

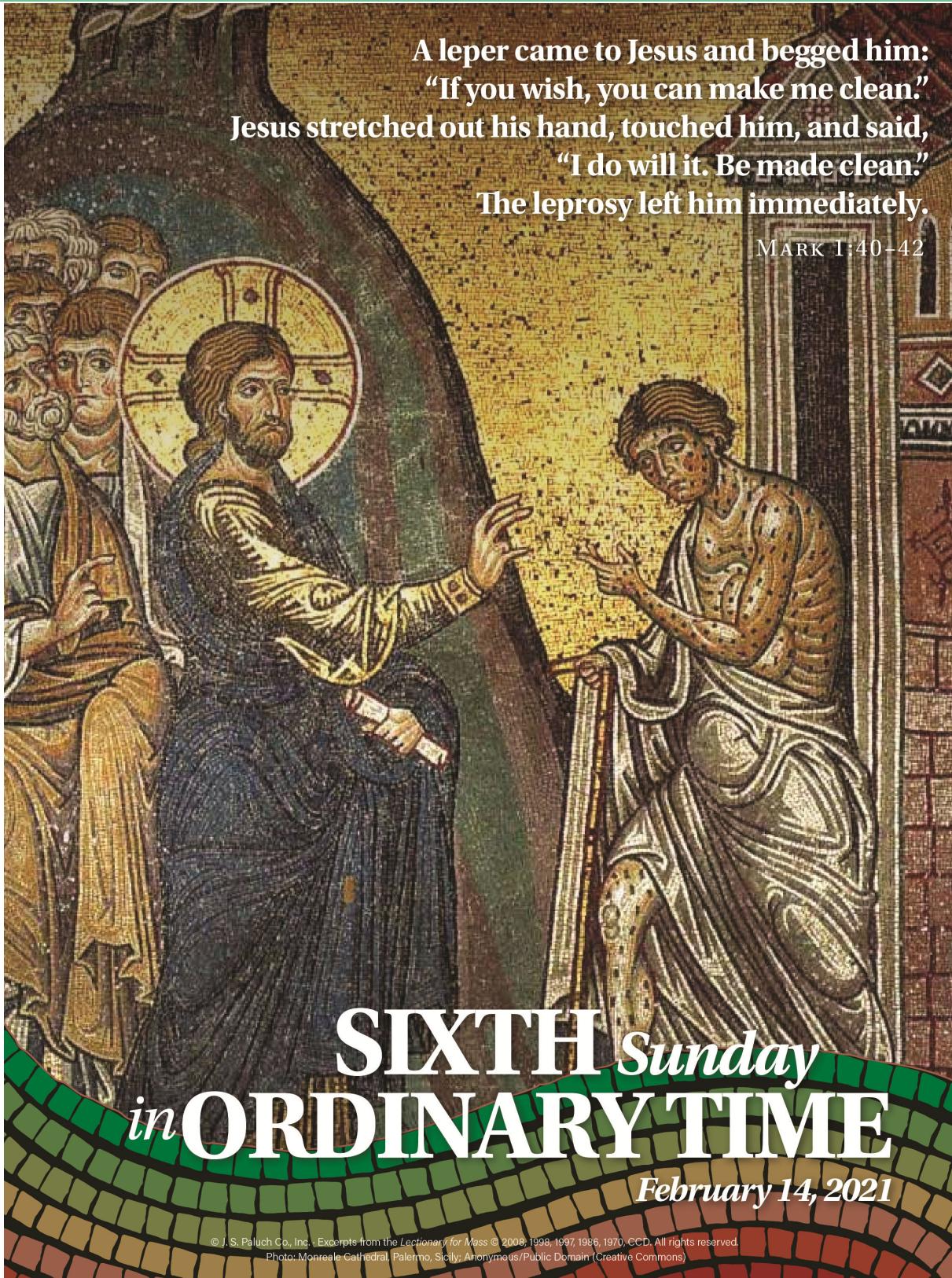
February 14, 2021

# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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A leper came to Jesus and begged him:  
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”  
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”  
The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42



