

# LENT

*"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant."*

PSALM 25:10

*"Tus caminos, Señor, son amor y verdad  
para los que guardan tu alianza."*

SALMO 25:10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT • PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA  
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 (closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

**BULLETIN/WEBPAGE**

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 Bulletin inserts are due 4 weeks  
 prior to publication.

*Welcome to*  
*St. Anthony of Padua*

*The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes all to our celebrations of God's love. Through prayer, education, sacraments, caring and stewardship, we strive to serve the needs of God's people and to gain a richer understanding of the Gospel message of love. We invite you to become a part of our "Parish Life."*

*Your talents are welcome!*

**Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger, Pastor**

Please register at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL #884

*Mass Intentions*

**18 SUNDAY – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00 a.m. † Pat Mastro from his wife and family  
 9:30 a.m. † George Jebian by Stella Jebian  
 11:00 a.m. † Maria Dolores Garcia by Juan M. Garcia  
 1:00 p.m. † Joshua Luzanilla por las Familas y Amigos  
 6:00 p.m. Intentions of The Cuadros Family  
 by John & Christina Renna

**19 MONDAY**  
 NO MASS

**20 TUESDAY**  
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
 8:00 a.m. † Isidra Realon by the Realon Family

**21 WEDNESDAY**  
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
 8:00 a.m. † Sister Mary Lois Corporandy by the Frye Family

**22 THURSDAY**  
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
 8:00 a.m. † Mike Michels by Laura Michels

**23 FRIDAY**  
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
 8:15 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

**24 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 p.m. † Dick Gallagher by Marilyn Cotta  
 5:30 p.m. Intenciones de Ramona Gómez  
 por parte de la Familia Gómez

**25 SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00 a.m. † Steve Deak by Greg & Phyllis Netherton  
 9:30 a.m. † Hortencia Chavez by Stephanie Guglielmo  
 11:00 a.m. † Jeff Reynolds by Georgina Reynolds  
 1:00 p.m. † Sergio Delgadillo por Noemi Gomez  
 6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

*The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:*

**Matthew Yroz & Blanca Ceja Lopez**  
**Martin Gomez & Rosa Moran**

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the Parish Office.

### 5-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT CONTINUES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 a.m. in Room 21  
Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? You don't have to walk alone. Come join us; open to all.



### PARISH BIBLE STUDIES

#### Wednesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study

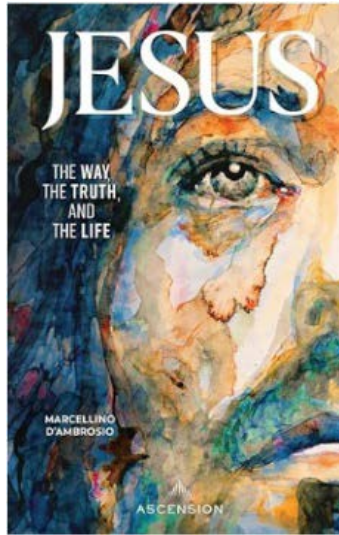
Next Session is February 21, 6:30 p.m. in Room 22  
Sami/Dina Shwiyhat and Eliseo/Nivia Cuellar will lead men, women, and couples through the 10-week series. Please watch the bulletin for dates during Lent and Easter week.

#### Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. in Room 21  
Open to women of all ages. Come grow in faith and fellowship.

Participants may order the book directly from Ascension Press at

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>.



### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Saturday (Vigil Mass)

4:00 p.m. – English  
5:30 p.m. – Español

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. – English  
1:00 p.m. – Español  
6:00 p.m. – English

#### Livestream Mass Schedule

9:30 a.m. – English Mass  
1:00 p.m. – Misa Español

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday-Thursday (OLG Chapel)

6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass  
8:00 a.m. – Chapel open until 11:00 a.m.

#### Friday (OLG Chapel)

6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass  
8:15 a.m. – Followed by Adoration

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Friday

9:00-11:00 a.m. – Guadalupe Chapel

### RECONCILIATION

#### Tuesday

6:00 p.m. – Chapel Confessionals

#### Saturday

10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24/SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Knights of Columbus volunteers will be available to accept your nonmonetary donations of nonperishable food, clothing, household goods and more after each of the weekend Masses. Together we make a difference.



### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

General Meeting, 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall (Rosary, Dinner, Meeting)

Knights of Columbus



#### JUEVES – ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA

7:00 p.m. en el salón #22

Acompáñenos para reflexionar en las lecturas de la biblia y el Evangelio Dominical. "Tu Palabra es una lámpara a mis pies, es una luz en mi sendero." Salmo 119



### SILVER ANGELS

#### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall,  
111 W. Birch Steet, Pinedale.

Might you be looking for some Fun and Games and a good meal? Our monthly luncheon is just the thing. Cost \$17.00 per person.



### Grupo de Oración

#### JUEVES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los jueves desde las 6:30 p.m. empezando con El Rosario, en la Iglesia de Santa Inés "Ven y llénate del Señor." 111 W Birch Street, Fresno, CA 93650

For more information on parish groups, call the Ministry Office at 439-0124, ext. 106.

# Year of Parish Revival

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

We invite you to pray the Revival prayer in silence after Mass in your pew.

*My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Amen*

*¡Oh, mi Dios, yo creo en Ti! ¡Te adoro! ¡Confío en Ti y tu amor! ¡Te pido perdón por los que no creen, no te adoran, no confían en Ti y no te aman!  
¡Oh, Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, os adoro profundamente! Os ofrezco el preciosísimo Cuerpo, la preciosísima Sangre, El Alma y Divinidad de Cristo Jesús, presente en todos los tabernáculos del mundo, en reparación de todos los ultrajes, sacrilegios y la indiferencia con que es ofendido, y por los méritos infinitos del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y del Inmaculado Corazón de María, os ruego por la conversión de los pecadores. Amén*

## STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

### Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

January 28, 2024	\$22,070.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$18,972.00
Difference	\$3,098.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2023 – January 31, 2023	\$697,343.15
July 1, 2022 – January 31, 2022	\$581,283.00
Difference	\$116,060.15

## WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD



**GIVE ONLINE – Easy, Safe, and Convenient:** When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you. You can also drop your envelope in the mail slot located in the door on the south side of the Parish Office.



# SECOND COLLECTION

## Home Missions Black and Native American



## ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650  
**(559) 439-2100**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention:**  
† Art & Rita Luna

**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa Intencion:**  
† Nieves Chacon

For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua:  
Anointing of the Sick • Baptisms • Confession • Funerals • Weddings

Sacraments & Pastoral Support..... Chris Shiveley (559) 439-0124, ext. 103  
cshiveley@stanthonyfresno.org

Director of Religious Education..... Phyllis Carmona

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
January 28, 2024	\$1,805.75
2023-2024 YTD Total	\$46,396.17
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY! GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD	

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent,  
at 6:00 p.m. – bilingual.

*“Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.” – St. Agnes*

# March 4 – 6, 2024

Led by Br. Jose Maria Vera OFM, Cap.

**Metanoia** is a Greek term that means "change of mind" or "repentance."



## A LENTEN PARISH MISSION

### Monday, March 4

- 5:30 p.m. Evening Session – English
- 7:00 p.m. Sesión Nocturna en Español

### Tuesday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Session – English
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Session – English
- 7:00 p.m. Sesión Nocturna en Español

### Wednesday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Session – English
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Session – English
- 7:00 p.m. Sesión Nocturna en Español



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 6:00 p.m. in English  
In the Main Church  
Every Friday during Lent.



### VÍA CRUCIS | ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ:

7:00 p.m.  
En la Iglesia Principal  
Viernes durante la Cuaresma

# Parish Ministry Guide –

*Christ said, "I have come to serve, not to be served."*

*The prayers during the Mass invite us to offer our prayers and gifts to the Lord. Liturgical Ministry calls the faithful to be part of the Mass. We all feel unworthy to serve, just as Christ's disciples, who were fishermen before Christ called them.*

*Is Christ calling you?*

## ALTAR SERVER

We invite parents of youth (4th grade and up, who have received their First Holy Communion) to prayerfully consider the unique opportunity for your child to grow closer to Our Lord and His Church as an Altar Server. You can register online at [stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/](http://stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/), then click on Altar Servers or call the Parish Office at 439-0124 for more details.



