



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

8100 Chapman Avenue, Stanton CA 90680 | (714) 893-2766 | www.stpolycarp.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Viet Peter Ho

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Nicolaus Duy Thai

Rev. Luis Segura

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DEACONS

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Dcn. Larry Leone

Dcn. Davis Tri Do

Dcn. Juan Ochoa

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FAITH FORMATION (VIETNAMESE)

Sister Mary Anne Thiên
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Sister Anna Anh Trâm Trần

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kara Ford

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Joseph Do

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

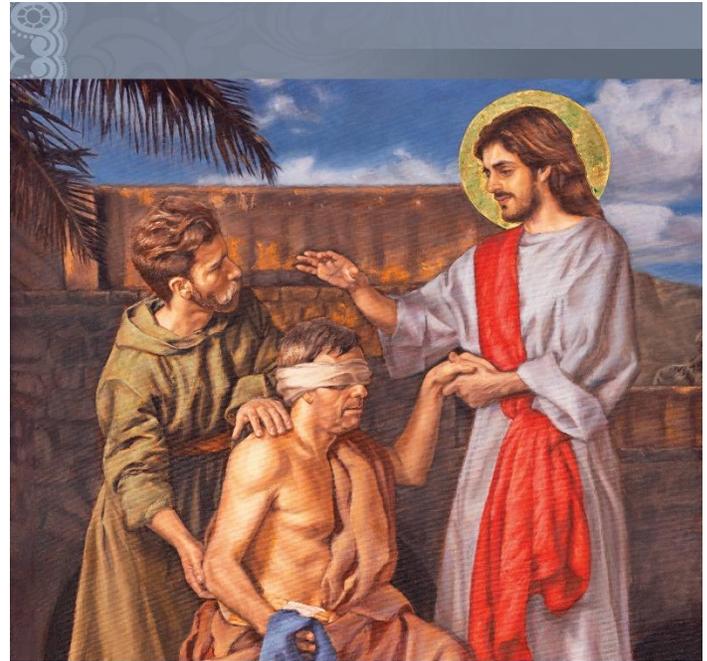
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



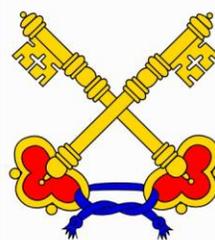
4th Sunday

O F L E N T

"Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.'" Jn 9:3

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POPE'S INTENTION - MARCH

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

MARCH 15, 2026

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**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYỄN**

Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:00 PM Andrew Rubio✠; AnaRosa Medina (health)
7:00 PM Anna✠, Peter✠, Joseph✠ & Matthew✠;
Souls in Purgatory✠

Sunday, March 15, 2026

7:30 AM John C. Norton✠; Peter Trap Mai✠ &
All Ancestors✠
9:00 AM Pablo Hernandez✠; Pedro Lamas✠ &
Jose Luis Lamas✠; Gerardo Nunez Baez✠
11:00 AM Ken Griener✠; Eugenia Cacananta✠
1:00 PM Emilia Almaraz✠, Julio Barboza✠ &
Natalia Martinez (health); Regulo✠ &
Ramiro Gonzalez✠
4:00 PM
6:00 PM Javier Herrera✠; Jose Manuel Naves Lemus✠;
Virgilio Ortiz & Carmen Contreras (56th
anniversary); Apolinar Uriostegui;

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:30 AM Catalina Aguas de la Cruz✠;
Gilberto Palasigui✠
8:30 AM Ronald Parli✠; Thanksgiving &
Deceased Family Members✠
6:30 PM Carmen de Garcia✠ & Mario Garcia Noguera✠;
Maria de la Luz Valencia✠;
Apolinar Uriostegui;
Maria de la Luz Valencia Mendoza

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:30 AM Evelio✠ & Diadema Zaldivar✠
8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory✠; Thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:30 AM World Peace; Thanksgiving
8:30 AM Graciela Macias✠; Maria de la Paz Santillan✠