SIXTH *Sunday*  
*in ORDINARY TIME*

February 14, 2021

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Pro Populo
	9:00 AM	Conrad M. La Grasta, †
	11:00 AM	Eduardo S. Acosta Sr., †
	1:00 PM	Sr. Mechtilde M. Alabanza, †
	4:00 PM	Tina Munoz, †
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM	Amelia Matias and family, thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Martha Chavez de Huerta, †
	6:00 PM	George Silva, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Anna and Manuel Flores, thanksgiving
	10:00 PM	Rosa Solis, †
	6:00 PM	Thomas and Maryann Eckel
	7:30 PM	Aquilina Fombuena, †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Adoracion Regala Medina, †
	6:00 PM	Angelita Machon
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	St. Dominic 100th Anniversary
	6:00 PM	Dec Dom Friars, parents friends and benefactors, †
		Jose Escario Jr., †
		Dr. Don Scholz., †
		Juan aganan, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Lilia Cabalu, birthday
	4:00 PM	Jose Soloria, †

(Important: Some of these Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

# ASH WEDNESDAY



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## THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

*Wednesday February 17, 2021*

- 6:00 A.M. PRAYER SERVICE
- 8:00 A.M. MASS
- 10:00 A.M. MASS
- 12:00 P.M. PRAYER SERVICE
- 6:00 P.M. MASS
- 7:30 P.M. SPANISH MASS

### Farewell to Frs. Cassian and Denis

On Friday February 5, Fr. Denis and Fr. Cassian moved to a retirement facility in Oakland. There are a number of Dominicans who live at this facility, and it is also close to St. Albert's, our House of Studies where the younger student brothers live. So, after serving God's people and the Church for over fifty years each as priests, they will be able to live in a facility that can give them the care and medical attention they need. Both of them were sad to have to leave St. Dominic's, and are grateful for their time living here in our parish community. We Dominicans want to thank all of you for your goodness to them while they were here with us. If you wish to write them, their address is: **Merrill Gardens, 5238 Coronado Ave. Oakland, CA 94618.**

For the time being, our Dominican community will remain at four: Frs. Francis, Donald, Jude and myself. We hope to have an election for a new prior (superior) for our community sometime this spring.

### LA AMISTAD

Si tienes un amigo, has merecido un don divino. La amistad leal, sincera, desinteresada, es la verdadera comunión de las almas. Es más fuerte que el amor. Porque éste suele ser celoso, egoísta y vulnerable. La verdadera amistad perdura y se fortalece a través del tiempo y la distancia.

No se necesita ver con frecuencia al amigo para que la amistad perdure, basta saber que éste responderá cuando sea necesario, con un acto de afecto, de comprensión y aún de sacrificio.

La amistad no se conquista, no se impone, se cultiva como una flor, se abona con pequeños detalles de cortesía, de ternura y de lealtad, se riega con las aguas vivas del desinterés y de cariño silencioso, no importan las distancias, los niveles sociales, los años o las culturas, la amistad lo borra todo.

El recuerdo del amigo lejano, del amigo de la niñez o de la juventud, produce la íntima alegría de haberlos conocido, nuestra vida se enriqueció con su contacto por breve que haya sido.

La felicidad del amigo nos da felicidad, sus penas se vuelven nuestras porque hay un maravilloso lazo invisible que une a los amigos. La amistad es bella sobre toda ponderación.

Para el que tiene un amigo, no existe la soledad.

Rudy Vadillo

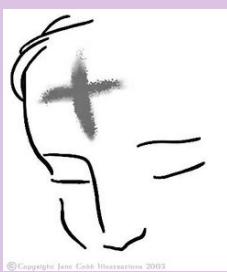
## Message from Fr. Roberto

**What Is Lent about?**

The season of Lent lasts for 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending just before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The forty days of Lent do not include Sundays; however, many people continue their Lenten sacrifices even on the Sundays of Lent. This is certainly commendable but not required.

Lent is a time for us to focus on our spiritual lives in a more intense and conscientious way as we prepare to celebrate the most important events of our faith and of human history: Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Lent is most importantly about growing closer to God and one another. There are any number of ways to help us accomplish this; among them are the three traditional Catholic practices of Lent which are fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting means giving up things we enjoy, from food and drink to activities or comforts we normally enjoy. We can pray more or in different ways by going to Mass, reading the Bible or some other good spiritual book, joining a small faith-sharing group or going on a retreat. Almsgiving originally meant giving money, but it has also come to mean giving of ourselves in other ways to those in need: giving time, energy, or help or simply by doing something nice for another person. There is no limit to the creativity we can utilize to grow closer to God as we celebrate Lent.