## SERVIDOR DE ALTAR

*Invitamos a los padres de los jóvenes (de 4º grado en adelante, que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión) a considerar en oración la oportunidad única de que su hijo crezca más cerca de Nuestro Señor y de Su Iglesia como Monaguillo. Usted puede registrarse en línea en [stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/](http://stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/), luego haga clic en Altar Servers o llame a la oficina de la parroquia en 439-0124 para más detalles.*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Considered the unique honor to offer the "Body of Christ" to the faith community. Ministers are commissioned by our pastor to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Candidates should be 18 years of age and be in full communion with the church (all sacraments).



## MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA

*Se considera el honor único de ofrecer el "Cuerpo de Cristo" a la comunidad de fe. Los ministros son comisionados por nuestro párroco para asistir en la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión en la Misa. Los candidatos deben tener 18 años de edad y estar en plena comunión con la iglesia (todos los sacramentos).*

## LECTORS

Do you remember the joy of reading to your children before bed? If so, chances are you're a Lector candidate. Persons, 5th grade and older, who have made their First Holy Communion with good reading skills can serve as a Lector at Mass.



## LECTORES

*¿Recuerda la alegría de leer a sus hijos antes de dormir? Si es así, lo más probable es que usted sea un candidato a Lector. Las personas, de 5º grado en adelante, que han hecho su Primera Comunión con buenas habilidades de lectura pueden servir como Lector en la Misa.*

Interested Lector and Eucharistic Minister candidates should contact Martha in the Parish Office at 439-0124, ext. 114 or by email. *Los candidatos Ministerio Eucarístico y lectores interesados deben contactar a Martha en la oficina parroquial al 439-0124, ext. 114 o por correo electrónico.*

## USHER & GREETER MINISTRY

Are you the type to get to church early? Why not join the Usher Ministry and greet your fellow parishioners as they enter the church? Ushers assist with the collection and act as Eucharistic Guards during Communion. Join the team and serve when you can. Call the Parish Office at 439-0124, ext. 106 for more details or complete the Volunteer Registration at [www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries).



## MINISTERIO DE UJIERES Y SALUDADORES

*¿Eres de los que llegan temprano a la iglesia? ¿Por qué no te unes al Ministerio de Ujieres y saludas a tus feligreses cuando entran en la iglesia? Los ujieres ayudan con la colecta y actúan como guardias eucarísticos durante la comunión. Únase al equipo y sirva cuando pueda. Llame a la oficina parroquial al 439-0124, ext. 106 para obtener más detalles o complete el registro de voluntarios en [www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries).*

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Are you a Eucharistic Minister who is being called to serve the members of our parish who are unable to come to Mass on Sunday due to illness or other limitation? We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to take Holy Communion after Mass to the members of the parish who are Homebound. If you are interested, please contact the Office of Ministry at 439-0124, ext. 106.



## MINISTERIO DE LOS CONFINADOS EN CASA

*¿Es usted un Ministro Eucarístico que está siendo llamado a servir a los miembros de nuestra parroquia que no pueden asistir a Misa el domingo debido a una enfermedad u otra limitación? Estamos buscando un Ministro Eucarístico que esté dispuesto a llevar la Sagrada Comunión después de la Misa a los miembros de la parroquia que están en sus hogares. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Oficina del Ministerio al 439-0124, ext. 106.*

*We Need You...*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Faith Formation & Sacrament

### Preparation for Grades K through 6th

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Classes are in session, Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Additionally, Second Year students and parent(s) attend one

Thursday per month at 6:30 p.m.

**Registrations available on our website: [stanthonyfresno.org](http://stanthonyfresno.org)**

For more information or to volunteer in children's ministry, contact Mary Briseno at (559) 439-0124 ext. 113 or by email:

[mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org)

# GIFT EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

## Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental para niños del Kinder – 6to grados

PRIMERA RECONCILIACION, PRIMERA COMUNION, Y SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACION

Las Clases son los domingos a 3:00 p.m. Adicional, en el Segundo Año escolar los estudiantes y sus padres asisten a un jueves por mes a las 6:30 p.m.