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:30 AM Irene Cantrell✠; Tom Cantrell✠;
Joaquin Mendoza & Josiah Mendoza
8:30 AM Ha Al Lan✠; Luis Escobar✠; Catalina✠;
Arturo Dias✠

Friday, March 20, 2026

6:30 AM Carolina Flores Gomez✠; Speedy Recovery;
Juan Alberto Arzaga✠;
8:30 AM Catarina Hong Pham✠
6:30 PM Kim-Hong Tran (Anna) ✠; Ha Ai Chau

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:30 AM Natalia Catalina Martinez✠, Julio Barboza✠ &
Emilia Almaraz✠

Pray for the Sick

Marcus
Nicole
Sherry
Kevin
Elowen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20,
21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom
8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



Mar 7/8 Masses	\$ 18,823.00
Mar 7/8 Online	\$ 3,443.86
Total collection:	\$ 22,266.86

*Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người.*



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

PSA 2026 REPORT

AS OF 03/02/2026

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 217

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$120,928.00

TOTAL PAID: \$63,861.00

OUR 2026 PSA GOAL: \$109,760.00



Thank You!

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Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de marzo

- Domingo:** 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/
Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38
- Lunes:** Is 65, 17-21/Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12 y 13/
Jn 4, 43-54
- Martes:** Ez 47, 1-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 5, 1-16
- Miércoles:** Is 49, 8-15/Sal 144, 8-9. 13-14. 17-18/
Jn 5, 17-30
- Jueves:** 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5.
27 y 29/Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22/
Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51
- Viernes:** Sab 2, 1. 12-22/Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20.
21 y 23/Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30
- Sábado:** Jr 11, 18-20/Sal 7, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/Jn 7, 40-53
- Domingo:** Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/
Rom 8, 8-11/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17.
20-27. 33-45

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 15 de marzo

- Domingo:** 4º Domingo de Cuaresma
- Martes:** San Patricio, obispo; Día de San Patricio
- Miércoles:** San Cirilo de Jerusalén, obispo y
doctor de la Iglesia
- Jueves:** San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen María
- Domingo:** 5º Domingo de Cuaresma

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflexión: Me pregunto qué fue lo que hizo que el ciego sintiera que podía confiar en Jesús. ¿Era algo en su voz? ¿En su toque? Nunca lo sabremos. Pero sí sabemos esto: la vista del ciego no fue restaurada hasta que tomó una decisión. Una decisión de ser enviado.

Enviado

No sé tú. Pero si yo fuera una persona ciega sentada al lado del camino, ocupándome de mis propios asuntos, y un extraño viniera y me frotara barro con saliva en mis ojos, soy lo suficientemente de carácter salado como para ignorar sus palabras solo por despecho.

A pesar de que, sin duda, fue súper amable con todo el asunto.

Obviamente me quitaría el barro, porque... saliva. Pero no iría a la piscina de Siloé. Iría a una piscina en el *otro lado de la ciudad*, solo para ser contraria. Haría ruidos frustrados y de asco mientras me salpicara agua en los ojos: "¡Uf! ¡No puedo creerlo! ¡La gente es lo peor!" Me sentiría satisfecha de que no me engañaran, estafaran o se aprovecharan de mí.

Y me quedaría ciega el resto de mi vida.

Cuando Jesús realiza un milagro en el Evangelio, a veces pensamos en ello como un espectáculo de fuegos artificiales. Algo que la gente señala: "¡Ooh! ¡Aah!" - y se olvida. Pero un milagro de Jesús no es un truco de fiesta. Es una puesta en marcha.

Y cada uno de nosotros, a su manera, tiene la opción de aceptarla o no.

