

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 3-10-2019

March 2019 Pope's Intention: RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an **all-welcoming**  
**Christ-centered** community  
celebrating our  
deeply rooted **Catholic traditions**,  
respectful & appreciative of our  
**multicultural diversity**,  
journeying together  
to share **family values**  
and **commitment to service**.

### Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9 am-1 pm  
Thursday closed



*"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." (Lk. 4:1-2)*

### DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad  
**totalmente acogedora**  
**y centrada en Cristo**  
que celebrando nuestras **tradiciones**  
**Católicas** profundamente arraigadas,  
respetamos y apreciamos nuestra  
**diversidad multicultural**,  
caminamos juntos  
para compartir los **valores de la**  
**familia y el compromiso al servicio**.

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### PRAYER OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father,  
the first rule  
of our dear Savior's life  
was to do Your Will.  
Let His Will  
of the present moment  
be the first rule  
of our daily life & work,  
with no other desire  
but for its most full  
and complete accomplishment.  
Help us to follow it faithfully,  
so that doing what You wish  
we will be pleasing to You.  
Amen.



### ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre,  
la primera regla  
de la vida de nuestro querido  
Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad.  
Dejar que tu Voluntad  
en el momento presente  
sea la primera regla  
de nuestra vida cotidiana y  
nuestro trabajo,  
sin ninguna otra voluntad  
sino hacer tu voluntad plena y  
completa.  
Ayúdanos a seguir con fide-  
lidad, para que haciendo lo que  
deseas seamos más agradables  
a Ti. Amén.

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## ANNUAL MINISTRIES APPEAL

AMA 2019: "BRIDGES OF HOPE"

Today, we unite with Christ with our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Monterey to consider our gifts to the 2019 Annual Ministry Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God's gifts, as we build Bridges of Hope, sharing with other Catholics, our treasure and our blessings. Acting together, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord, supporting the ministries that no single individual or parish can offer by themselves.

Your gift is a gift. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the 2019 Annual Ministry Appeal. You can also give securely online at [www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving](http://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving).

## HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

**St. Patrick's Day, 17th March &  
St. Joseph's Table, 24th March**

Please help our hospitality group by bringing food dishes to the Community Room before the Sunday 9:00AM masses to share on the above two weekends. Monetary donations at St. Joseph's Table will go to our parish St. Joseph Fund, which helps the poor in our community. A sign-up list is provided on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. Thanks for your help! We look forward to sharing these meals with you!

## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

8:30am English Mass

**SPANISH FRIDAY LITURGIES (LENT ONLY):**  
**5:15 pm** Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy,  
Adoration, Benediction; **5:45-6:15 pm** Spanish Mass  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm Soup Supper

## ELECTRONIC-GIVING IS A BETTER CHOICE THAN ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Thank you to those who chose ELECTRONIC-GIVING. We invite everyone to consider ELECTRONIC-GIVING. It is safe, convenient, consistent & accurate. Forms are available at the back of church and parish office. Questions? Info? Please talk to Heather or Javier.

**The primary music ministers are the faithful who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors serve the faithful so that all can actively participate. I encourage everyone, let us sing & praise God together! Fr. Joey**

## MUSIC FOR MARCH 9/10, 2019 ENGLISH MASSES

Please listen to Cantor's announcement for any changes

	SONG TITLE	SONG NUMBER
GATHERING SONG	SAVE YOUR PEOPLE	133
OFFERTORY	HOSEA	672
COMMUNION	BEHOLD THE LAMB	337
MEDITATION (READINGS RELATED)	THE SUMMONS	382
SENDING FORTH	FOR YOU ARE MY GOD	431

## 2 EASTER SUNDAY MASSES THIS YEAR

Due to huge attendance at Easter Sunday Mass, more than the capacity of the church and the hall, starting this year we will have 2 Masses and 2 Easter Egg hunts on April 21:

8:00 am Spanish Mass; after Mass kids' Easter egg hunt

10:00 am English Mass; after Mass kids' Easter Egg hunt

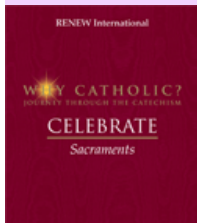
## MARCH 2019 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ENGLISH

