

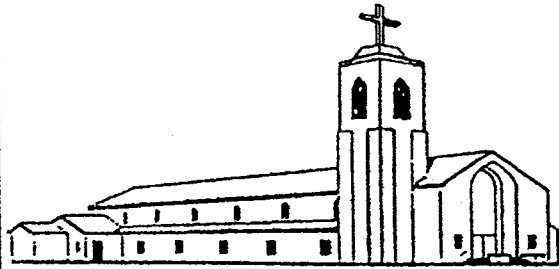
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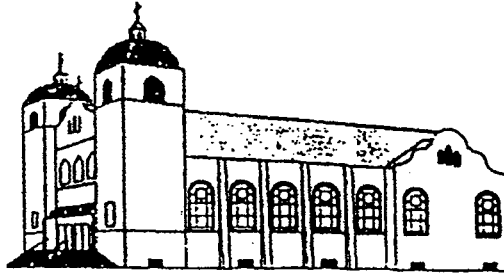
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Immaculate Conception Church

## Sunday Masses

4:00 PM (Sat Vigil)	English	St. Anthony Church
5:30 PM (Sat Vigil)	Español	St. Anthony Church
7:00 AM	English	Immaculate Conception Church
8:00 AM	Español	St. Anthony Church
9:45 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
11:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church

## Catholic School - Preschool Through 8th Grade

Principal	Marianne Flynn
Office Manager	Lori Ceja
Address	1801 Winton Way, Atwater
Phone	358-3341
Pre-School Director	Erika Valenzuela

Parish Secretary - Part- Time	Rosa Gomez	358-5743
Office Manager/Bookkeeper	Shirley Rubalcava	358-5743

## Daily Mass or Communion Service

### Miercoles y Jueves Misa en Espanol

6:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30 PM	Español	St. Anthony Church

**Liturgy of the Hours** 20 Minutes Before Daily Mass

**Holy Days** As Announced

**National Holidays** As Announced

**Reconciliation** Thursday 4pm—6pm

**Baptism** English: 1st & 4th Saturday 8:00am

**Bautismo** Español 2do y 3er Sábado 8:00am

**Marriages** 6 Months Advance Notice Required

**Safe Environment Coordinator** Claudia Hernandez 358-5743

### Religious Education:

CCD	Liliana Agundis	676-2076
RCIA - English	Andy Miller	631-9146
RCIA - Español	Fernando & Claudia Hernandez	564 -1294
Confirmation Coordinator:	Deacon Rene Rubalcava	756-4729

**Anchor - Youth Group**

**Bulletin Ads** 358-5743

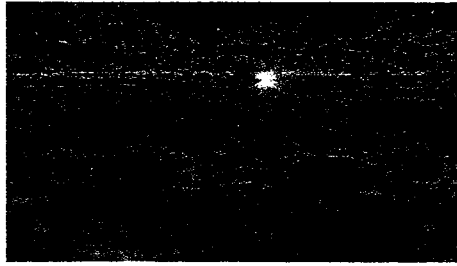
## **Quinceañeras**

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1 year in advance for Requirements)

# The Second Sunday of Lent

## March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

“From the shining cloud the Father’s Voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.”  
(Matthew 17:5)



### WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew’s Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father’s hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### **\*\*BAPTISMS-Must Register in the Parish Office\*\***

\* We are no longer registering for Baptism until after Easter. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**\*\*NOTA:** Ya no estamos registrando para bautismos hasta después de Pascua. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para más información.

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### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### Prayer during Lent

Holy God, now is the acceptable time to return to you.  
As we walk the path of these forty days,  
may we turn away from sin  
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.  
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey  
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection  
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.  
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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### St. Anthony School Fundraiser A Knights' Gala

#### ~ Dinner & Auction ~ March 11, 2023

Dinner, music, raffles, silent & live auction  
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#### ~ Livestock Auction ~ March 3, 2023

Please consider donating livestock, or bidding at the sale at TLAY.

Please help support St. Anthony School by purchasing dinner tickets, raffle tickets, donating an item for auction, or providing a sponsorship. Tickets can be purchased in the school office or after designated masses. Please contact the school office with any questions (209) 358-3341.

Thank you for your support!

**The Italian Catholic Federation Merced Branch** will sell Biscotti Cookies on Friday, March 31, at the back door of The Italo American Lodge, 18th and U Streets, Merced, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 per dozen. Varieties available are: Biscotti with Almonds, Biscotti with Anise and Almonds, Biscotti with Brandy and Almonds, Biscotti with Almonds and Chocolate Chips, Biscotti with Almonds and Cranberries, and Biscotti without Nuts. **Pre-orders are required by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23. QUANTITIES LIMITED. ORDER EARLY!** Contact Chris Martin at 209 658-6436 (by phone or text) or [sewchris52@gmail.com](mailto:sewchris52@gmail.com) (by e-mail) to pre-order or for more information. *Proceeds to support scholarships and local charities.*

#### **LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A PRAYER FOR**

**THE SICK** Maryellen Jimenez, Domingo Arana, Pat Brown, Wanda Constable, Theresa Gonzalez, Ernie Martinez, Jessie Munoz, Narciso Navarro Sr., Tony Santigato *To Have a Name Removed or Added to The Prayer List Call*