En ninguna parte de la historia del Evangelio dice que Jesús le prometió al hombre la vista si se lavaba en la piscina. Me pregunto qué fue lo que hizo que el ciego sintiera que podía confiar en Jesús. ¿Era algo en su voz? ¿Era algo en su toque? ¿Fue la humanidad con la que habló del ciego a sus discípulos, una dulzura que faltaba en la mayoría de las otras interacciones de su vida?

Nunca lo sabremos. Pero sí sabemos esto: la vista del ciego no fue restaurada hasta que tomó una decisión. Una decisión de ser enviado.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

El evangelista Juan presenta a Jesús como el hombre que da luz, que **es** la luz. Describe paso a paso el proceso de fe del ciego de nacimiento. Jesús cura al ciego y lo envía a que se lave en la piscina de Siloé, que significa "Enviado". Él obedece y queda curado. Después del milagro, surge mucho desasosiego: si realmente era el mismo hombre, cómo fue curado, y otros cuestionamientos más. Él lo explica con lujo de detalles, pero no le creen. Luego interrogan también a sus padres. Finalmente, el hombre enfrenta a los fariseos, y lo expulsan de la sinagoga. A continuación, nos narra el Evangelio: *"Jesús se enteró de que lo habían expulsado. Cuando lo encontró, le dijo: '¿Tú crees en el Hijo del Hombre?' Le contestó: '¿Y quién es, Señor, para que crea en él?' Jesús le dijo: 'Tú lo has visto; es el que está hablando contigo'. Él entonces dijo: 'Creo, Señor', y se arrodilló ante Él"* (Juan 9:35-38).

¡Qué felicidad! El ciego ve la luz, mientras que los fariseos, aunque ven a Jesús, quedan ciegos al rechazar al que **es** la luz. La fe nos saca de las tinieblas. Veamos cómo el ciego, en su proceso de fe, primero dice que el hombre que lo curó se llama Jesús. Luego afirma que es un profeta. Más adelante declara que es un hombre de Dios, y finalmente se postra ante Él en adoración. ¿Qué debemos aprender de este ciego? ¿Qué nombres damos a Jesús en nuestro propio camino de fe? ¿Cómo podríamos describir la manera en que Dios ha curado nuestras enfermedades y perdonado nuestros pecados, como lo hizo con el ciego de nacimiento? ¡Jesús, que vea!

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GIẢI TỘI MÙA CHAY

CHUẨN BỊ TÂM HỒN MỪNG CHÚA PHỤC SINH

Để quý ông bà anh chị em dọn lòng trong Mùa Chay thánh, giáo xứ sẽ có giờ giải tội vào ngày:

Thứ Ba • 17/3/2026 • 7h00 tối

Giáo Xứ đã mời thêm quý Cha khách đến giúp giải tội.
Kính mong cộng đoàn thu xếp thời gian đến lãnh nhận Bí Tích Hòa Giải, để tâm hồn được đổi mới trong hành trình Mùa Chay này.

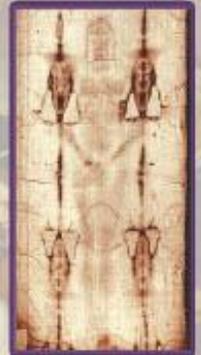
Xin lưu ý: Sẽ không có giờ giải tội vào tối Thứ Hai 16/3/2026 lúc 7h15



Giới Thiệu Khăn Liệm Thành Turinô

Khăn Liệm Thành Turinô là một tấm vải lanh cổ, khăn đã bao bọc thi hài Chúa Giêsu sau cuộc Thương Khó. Qua nhiều thế kỷ, khăn liệm này trở thành một trong những thánh tích được nghiên cứu nhiều nhất trong lịch sử. Sau nhiều cuộc khảo cứu khoa học qua các thời đại đã gợi mở cho nhân loại về Cuộc Khổ Nạn và cái chết đau thương tột cùng mà Chúa đã đón nhận. Tuy còn nhiều tranh luận, Khăn Liệm Thành Turinô vẫn luôn mời gọi người tín hữu chiêm ngắm mẫu nhiệm Tình Yêu cứu độ của Chúa Kitô. Trong tâm tình đó Cha Quản Nhiệm sẽ chia sẻ và giải thích các chi tiết về Khăn Liệm Thánh mà chúng ta chưa được biết hoặc biết một cách mơ hồ.