SPANISH

DATE	DAY	TIME	1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMENTATOR	ENGLISH Extraordinary EMs	SPANISH Extraordinary EMs SUNDAY, 5:00 PM	SPANISH FIRST LECTOR SUNDAY 5:00 PM	SPANISH SECOND LECTOR SUNDAY 5:00 PM	SPANISH MASS GENERAL INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCE- MENT SUNDAY, 5:00 PM
Mar. 2	Sat	5:30 pm	Mary	Elaine	Melodianne	?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar. 3	Sun	9:00 am	Heather	Ann	Rosemary	Juliet, Cris, Josie A.	?	Lupta A.	Soledad	Adriana
Mar. 6	Wed	8:30	Ann	Sylvia	Rosemary	?	?	Daniela	Alfredo	Adriana
Mar. 9	Sat	5:30 pm	JoAnn	Sylvia	Jonniepat	?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar. 10	Sun	9:00 pm	Heather	Juliet	Ann	Juliet, Cris, Josie A.	?	Adriana	Claudia	Adriana
Mar. 16	Sat	5:30 pm	Elaine	Mary	Jonniepat	?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar. 17	Sun	9:00 am	Rosemary	Juliet	Ann	Juliet, Cris, Josie A.	?	Guadalupe C	Margarita	Adriana
Mar. 23	Sat	5:30 pm	Mary	Sylvia	Melodianne	?	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar. 24	Sun	9:00 am	Ann	Heather	Jonniepat	Albert, Cris, Josie A.	?	Roberto	Amelia	Adriana
Mar. 30	Sat	5:30 pm	JoAnn	Elaine	Melodianne	?		n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar. 31	Sun	9:00 am	Heather	Julia	Ann	Albert, Cris, Josie A.	?	Lorenzo	Clara	Adriana

## "WHY CATHOLIC?" JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM



"Why Catholic?" begins Sunday **March 10th** after the 9:00am mass.

This phase of "Why Catholic?" focuses on the **Sacraments** and their meaning within our Catholic Tradition.



Everyone is welcome. For more information, please see Sheila or leave a message for her at the parish office. 805-528-5319. Thanks!

### EASTER EGGS

We need your help! This year we will have 2 Easter Egg Hunts for the children this coming Easter Sunday.

- 1) Right after the 8:00 am Spanish Mass; led by the Spanish Catechists
- 2) Right after the 10:00 am English Mass; led by the English Catechists

Please bring Easter eggs **pre-filled** with individually wrapped candy to the parish office by April 12th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### EASTER WHITE ORCHIDS

Due to the increase of parishioners allergic to lilies we are going to use white orchids this Easter. How can you help?

**OPTION 1) If you'd like to make a donation in honor of a loved one:**

Step 1: Place it in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Please include either on the envelope or note inside:

**A)** your name printed, **B)** your loved one's name printed and **C)** amount enclosed

Step 2: Drop it into the regular collection basket, or bring it to the office during regular hours.

**OPTION 2) Bring a white orchid in bloom to the church on Good Friday (April 19) with the printed name of your loved one attached.**

Names of your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin. Thank you.

### FRIDAY SPANISH MASS

During Lent, Friday Adoration in Spanish will be at 5:15pm and Friday Spanish Mass will be at 5:45pm.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Give life to your marriage, sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on April 5-7, 2019 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call 1-831-200-3780, Email applications@centralcawwme.org or register online at centralcawwme.org.

## 2019 INT'L. FESTIVAL MEETING #2

Meeting #2 is on **March 24, 11:30 AM** in the **CLASSROOM**. All are invited. It is scheduled 11:30 am so that all can enjoy St. Joseph's Table

## NEXT 2nd COLLECTION

2019 Catholic Charities Easter Appeal on March 25th, 2019

### HEADS UP

Mar. 8	Lent Fri. #1	6:30 pm Stations ☩	7 pm English cmty. soup supper sponsor
Mar. 15	Lent Fri. #2	6:30 pm Stations ☩	7 pm Latino cmty. soup supper sponsor
Mar. 17	St. Patrick Feast	10 am hospitality	Irish-American cmty. sponsor
Mar. 22	Lent Fri. #3	6:30 pm Stations ☩	7 pm Filipino cmty. soup supper sponsor
Mar. 24	St. Joseph Feast	10 am St. Joseph's Table	Italian-American cmty. sponsor
Mar. 29	Lent Fri. #4	6:30 pm Stations ☩	7 pm English cmty. soup supper sponsor
Apr. 5	Lent Fri. #5	6:30 pm Stations ☩	7 pm Latino cmty. soup supper sponsor
Apr. 12	Lent Fri. #6	6:30 pm Stations ☩	7 pm Filipino cmty. soup supper sponsor
Apr. 14	Palm Sunday	9 am English Mass	1 pm Spanish Mass
Apr. 18	Holy Thursday	7 pm Bilingual Mass	
Apr. 19	Good Friday	3 pm Good Fri. Liturgy English	4 pm Stations ☩
Apr. 20	Easter Vigil	8 pm Trilingual Mass	(English, Spanish, Tagalog)
Apr. 21	Easter Sunday	10 am English Mass	8 am Spanish Mass
	All Fridays of Lent	5:15 pm Spanish Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction	5:45 pm Spanish Mass

## PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ELIZABETH'S IN YOUR WILL

A great way to help our parish become financially stable is to remember your parish church in your **Will** or **Trust**. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth's, please word the bequest like this: **"I leave a bequest of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402."** If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish office or email him at [frjoeyseasparish-lo@gmail.com](mailto:frjoeyseasparish-lo@gmail.com) to set an appointment. Thank you for considering SEAS to your final distribution.