**Inscripciones disponibles en nuestra página web: [stanthonyfresno.org](http://stanthonyfresno.org)**

Para mas información o para ser voluntario en el ministerio de niños, comuníquese con Mary Briseno al (559) 439-0124 ext. 113 o por email:

[mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org)

# EDGE

## 2023-2024 for Grades 6th through 8th

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117, [schristison@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)



Catholic Youth Ministry Sessions are Tuesday Evenings in Room 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Register at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org). Click on Faith Formation tab and scroll down to click one of the EDGE options.**

**EDGE** is a Catholic youth group that is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. As young adolescents, they are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe. Youth can prepare for sacraments of Baptism and First Communion while attending Edge.

## LIFETEEN High School Youth Ministry

### 2023-2024 for Grades 9 through 12



Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117, [schristison@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)

LifeTeen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church. LifeTeen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We create a dynamic space where the youth can develop friendships with their peers, learn more about their faith, and encounter Jesus in the Sacraments.

### First Year Confirmation:

Confirmation is a two-year program for High School students who are sophomores and older. Confirmation candidates usually meet Sunday evenings with our Life Teen Youth Group. Meetings would consist of attending the Life Teen 6:00 p.m. Mass and then the Life Night until 8:30 p.m.

### Second Year Confirmation:

**Confirmation 2** is open to juniors and seniors who have completed their first year of preparation. Second-year sessions are on Sunday evenings. LifeTeen Life Nights began in September for all high school teens. Invite a friend and grow together.

## RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Anthony Conference Room (aka Donut Room)

Director, Martha Danks-Ferguson

439-0124, ext. 114; [mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org)

**See our website to register:** [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org)

Click on *Faith Formation* or scroll down to the RCIA icon.

We welcome adults seeking any of the Sacraments of Initiation:

**Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist**

*New folks are welcome to join us any time during the year.*

*If you have any questions, please contact Martha by phone or email.*



## CONFIRMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Para Jóvenes Bilingües en High School



**¡INSCRIPCIONES!**

Las inscripciones para la confirmación en español ya están abiertas. Visite nuestra pagina de web a [stanthonyfresno.org](http://stanthonyfresno.org) o escanee el QR Code al lado para registrarse.

**LAS CLASES COMENZARON EN EL MES DE AGOSTO, 2023.**

Para más información comuníquese con el Diacono Edgar al 439-0124, ext. 111 o [ebriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:ebriseno@stanthonyfresno.org).



## SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

Adultos mayores de 18 años interesados en los Sacramentos de Primera Comunión, Confirmación o Bautismo hablar con Hermana Edith, ext. 122 o [sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org).

**LECTIONARY STUDY** – (Rowdies' – Women's Bible Study) with Martha – Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will delve into the readings for the upcoming weekend and prepare our hearts to receive the Good News anew.

## REPENTANCE

*Reflection on Mark 1:12-15*

We heard on Ash Wednesday that Lent is all about repentance. We discover today, in the first reading, that God isn't asking us to do anything God Himself has not considered first. The drama of the story of Noah and the flood – with the ark, the animals, the deluge – can overshadow a more central aspect of the story. It is a story about God's first covenant with His people, and strangely, we find God providing humanity with an example of new resolve, a kind of repentance.

Our covenant with God is fundamental to what we are about in Lent. While God has taken the initiative in forging the covenant with us, it is a mutual pact, with obligations on both sides. Each of us has entered into this covenant in Baptism, pledging our lives in fidelity to God, while God has pledged to use His saving grace always.

We repent in order to return to Baptism, to return to the covenant. We embrace a new resolve to return with boldness to our baptismal obligations. Yes, this repentance must involve admitting that we have failed, have sinned, have not lived up to our side of the covenant. Directly into this sorrow, Jesus will enter with forgiveness and the steadfast, undying love that leads us home to the promised land of Easter.

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

*First Sunday of Lent*  
 Gn 9:8-15  
 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 1 Pt 3:18-22  
 Mk 1:12-15

### Monday, February 19, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*  
 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
 Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*  
 Is 55:10-11  
 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19  
 Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*  
 Jon 3:1-10  
 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
 Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 22, 2024

*The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle*  
 1 Pt 5:1-4  
 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6  
 Mt 16:13-19

### Friday, February 23, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*  
 Ez 18:21-28  
 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8  
 Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*  
 Dt 26:16-19  
 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8  
 Mt 5:43-48

