1,609.50
Mail-ins.....	\$1,127.00

2nd Collections:

Month of March: Easter Flower Offerings
 March 2: Saint Mother Teresa Ministry
 Ash Wednesday: Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
 March 9: IHM Building Fund

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free
 ** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance. **

Lent:
 March 5 - April 17, 2025

LENTEN FASTING

Fasting on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
 Ages: 18-59

ABSTINENCE (No Meat)

Ages: 14+
 On Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent

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.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.



TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA
 Una Nueva Evangelización

Prayer and Life Workshop

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FEEL CLOSER TO 'GOD'.
 AND HAVE MORE PEACE AND JOY IN YOUR LIFE?

In the 'Prayer & Life Workshop' you will learn to walk step by step into a personal relationship with our 'Lord'. By using different Prayer Methods you will be freed from sadness, anxiety, fear, and anguish.

You're invited to come to the 'Prayer & Life Workshop.'
 1st Session Monday March 3rd, 6:00-8:00 pm
 Last Day to Sign up
 15 Weekly Sessions, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mondays
 Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Rooms 8 & 9
 For more information call
 Judy & William Cornelius: 575: 635-1781

Mass Intentions



Pope Paul VI said,
"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer,"
 and is said in communion with the **ENTIRE Universal Church.**

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

Please Request Mass Intentions in the office AT LEAST 2 weeks in Advance



San Pedro Damián

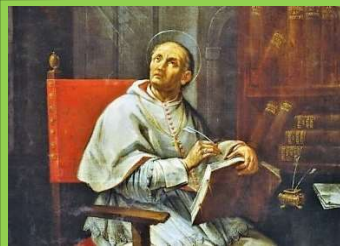
Obispo de Ostia y cardenal, doctor de la iglesia

Día festivo: 21 de febrero

Cuando Peter Damian era niño encontró una moneda: encantado, pensó en comprar una tarta o un juguete. Entonces, de repente, se dio cuenta de que cualquier cosa que comprara le daría sólo una alegría momentánea, por lo que decidió llevar el dinero a un sacerdote y celebrar una misa por sus padres fallecidos. En otra ocasión, mientras almorzaba con un pobre ciego, eligió para sí el pan blanco de mejor calidad y le ofreció al invitado el pan más oscuro. En ese momento sintió como si se le hubiera atascado un hueso en la garganta. Se arrepintió de su egoísmo y en el momento en que cambió su propio pan por el del ciego, el hueso desapareció. Fue este episodio el que le convenció a consagrarse sólo a Dios y a abrazar la vida monástica.

Durante este tiempo luchó contra los 2 grandes males que aquejaban a la iglesia: la simonía, la compra y venta de cargos eclesiásticos; y el nicolaísmo, o el incumplimiento del celibato, y tuvo gran éxito.

Tras su muerte, fue inmediatamente aclamado santo por el pueblo, y el Papa León XII lo proclamó Doctor de la Iglesia en 1828.



St Peter Damian

Bishop of Ostia and Cardinal,
Doctor of the Church

**Feast Day:
February 21**

St Peter Damian is among the saints we meet in "Paradise" in Dante's "Divine Comedy".

When Peter Damian was a boy, he found a coin: delighted, he thought he would buy a cake or a toy. Then, suddenly, he realized that anything he bought would give him only momentary joy, so he decided to take the money to a priest and have a Mass said for his deceased parents. On another occasion, when he was having lunch with a poor blind man, he chose the better-quality white bread for himself, and offered the guest the darker bread. At that moment he felt like a bone had stuck in his throat. He repented of his selfishness and the moment he exchanged his own bread with that of the blind man, the bone disappeared. It was this episode that convinced him to consecrate himself to God alone, and to embrace the monastic life.

During this time, he fought against the 2 big evils afflicting the church: Simony, the buying and selling of ecclesiastical offices; and Nicolaiism, or the non-fulfillment of celibacy, and had great success.

After his death, he was immediately acclaimed as a saint by the people, and Pope Leo XII proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

This Lent, compare your life to a migrant's, pope says

In his Lenten message for 2025, Pope Francis invites Christians to reflect on their spiritual journey by identifying with the hardships of migrants, fostering compassion and embracing hope in God's promise of eternal life.