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### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Reflections

- Scott Hahn commentary
- Reflections on Sunday Mass readings
- Weekly updates

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\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



# SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>Saturday , Vigil</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 9 March 2019	4:30pm to 5:00pm Confessions 5:30pm English Mass	5:30pm: +Fr. Robert Murrin (3of3)	Dt 26: 4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 10 March 2019	9:00am English Mass 5:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am: +Joe Fraga 5:00pm:	Dt 26: 4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
<b>Monday</b> <b>1st Week of Lent</b> 11 March 2018	8:30am Communion Service at classroom	8:30am: Communion Service	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1st Week of Lent</b> 12 March 2019	8:30am English Mass at classroom	8:30am: +Ponciano Darag (8of9)	Is 55: 10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mk 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1st Week of Lent</b> 13 March 2019	8:30am English Mass at classroom 9-10:00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction at classroom	8:30am:	Jon 3: 1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11: 29-32
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1st Week of Lent</b> 14 March 2019	8:30am Communion Service at classroom	8:30am: Communion Service	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Lk 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b> <b>1st Week of Lent</b> 15 March 2019	8:30am English Mass at classroom 5:15pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Spanish Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction 5:45-6:15pm Spanish Mass 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Soup Supper for all	8:30am: +Ponciano Darag (9of9) 5:45pm:	Ez 18: 21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday , Vigil</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 16 March 2019	4:30pm to 5:00pm Confessions 5:30pm English Mass	5:30pm:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 17 March 2019	9:00am English Mass 5:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am: 5:00pm:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

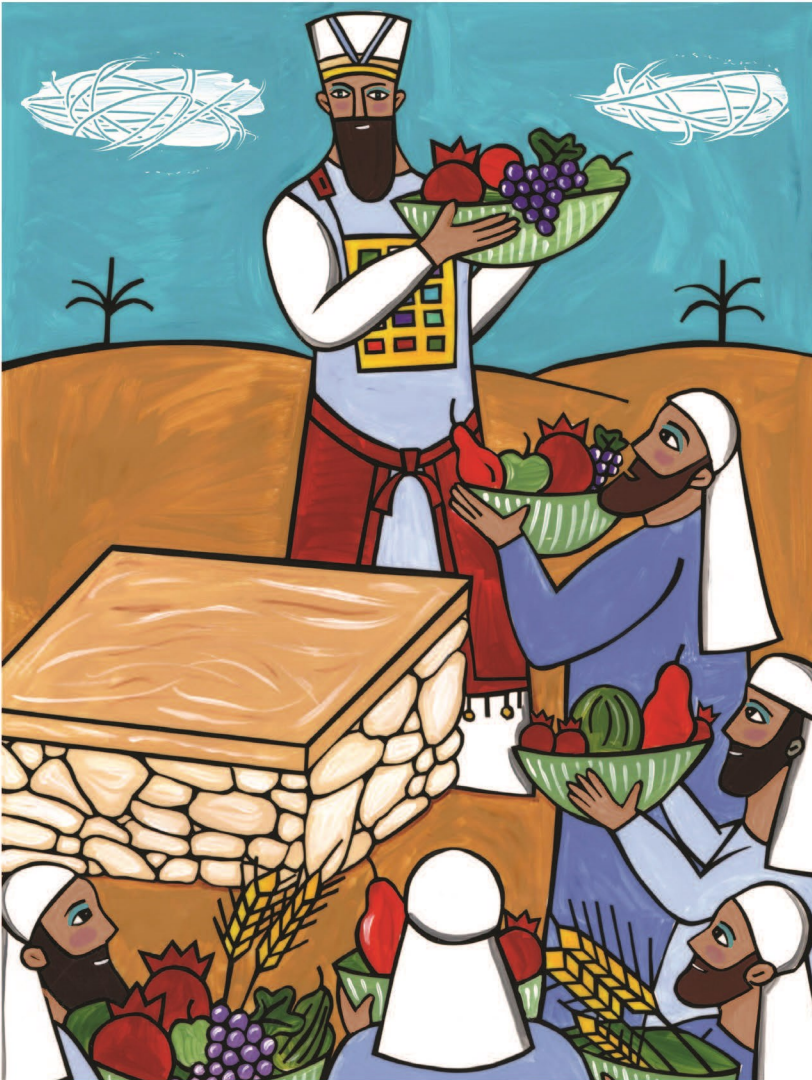
## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| * Timothy Ketcherside       | * Frances Meehan        | * Lila Martinez            | * Jessica Ketcherside  | * Daniel Quintana          |
| * John LeNoue               | * Emily Sumner          | * Darleen Krouse           | * Fr. Derek Hughes     | * Mark Woehle              |
| * Peter Hewitt              | * David Wright          | * Carolyn Lemos            | * Joe O'Brien          | * The Rivers Family        |
| * Jere Bresnan              | * Aurea Cruz            | * Toshi Meehan             | * Dolores R. Buena     | * Daniel Nunez             |
| * Fely Platon               | * Nathan Berry          | * Robert Green Sr.         | * Candido D. Buena Jr. | * Cecilia Deines           |
| * Mary Cavagnaro            | * Robert Ruiz           | * Rodney & Helen Maciel    | * Rosemarie Greenville | * Nola, Nick, Louis,       |
| * Bonifacio Garcia          | * June Vivianne         | * Susi Reich               | * Aaron Kondziela      | Dolores, Estrella, Jaelynn |
| * Michael Culbertson        | * Sylvia Radford        | * Sidney & Dorsey Dunton   | * Maggie Quinn         | Soto                       |
| * Steven Greenville         | * Eleanor Brown         | * Elisa Fajardo            | * Donna Nichols        |                            |
| * Rafael & Margarita Garcia | * Sarah & Josh Matthews | * Alfred & Irene Castaneda | * Colleen Clark        |                            |
| * Doris Stanley             | * Michael Vella         | * Mary de Angelo           | * Leonora Eublera      |                            |