#### **LOVE AND DEEDS**

*God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.*  
—St. Teresa of Avila

#### **GOOD TIMING**

*The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.*  
—Anonymous

**Catechists Needed!** Our Parish relies on our volunteers to help support and deliver the program. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our Faith Formation Team! CCD Classes begin in September. Opportunities for Monday's or Tuesday's classes from 4:00-5:45pm

**¡Se Necesitan Catequistas!** Nuestra Parroquia depende de nuestros voluntarios para apoyar e impartir el programa. ¡Considere en oración ser parte de nuestro Equipo de Formación de Fe! Clases de CCD comienzan en Septiembre. Oportunidades para las clases los Lunes o Martes de 4:00-5:45pm

*For more information ~ Para más información*

*Contact the Religious Education Office at*

*[Comuníquese con la Oficina de Educación*

*Religiosa a]: (209) 676-2076*

*ccd@stanthonyatwater.org*

*Or fill out form*

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*https://forms.gle/C78QmYs8u3dPeqAx9*

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**Needed**

**CCD REGISTRATION/INSCRIPCION AL CATECISMO:**

Date/Fecha: MAY 20, 2023 8:00AM- 12:00PM/

Place/Lugar: St. Anthony Hall/ Salon de la Iglesia

Please Bring/Favor de Traer

- Copy of Birth Certificate/Copia de Acta de Nacimiento
- Copy of Baptism Certificate/Copia de Certificado de Bautismo
- \$65 exact (Cash or Check)/ \$65 exacto (effective of cheque)
- Proof of Address/Comprobante de Domicilio
- Cellphone with access to Internet

**\*You will not be allowed to register if you are missing ANY Documents/ No podra registrarse si le faltan ALGUN documento**

**Parish Office Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs.

9am - 12pm (noon)

Closed Friday

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial:

lun. - jueves. 9 am - 12 pm (mediodía)

Cerrado el viernes

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**SCHEDULE DURING**

**LENT(FRIDAY'S)**

**HORARIO DE VIA CRUCIS DURANTE**

**LA CUARESMA (VIERNES)**

**Immaculate Conception/Imaculada**

**Concepcion: Stations of the Cross/Via**

**Crucis (English/Ingles) - 5:00pm**

**St. Anthony/San Antonio**

**Stations of the Cross /Via Crucis**

**(Spanish/Español) - 6:00pm**

*\* Good Friday is an obligatory day of Fasting and abstinence. In addition, to all Fridays during Lent, abstinence is observed.*

*\* El Viernes Santo es día de ayuno y abstinencia obligatorio. Los viernes durante la cuaresma se observa la abstinencia*

**Attention Confirmation Parents/Students**

**You May pick up your Certificates at the**

**Parish Office, Monday-Thursday from**

**9:00am-12:00pm.**

**Atención Confirmación**

**Padres/Estudiantes**

**Puede recoger sus certificados en la**

**oficina parroquial de Lunes a Jueves de**

**9:00am-12:00pm.**

**ATENCIÓN ADULTOS MAYORES DE 18 AÑOS!** La

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Las clases de Primer Año serán los Jueves a las 7:00pm en

el salón de la parroquia. Para más información se pueden

contactar a Claudia y Fernando Hernandez al (209) 564-

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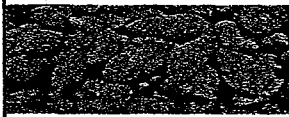


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dez, Specialist Wade Preston Wight, Staff Sergeant Cameron Taylor **US MARINES:** 1st Lt. Paul G. Ortiz **US  
NAVY:** M.A.S.A. Victoria G. Rameriz

**PLEASE KEEP THEM IN PRAYER.**

If you would like to add someone to the Military prayer list please contact the parish office.





**\*\* Español \* Mass at Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

4:00PM Intentions for Michelle & Katrina

4:00PM †Marlene Bairos

5:30PM Pro Populo\*\*

5:30PM

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:00AM †Daniel Fernandes\*

7:00AM

8:00AM † Benjamin y Violeta Guerrero\*\*

8:00AM †Rafael y Maria Fierro\*\*

9:45AM †Ruben Zaragoza Aguilera

9:45AM †Intentions for All Souls in Purgatory

11:30AM Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary

11:30AM

**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023(Communion Service)**

6:30AM †Deceased Members of the Cerda Family

6:30AM †Deceased Members of the

Moreno Family

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Deceased Members of the Walle Family

6:30AM Intentions for Maria Elena Zaragoza Razo

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Alfredo Guillen

6:30AM Intentions for Peter & Judy

6:30PM † Ruben Servin Moreno\*\*

6:30PM †Federico Contreras\*\*

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Deceased Members of the Ordaz Family

6:30AM Intentions for Rachel Joyce Baldonado

6:30PM †Rodolfo Efren Flores Delgadillo \*\*

6:30PM †Intenciones para Andres & Juan

Espinoza Cardenas\*\*

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Jose Manuel Gutierrez

6:30AM †Maria Macias

**CONFESSIONS:**

Thursday 4pm – 6pm



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence; Second Friday

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:1-4a).

**Psalms** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain. (Matthew 4:1-11).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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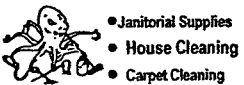
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