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

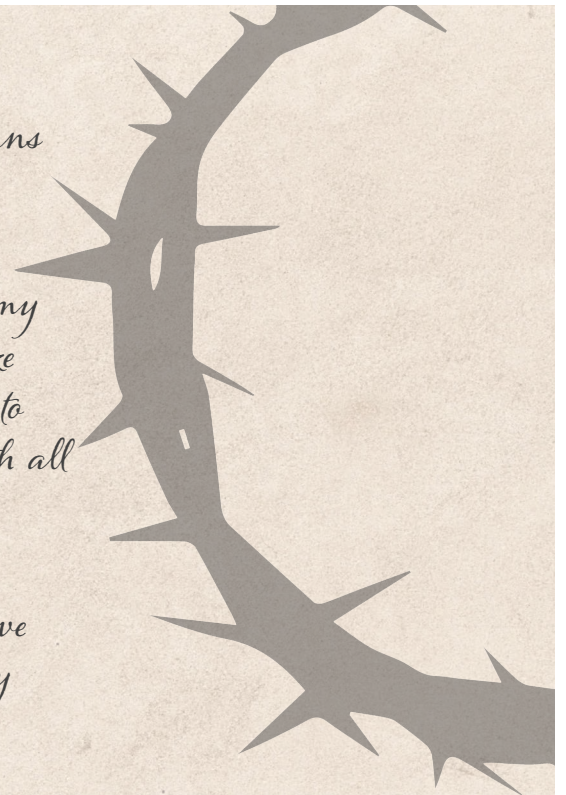
*Loving God.*

*Sometimes my heart turns in every direction except toward You.*

*Please help me to turn my heart toward You, to gaze upon You in trust and to seek Your Kingdom with all of my heart.*

*Soften my hardened heart so that I might love others as a way to glorify and worship You.*

*Grant me this with the ever-present guidance of Your Spirit.*





## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 18 de febrero de 2024

Primer domingo de Cuaresma

Gn 9:8-15

Sal 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Pe 3:18-22

Mc 1:12-15

### Lunes, 19 de febrero de 2024

Semana de Cuaresma

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Sal 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Mt 25:31-46

### Martes, 20 de febrero de 2024

Semana de Cuaresma

Is 55:10-11

Sal 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

Mt 6:7-15

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Miércoles de Cuaresma

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## ARREPENTIMIENTO

Reflexión sobre Marcos 1:12-15

El Miércoles de Ceniza oímos que la Cuaresma gira en torno al arrepentimiento. Hoy descubrimos, en la primera lectura, que Dios no nos pide que hagamos nada que Dios mismo no haya considerado antes. El dramatismo de la historia de Noé y el diluvio -con el arca, los animales, el diluvio- puede eclipsar un aspecto más central de la historia. Es una historia sobre la primera alianza de Dios con su pueblo y, curiosamente, encontramos a Dios dando a la humanidad un ejemplo de nueva determinación, una especie de arrepentimiento.

Nuestra alianza con Dios es fundamental para lo que nos ocupa en la Cuaresma. Aunque Dios ha tomado la iniciativa de forjar la alianza con nosotros, se trata de un pacto mutuo, con obligaciones por ambas partes. Cada uno de nosotros ha entrado en este pacto en el Bautismo, comprometiendo nuestras vidas en fidelidad a Dios, mientras que Dios se ha comprometido a usar siempre su gracia salvadora.

Nos arrepentimos para volver al Bautismo, para volver a la alianza. Nos arrepentimos para volver al bautismo, para volver a la alianza. Adoptamos una nueva resolución para volver con valentía a nuestras obligaciones bautismales. Sí, este arrepentimiento debe implicar admitir que hemos fallado, que hemos pecado, que no hemos estado a la altura de nuestra parte de la alianza. Directamente en este dolor Jesús entrará con el perdón y el amor firme e imperecedero que nos lleva a casa a la tierra prometida de la Pascua.

~ P. Jay

*Dios amoroso,*

*A veces mi corazón gira  
en todas direcciones menos  
hacia ti.*

*Por favor, ayúdame a volver  
mi corazón hacia ti, a mirarte  
con confianza y a buscar tu  
reino con todo mi corazón.*

*Ablanda mi corazón  
endurecido para que pueda  
amar a los demás como  
una forma de glorificarte y  
adorarte.*

*Concédeme esto con la guía  
siempre presente de tu  
espíritu.*

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*"Tus caminos, Señor, son  
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