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD AND LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| †Helen Penwell      | †Lourdes Lepisto     | †Joe Fraga            | †Felicita Castillo        | †Otilia Cruz          | †Julia Keefe         |
| †Charles Penwell    | †James Emely         | †Msgr Joseph Stieger  | †Antonio Medrano          | †Wenceslao Garcia     | †Bishop Richard      |
| †Harold Platon      | †Simonne Townsend    | †Fr. Ken Brown        | †Tambo                    | †Erich Reich          | Garcia               |
| †Larry Mischel      | †Fernando Marcos     | †Fr. Michael Bell     | †William (Bill) Kemble    | †Mike Wright          | †William K. Lander   |
| †Dwight Mobley      | †Cecilia Marcos      | †Lyn Ketcherside      | †Diana Nishiura           | †Fr. Lawrence Betzoff | †Kathleen Patricia   |
| †Gertrude Stimson   | †William Schanberger | †Robert Beevers       | †Grace Tevis              | †Nicky Miller         | Crawford             |
| †John D. Walsh      | †UMartha Smith       | †Arcadio Tambo        | †Jerica Elaine Harris     | †General Mason        | †Joseph Carlson      |
| †Elizabeth Martinez | †Eusebio Galo        | †Cleta Tambo          | †Paul Landry              | †Mary Friedman        | †Martin Basti        |
| †Ofelia Labra       | †Melinda Rose        | †Dionisio Acain       | †Casamira Asuncion        | †Shirley Rustria      | †Manuel Ayala Arroyo |
| †Severino Repollo   | †Julia Ortiz         | †Aurelia Acain        | †Carol Ann Burns          | †Gerry Weltman        | †Shirley Matthews    |
| †Justo Yasay        | †Guillermo dela Cruz | †Dick O' Melveny      | †Andy Boy de la Cruz, Jr. | †Evelyn Pellaton      | †David Bresnan       |
| †Joe Greene         | †Serafin Sepúlveda   | †Jim Stewart          | †Fr. Harry Freiermuth     | †Chuck Ice            | †Lydia Caloca Green  |
| †Cristina Patterson | †Hermila Arguello    | †Jaime Repollo        | †Crescenciana Gaila       | †Mary Jo Semonsen     | †Myrna Oliveros      |
| †Filippo Mazzulla   | †Anatalia Ortiz      | †Paulina Y. Andres    | †Ismael Ibat Tomboc       | †Kevin Lynch          | †Mina Cantorna       |
| †Elena Aurelio      | †ULolita dela Cruz   | †Gabriel Osorio       | †Maria Carmen Zaragoza    | †John Greenville      | †Adela Patague       |
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| †Fermina Manuel     | †Pat Wright          | †Michael Brito        | †Fr. Ray Roh              | †John de Angelo       |                      |
| †Deacon Jim Cooper  | †Joseph Cavagnaro    | †Venustiana Rodriguez | †Joyce O'Brien            | †Pat Klenc            |                      |
| †Emma Nieman        | †Manuel John Reis.   | †Selestino Salgado    | †Mariano Rustria          | †Beverly Jean Rocha   |                      |
| †Rodrigo Martinez   | †Lawrence Uthe       | †Mary Prendergast     | †Robert Townsend          | †Adelaida Gabatin     |                      |
| †Reyna Gomez        | †Margaret Uthe       | †Melecia Garcia       | †Sherman Lemos            | †Guadalupe Haugh      |                      |