Kính mời cộng đoàn thu xếp thời gian đến tham dự, để cùng lắng nghe, chiêm ngắm và khám phá những mẫu nhiệm liên quan đến Cuộc Khổ Nạn của Chúa, giúp mỗi người chúng ta được đổi mới trong tâm hồn, thêm lòng yêu mến Chúa, và bước vào Mùa Chay với tâm tình thánh thiện, sâu lắng và tràn đầy ân sủng.



Các Thứ Sáu Trong Mùa Chay

5:35 - 5:55pm Tìm hiểu về Khăn Liệm Chúa Giêsu

6:00pm Ngắm Đàng Thánh Giá

6:30pm Thánh Lễ

CHÚA NHẬT LỄ LÁ

Thứ Bảy 28/3/2026

6:50PM : Làm Phép Lá cuối nhà thờ.

7:00PM : Thánh Lễ Trọng Thể

Chúa Nhật 29/3/2026

3:50PM : Làm Phép Lá cuối nhà thờ.

4:00PM : Thánh Lễ Trọng Thể

TỈNH TÂM MÙA CHAY 2026

Mầu Nhiệm Thánh Giá Đức Kitô: Hiểu biết để Yêu Thương



ĐỀ TÀI 1

Nhìn Lên Thánh Giá:

Thiên Chúa nói gì qua nỗi đau?

ĐỀ TÀI 2

Ở Lại với Thánh Giá:

Khi hiểu bằng trái tim

ĐỀ TÀI 3

Mang Lấy Thánh Giá:

Thương như Đức Kitô

Xin kính mời cộng đoàn tham dự Hai Buổi Tỉnh Tâm do Linh mục Phêrô Nguyễn Bá Quốc Linh, Dòng Chúa Cứu Thế hướng dẫn.

Trong những ngày tỉnh tâm, sẽ có Linh Ảnh Đức Mẹ Hằng Cứu Giúp và Thánh Tích của Thánh Gioan Neumann đến viếng thăm, để cộng đoàn tôn kính, cầu nguyện cách sốt sắng chuẩn bị tâm hồn bước vào Mùa Phục Sinh trong sự đổi mới và ân sủng.



24 & 25

Thứ Ba & Thứ Tư

Tháng 3

2026

6:00pm - Thánh Lễ

6:45pm - Giải lao/ăn nhẹ

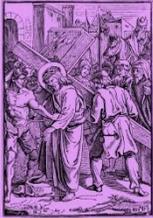
7:00pm - Tỉnh Tâm

SAINT POLYCARP WARMLY INVITES THE ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY TO JOURNEY TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AS WE WALK TOGETHER IN FAITH DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON.

SCHEDULE

EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 27, 2026

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | ENGLISH
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM | VIETNAMESE
7:30 PM – 8:00 PM | SPANISH



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Pro Sanctity Movement



Lenten Prayer Group

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings for coffee and refreshments as we pray with the Sunday Gospel.

Where: St. Polycarp Room
When: Thursday Mornings (Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26) after 8:30 AM Mass until 10:30 AM

No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy McDonnell for any questions at 714-496-9597

Pro Sanctity is an international Catholic lay movement founded by the Servant of God, Guglielmo Giaquinta, in 1947. Its mission is to lead our brothers and sisters on the path of holiness and to elicit in everyone a total response of love to God's infinite love. Pro Sanctity offers people specific spiritual opportunities to help them respond to this universal call in three ways: personal holiness, communal holiness, and societal holiness. The Apostolic Oblates are consecrated women who support and spread the message of Pro Sanctity, assisting in bringing about a "world of saints, a world of brothers and sisters."