"It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father," the pope wrote in his message for Lent 2025.

The message, signed Feb. 6, before the pope was hospitalized Feb. 14 for treatment of double pneumonia, was released by the Vatican Feb. 25.

Reflecting on the theme "Let us journey together in hope," the pope said that Lent is a time to confront both personal and collective struggles with faith and compassion.

Comparing the Lenten journey to the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt, he recalled "our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones."

"A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life," he wrote. "Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone?"

Pope Francis also emphasized the importance of journeying together, saying Christians are called to walk "side by side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."

A woman receives ashes during Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday Mass at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in Rome Feb. 14, 2024. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez)

Christians, he said, should reflect on whether they are open to others or focused only on their own needs.

The pope called on Christians to journey together in hope toward Easter, living out the central message of the Jubilee Year: "Hope does not disappoint."

Another Lenten call to conversion, he said, is to embrace hope and trust in God's promise of eternal life, made possible through Christ's resurrection.

Pope Francis encouraged Christians to consider whether they truly live in a way that reflects hope, trusting in God's promise of eternal life, seeking forgiveness and committing themselves to justice, fraternity and care for creation.

"Christ," he wrote, "lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!"

Mensaje del Papa para la Cuaresma: "Caminemos juntos en la esperanza"

El Santo Padre reflexiona en su mensaje para la Cuaresma del Año jubilar sobre el "caminar juntos", planteando tres llamados a la conversión: como peregrinos, en la sinodalidad, y la esperanza.

Johan Pacheco - Ciudad del Vaticano

"Con el signo penitencial de las cenizas en la cabeza, iniciamos la peregrinación anual de la santa Cuaresma, en la fe y en la esperanza", expresa el Papa Francisco en su mensaje para el tiempo litúrgico de la Cuaresma 2025 que publica este 25 de febrero la Oficina de Prensa de la Santa Sede: "Caminemos juntos en la esperanza".



Para la Cuaresma, que este año comprende del 5 de marzo al 17 abril, "enriquecida por la gracia del Año jubilar", el Papa Francisco reflexiona sobre el significado de "caminar juntos en la esperanza y descubrir las llamadas a la conversión que la misericordia de Dios nos dirige a todos, de manera personal y comunitaria".

INMIGRANTES Y PEREGRINOS

Sobre la acción de "caminar", señala Francisco que "el lema del Jubileo, 'Peregrinos de esperanza', evoca el largo viaje del pueblo de Israel hacia la tierra prometida, narrado en el libro del Exodo; el difícil camino desde la esclavitud a la libertad, querido y guiado por el Señor, que ama a su pueblo y siempre le permanece fiel".

De lo que surge una "llamada a la conversión, porque todos somos peregrinos en la vida". Y plantea las preguntas: ¿cómo me dejo interpelar por esta condición? ¿Estoy realmente en camino o un poco paralizado, estático, con miedo y falta de esperanza; o satisfecho en mi zona de confort? ¿Busco caminos de liberación de las situaciones de pecado y falta de dignidad?

"Sería un buen ejercicio cuaresmal confrontarse con la realidad concreta de algún inmigrante o peregrino"

LA CONVERSIÓN A LA SINODALIDAD

Y en segundo lugar reflexiona sobre "la vocación de la Iglesia es caminar juntos, ser sinodales", afirmando que "el Espíritu Santo nos impulsa a salir de nosotros mismos para ir hacia Dios y hacia los hermanos, y nunca a encerrarnos en nosotros mismos".

Y plantea una segunda llamada, "la conversión a la sinodalidad" haciendo examen de conciencia sobre la capacidad "de caminar con los demás, de escuchar, de vencer la tentación de encerrarnos en nuestra autorreferencialidad, ocupándonos solamente de nuestras necesidades".

LA CONVERSIÓN EN LA ESPERANZA

Por último, insiste en su invitación a vivir "este camino juntos en la esperanza de una promesa. La esperanza que no defrauda (cf. Rm 5,5), mensaje central del Jubileo, sea para nosotros el horizonte del camino cuaresmal hacia la victoria pascual", dice.