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Lenten Journey

Lord God,  
you invite us to enter into these desert  
days of Lent.  
Your Son was filled with the Holy Spirit  
and then led into the wilderness,  
where he experienced the emptiness  
of hunger,  
and faced temptations from the devil.  
When we stumble and find this  
journey difficult,  
because we are overwhelmed by our  
needs and desires,  
or seek to find a quick escape  
from troubles,  
help us to turn to you in our time  
of want.  
We ask that you draw us closer to you,  
so that we may find nourishment in  
your Word,  
during these forty days of Lent.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**Journey with the Word**

*Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12, 13, 14, 15; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13.* As a people and as individuals, we turn to God in times of want and in times of plenty, as we live out our covenant relationship. Moses instructs the people to bring their baskets filled with products of the soil to offer at the altar of the Lord, and then to declare before God all he has done for them, from their days of wandering in Egypt to being led to a land flowing with milk and honey. These are the events that have shaped them as a people. As they confessed their faith, they acknowledged all that God had given to them. Following this proclamation, they bow down in the presence of the Lord.

Jesus is led into the desert to take the journey of his people. A journey of testing and purification. Testing whether Jesus will use his divine power, the devil says, “If you are the Son of God . . .” Jesus responds with words from Scripture, words that give him power and strength. After the temptations are faced, the angels come to wait upon Jesus. Entering into these forty days, be open to discovering the blessings of God’s Word, allowing its wisdom to provide you with strength and protection. What passages from the Bible provide peace to you? Which ones give you consolation in times of sadness or joy in the awe and wonder of God?





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, March 11 The Least among Us

Who would you consider to be the least among us? Those with no voice or power? The poor, the weak and marginalized? The aged or the young and innocent? The Gospel invites us to see the face of Christ in the people who have little status. Who in your family or neighborhood is in need of a smile, a hug, a conversation, or a warm meal? Who would enjoy hearing from you? Make time for them this week. *Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.*

### Tuesday, March 12 Your Will Be Done

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer that we know as the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. Sometimes we say this prayer giving little thought to its words. We pray, "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In heaven, God's will is obeyed perfectly. What would our world be like if his will were obeyed on earth? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5, 6–7, 16–17, 18–19; Matthew 6:7–15.*

### Wednesday, March 13 Repent

When Jonah, brought the message to repent to the people of Nineveh, they listened and turned away from sin. Jesus has revealed God and his Kingdom to us. What is your response? Have you allowed his Word to transform you? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that an examination of conscience is a "prayerful self-reflection on our words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how we may have sinned against God." As a preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, make an examination of conscience, considering where you have not listened to the voice of God. *Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.*

### Thursday, March 14 Seek and Find

How do you pray and speak with God? Jesus offers these instructions: to ask, to seek, and to find. Is it difficult for you to ask for something from God? Is there something that you are struggling with in your life? Write in your Lenten journal what you are most in need of at this moment. Think about where you turn to seek answers when you face problems or difficult situations. Is God a part of the solution? Ask the Lord to give you peace and to find his will for you this day. *Today's Readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 7–8; Matthew 7:7–12.*

### Friday, March 15 Difficult and Messy

We do not need to look too far to know that relationships are difficult and life can be messy. Within every family, group, or community, there are instances of tension. How do we bring acceptance and understanding to those situations? We are called to make peace and to reconcile with one another. Let us ask God to help us bring his mercy and compassion, his peace and his love to every conversation and every corner of our world this week. *Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 4–6, 7–8; Matthew 5:20–25.*

### Saturday, March 16 Difficult Love

Love your enemies. It is easy for us to love those who love us, but loving those who have harmed us is difficult. Loving our enemies is countercultural, so we look different than the rest of the world when we love this way. Who will help us love like this? God will give us everything we need to follow him. Spend time in prayer today asking God to forgive those who have caused hurt, pain, and injury in your life. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.*