BLESSING TO SEE

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.

Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.

That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.

That Your Light can break like the dawn.

Amen.

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LIFE WINS!

A Lenten Morning of Reflection

These days, we might be feeling anxious, unsettled or sad. During our Lenten Morning of Reflection, we will go with Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane. With Simon of Cyrene, we will explore what carrying the cross really means. What looked like defeat as Jesus hung dead on the cross turned into victory through his resurrection. Life wins! Come and see how life continues to win even though at times it may not look like it. You will not want to miss this opportunity to be refreshed and renewed by God's grace!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

9:30 AM / ST. POLYCARP ROOM

Fr. Christopher Smith has served as a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange since 1978. He holds a Master's in Divinity from St. John's Seminary and a Master's in Religious Education from Fordham University. He has served in several capacities in the Diocese of Orange, including Parochial Vicar, Director of the Office for Religious Education, Vicar for Religious Education, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Santa Ana, Episcopal Vicar for Priests, and Director of the Ministry to Priests Office. He was the first Rector of Christ Cathedral and is now the Rector Emeritus. He hosts the radio program Cathedral Square broadcast every Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon on Relevant Radio AM1000, with podcasts of the shows available on the OC Catholic website.



Fr. Christopher Smith
Speaker

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St. Polycarp Annual Men's Retreat

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center
Sierra Madre

March 20-22, 2026

Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you to relax, reflect and rejuvenate spiritually.

This year's theme-
"Faith: Trusting in the God Who Waits for You"

Reservations can be made by contacting our parish retreat representative:

Ralph Gonzalez at 714-761-3089 or 714-815-1753.

A \$50 deposit is required.



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**JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH/
JÚNETE CON NOSOTROS
TODOS LOS DOMINGOS DE MARZO
9AM – 2 PM**

**MARCH 15/15 MARZO
POZOLE, TAMALES, TACOS (ASADA)**
Presentado por Ministerio Pastoral Acompañamiento

MARCH 22/22 MARZO
Presentado por Discipulos Misioneros Adolescentes

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**LENTEN PENANCE
SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
7PM**

*O MY GOD, I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR HAVING OFFENDED
YOU AND I DETEST ALL MY SINS BECAUSE OF YOUR JUST
PUNISHMENTS, BUT MOST OF ALL BECAUSE THEY OFFEND
THEE, MY GOD, WHO ARE ALL GOOD AND DESERVING OF ALL
MY LOVE.*

*I FIRMLY RESOLVE, WITH THE HELP OF YOUR GRACE, TO SIN
NO MORE AND TO AVOID THE NEAR OCCASION OF SIN.*

AMEN.

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LABYRINTH WALK

MONDAY, MARCH 23

**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

Join us for
Lenten Labyrinth Walk 2026.

Enter the labyrinth with an open mind and heart so that you are able to receive whatever awaits you on this prayerful journey.

The candlelit, meditative Labyrinth environment will calm your thoughts and offer a quiet respite from stress and burdens.

Looking forward to seeing you!

BODY MIND SPIRIT

Health Ministry
ST IRENAEUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
5201 Evergreen Ave., Cypress CA
stcypress.org

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday/Thursday 2 PM—6 PM
Saturday 9 AM—1 PM

Confirmation Programs

(714) 890-5200

Tuesday/Wednesday 1 PM—5:30 PM
Friday 1 PM—5 PM
Sunday 8 AM—3 PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2 PM—5:30 PM
Saturday 10 AM—1 PM

Lenten Litany of Fasting and Feasting

*Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ within them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.
Fast from bitterness; east on forgiveness.
Fast from self concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of sincerity.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.
Fast from instant gratifications; feast on self denial.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Trust in God.
And finally, fast from sin; feast on the abundance of God's mercy.*

LEO XIV

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Audience Hall

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*. 3. A single sacred deposit. The relationship between Scripture and Tradition.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Continuing our reading of the Conciliar Constitution [Dei Verbum](#) on Divine Revelation, today we will reflect on the relationship between Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We can take two Gospel scenes as a backdrop. In the first, which takes place in the Upper Room, Jesus, in his great discourse-testament addressed to the disciples, affirms: “These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth” (*Jn* 14:25-26; 16:13).