**Lent - Why do we receive ashes?**

The imposition of ashes is an ancient symbol of repentance and mourning (see Isaiah 58:5; Esther 4:1; Daniel 9:3; 2 Samuel 13:19), and reminds us that our life on earth is fleeting and that our ultimate life is in heaven. As the minister seals us with ashes, he or she says one of these two traditional phrases: **"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return"** or **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

Receiving ashes is not a magical rite, and does not take away our sins. Rather, it is a sign of repentance, penance, and, above all, conversion. It is the beginning of the Lenten journey, to follow Jesus from his temptations by the devil in the desert to the day of his triumphant resurrection on Easter Sunday.



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## Un Mensaje del Padre Roberto

### ¿De Qué Se Trata la Cuaresma?

El tiempo de Cuaresma dura 40 días, comenzando con el Miércoles de Ceniza y terminando justo antes de la Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo. Los cuarenta días de Cuaresma no incluyen los domingos; sin embargo, muchas personas continúan con sus sacrificios de Cuaresma incluso los domingos de Cuaresma. Esto es ciertamente loable pero no obligatorio.

La Cuaresma es un momento para que nos enfocemos en nuestra vida espiritual de una manera más intensa y cuidadosamente mientras nos preparamos para celebrar los eventos más importantes de nuestra fe y de la historia humana: la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. La Cuaresma se trata sobre todo de acercarse más a Dios y a los demás. Hay varias formas de ayudarnos a lograr esto; entre ellas se encuentran las tres prácticas católicas tradicionales de Cuaresma que son el ayuno, la oración y caridad.

Ayunar significa renunciar a las cosas, desde la comida y la bebida hasta las actividades o comodidades que normalmente disfrutamos. Podemos orar más o de diferentes maneras yendo a Misa, leyendo la Biblia o algún otro buen libro espiritual, integrándonos a un pequeño grupo de intercambio de fe o yendo a un retiro. Caridad originalmente significaba dar dinero, pero también ha llegado a significar darnos a nosotros mismos a los necesitados de otras formas: dar tiempo, energía o ayuda o simplemente hacer algo bueno por otra persona. No hay límite para la creatividad que podemos utilizar para acercarnos más a Dios mientras celebramos la Cuaresma.

### La Cuaresma - ¿Por qué se nos imponen las cenizas?



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La imposición de las cenizas es un símbolo antiguo de arrepentimiento y luto (véase Isaías 58,5; Ester 4,1; Daniel 9,3; 2Samuel 13,19), y nos recuerda que nuestra vida en la tierra es pasajera y que nuestra vida definitiva se encuentra en el cielo. Cuando el ministro nos sella con cenizas, dice una de estas dos frases tradicionales: **"Recuerda de que eres polvo y al polvo has de volver"** o **"Arrepíntete y cree en el Evangelio."**

La ceniza no es un rito mágico, y no nos quita nuestros pecados. Es un signo de arrepentimiento, de penitencia, pero sobre todo de conversión. Es el inicio del camino de la Cuaresma, para acompañar a Jesús desde sus tentaciones por el diablo en el desierto hasta el día de su triunfante resurrección en el Domingo de Pascua.



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### Lenten Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

#### Why We Fast and Abstain

The practice of the Lenten fast is a practice of the whole community. Though the fast is carried out personally, we are united in our action through Jesus Christ. Our actions speak louder than our words. Both personally and as a community we deliberately place ourselves in need (hunger being the most basic need) so that we can discover that our deepest need is for God who alone can ultimately satisfy us. We fast and abstain to strengthen our spiritual discipline, to give concrete expression to our trust in God and to strengthen our deep belief that God will care for our every need.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:** These days are observed by fasting and abstinence.

**Fridays in Lent:** These days are marked by the discipline of abstinence from meat; fasting is not required on these days.

#### Fasting

Those who are 18 to 59 years old are bound by this discipline and may take only one full meal on a day of fasting. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

#### Abstinence from Meat and Other Things

This discipline is for those 14 to 59 years old. Traditional abstinence is the practice of refraining from meat and meat products. Entering fully into the spirit of the Lenten season, we are also encouraged to abstain from other foods, practices or activities such as watching television, going to the movies, etc. Lenten abstinence is a form of self-denial and, therefore, a way of emphasizing our dependence on God above all things.