Y con ello una "tercera llamada a la conversión: la de la esperanza, la de la confianza en Dios y en su gran promesa, la vida eterna. Debemos preguntarnos: ¿poseo la convicción de que Dios perdona mis pecados, o me comporto como si pudiera salvarme solo?"

Finaliza el Papa Francisco recordando que "gracias al amor de Dios en Jesucristo estamos protegidos por la esperanza que no defrauda (cf. Rm 5,5). La esperanza es "el ancla del alma", segura y firme. En ella la Iglesia suplica para que «todos se salven» (1 Tm 2,4)"

Pope Francis: Lent calls us to journey together in hope

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "journey together in hope," and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives.

By Lisa Zengarini



The central theme of Pope Francis' Lenten Message is encapsulated in the phrase "Let us journey together in hope," which ties

into the broader theme of the Jubilee Year - "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Pope's reflection focuses on conversion and unfolds in three key dimensions: the importance of journeying, journeying together, and journeying with hope.

Our life of faith is a journey of conversion. Recalling the biblical Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, the Pope reminds us that our lives too are a journey—one that should be directed toward God.

This journey is not merely a metaphorical one but involves a constant call to conversion, "to leave behind the occasions of sin" and situations that degrade our human dignity.

Pope Francis, therefore, urges the faithful during this Lenten Season to examine their own lives: are they actively progressing on the path of spiritual renewal or are they held back by fear and

hopelessness or reluctant to move out of their comfort zone?

Drawing a parallel between the Hebrew people's "arduous path from slavery to freedom" and the plight of modern migrants and refugees, the Pope invites us to use this period as an opportunity to consider how we relate our own lives with the struggles of those who are forced to flee "situations of misery and violence in search of a better life" and "in this way discover what God is asking of us." This, he writes, "would be a good 'examination of conscience' for all of us wayfarers."

"It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life."

The call to journey together: a summons to synodality

A fundamental aspect of the Lenten Message is the emphasis on community and synodality—the idea that Christians must walk together rather than in isolation.

Pope Francis reminds us, "The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters."

"Journeying together," he writes, "means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (...) without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."

Again, he challenges the faithful to reflect on whether we are capable of walking together with others in our families, workplaces, and communities, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed. Are we welcoming to others? Do we include those who feel marginalized?

"Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance."

The call to journey in hope

The third fundamental dimension of the Lenten journey is hope, anchored in God's promise of salvation and eternal life fulfilled in Jesus' Resurrection, the victory over sin and death.

This hope is not abstract but must be lived concretely. Pope Francis invites us to examine whether we truly trust in God's mercy. Do we believe in His forgiveness, or do we fall into the trap of self-reliance? And do we concretely experience the hope that inspires in us "a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?"

Referencing Saint Teresa of Avila, the message urges the faithful to remain watchful and patient, understanding that God's promises will be fulfilled in His time.

"This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: 'Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one.'"

Pope concludes by entrusting this journey of hope to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, "Mother of Hope," praying that she may accompany the faithful as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

IHM Catechism Announcement

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

Attend Mass at 6pm at IHM

Spring Break:

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March 26, 2025



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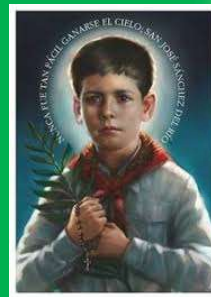
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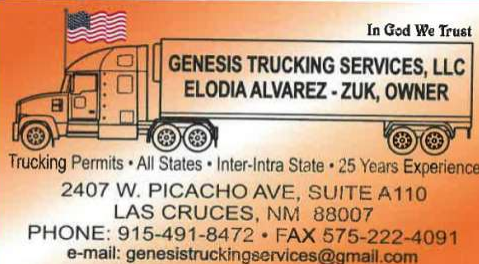
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3pm, 6pm

Spanish Mass: 7:30pm

Season of Lent

March 5- April 17, 2025

IHM Office Raffle

Drawing to be held

March 7, 2025

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Enchilada Plate Sale

Friday, March 7 – Sunday

March 9, 2025

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