#### Those under the age of 14

Fasting and abstinence are not always possible for the younger members of the community. However, they should be encouraged to observe the spirit of the Lenten fast by assuming a penance of fasting and abstinence appropriate to their age.

#### Those 59 years and older

Those who have celebrated their 59th birthday are welcome to share with the community in the practice of fasting but it is not obligatory. They should still abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

### Pautas de Cuaresma para el Ayuno y la Abstinencia

#### Por qué Ayunamos y nos Abstenemos

La práctica del ayuno cuaresmal es una práctica de toda la comunidad. Aunque el ayuno se lleva a cabo personalmente, estamos unidos en nuestra acción a través de Jesucristo. Nuestras acciones hablan más fuerte que nuestras palabras. Tanto personalmente como comunidad, nos colocamos deliberadamente en necesidad (el hambre es la necesidad más básica) para que podamos descubrir que nuestra necesidad más profunda es de Dios, que es el único que finalmente puede satisfacernos. Ayunamos y nos abstengamos para fortalecer nuestra disciplina espiritual, para dar expresión concreta a nuestra confianza en Dios y para fortalecer nuestra profunda creencia de que Dios se ocupará de todas nuestras necesidades.

**Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo:** son días marcados por el ayuno y la abstinencia;

**Los viernes de la Cuaresma:** son días marcados por la abstinencia de carne;

#### El Ayuno

El ayuno obliga de los 18 hasta los 59 años. El ayuno consiste en hacer una sola comida fuerte al día. Si es necesario para mantener la fuerza, dos comidas pequeñas están permitidas, pero tomar alimentos sólidos entre las comidas no está permitido.

#### La Abstinencia de Carne y de Otras Cosas

Esta disciplina es para los de 14 a 59 años. La abstinencia tradicional es la práctica de abstenerse de carne y productos cárnicos. Entrando de lleno en el espíritu de la temporada de Cuaresma, también se nos anima a abstenernos de otras comidas, prácticas o actividades como mirar televisión, ir al cine, etc. La abstinencia de Cuaresma es una forma de abnegación y, por lo tanto, una forma de enfatizar nuestra dependencia de Dios sobre todas las cosas.

#### Los Menores de 14 años

El ayuno y la abstinencia no siempre son posibles para los miembros más jóvenes de la comunidad. Sin embargo, se les debe animar a observar el espíritu del ayuno de Cuaresma asumiendo una penitencia de ayuno y abstinencia apropiados para su edad.

#### Aquellos de 59 Años y Mayores

Aquellos que han celebrado su 59 cumpleaños son bienvenidos a compartir con la comunidad la práctica del ayuno pero no es obligatorio. De todos modos deben abstenerse de comer carne el miércoles de ceniza y los viernes de Cuaresma.

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### St. Joseph's Weekly Workshop

*Tools to grow spiritually in the Year of St. Joseph*

Pope Francis has designated this year (December 8, 2020 – December 8 2021) as the Year of St. Joseph. All parishioners are invited to participate in the 33-day journey to consecrate oneself to St. Joseph on his Feast Day, March 19<sup>th</sup>. With daily 20-30 minutes of reading and prayer over the 33 days, you and your family can also be consecrated to St. Joseph at the March 19th Mass.

Knights of Columbus Council 1920 will host weekly Monday Zoom Saint Joseph Study sessions at 7:00 pm. The first session will be Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the program in the recently published book (also available in Spanish)

**"Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of our Spiritual Father"** by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. The book costs \$14.95 (eBook also available) and can be ordered at the following:

<https://www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html?source=ctsj>.

Council 1920 also has some books on hand that are available for \$10.00.

For more information on the Consecration weekly group sessions and to sign up, please email Chris Alejo at [chris.dot.alej0@gmail.com](mailto:chris.dot.alej0@gmail.com). You may make arrangements with Chris to meet in the neighborhood to purchase a copy of the book. You will also receive the Zoom meeting information by email.



### Consecration to St. Joseph 33-Day Consecration Schedule

Day	Date	Day	Week
Monday	February 15, 2021	1	Week 1
Monday	February 22, 2021	8	Week 2
Monday	March 1, 2021	15	Week 3
Monday	March 8, 2021	22	Week 4
Monday	March 15, 2021	29	Week 5
Friday	March 19, 2021	33	Consecration Day, Feast of St. Joseph