The second scene takes us instead to the hills of Galilee. The risen Jesus shows himself to the disciples, who are surprised and doubtful, and he advises them: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (*Mt* 28:19-20). In both of these scenes, the intimate connection between the words uttered by Christ and their dissemination throughout the centuries is evident.

It is what the [Second Vatican Council](#) affirms, using an evocative image: “There exists a close connection and communication between sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture. For both of them, flowing from the same divine wellspring, in a certain way merge into a unity and tend toward the same end” ([Dei Verbum](#), 9). Ecclesial Tradition branches out throughout history through the Church, which preserves, interprets and embodies the Word of God. The [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) (cf. no. 113) refers, in this regard, to a motto of the Church Fathers: “Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church’s heart rather than in documents and records”, that is, in the sacred text.

In the light of Christ’s words, quoted above, the Council affirms that “this tradition which comes from the Apostles develops in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit” ([Dei Verbum](#), 8). This occurs with full comprehension through “contemplation and study made by believers”, through “a penetrating understanding of the spiritual realities which they experience” and, above all, with the preaching of the successors of the apostles who have received “the sure gift of truth”. In short, “the Church, in her teaching, life and worship, perpetuates and hands on to all generations all that she herself is, all that she believes” ([ibid.](#)).

In this regard, the expression of Saint Gregory the Great is famous: “The Sacred Scriptures grow with the one who reads them”. [\[1\]](#) And Saint Augustine had already remarked that “there is only one word of God that unfolds through Scripture, and there is only one Word that sounds on the lips of many saints”. [\[2\]](#) The Word of God, then, is not fossilized, but rather it is a living and organic reality that develops and grows in Tradition. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, Tradition understands it in the richness of its truth and embodies it in the shifting coordinates of history.

In this regard, the proposal of the holy Doctor of the Church John Henry Newman in his work entitled *The Development of Christian Doctrine* is striking. He affirmed that Christianity, both as a communal experience and as a doctrine, is a dynamic reality, in the manner indicated by Jesus himself in the parables of the seed (cf. *Mk* 4:26-29): a living reality that develops thanks to an inner vital force. [\[3\]](#)

The apostle Paul repeatedly exhorts his disciple and collaborator Timothy: “O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you” (*1 Tim* 6:20; cf. *2 Tim* 1:12-14). The Dogmatic Constitution [Dei Verbum](#) echoes this Pauline text when it says: “Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church”, interpreted by the “living teaching office of the Church, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ” (no. 10). “Deposit” is a term that, in its original meaning, is juridical in nature and imposes on the depositary the duty to preserve the content, which in this case is the faith, and to transmit it intact.

The “deposit” of the Word of God is still in the hands of the Church today, and all of us, in our various ecclesial ministries, must continue to preserve it in its integrity, as a lodestar for our journey through the complexity of history and existence. In conclusion, dear friends, let us listen once more to [Dei Verbum](#), which exalts the interweaving of Sacred Scripture and Tradition: it affirms that they “are so linked and joined together that they cannot stand independently, and together, each in their own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they contribute effectively to the salvation of souls” (cf. no. 10).

[\[1\]](#) *Homiliae in Ezechielem* I, VII, 8: PL 76, 843D.

[\[2\]](#) *Enarrationes in Psalmos* 103, IV, 1

[\[3\]](#) Cf. J.H. Newman, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, Milan 2003, p. 104.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Sent

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the *whole other side of town*, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer:

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
(1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

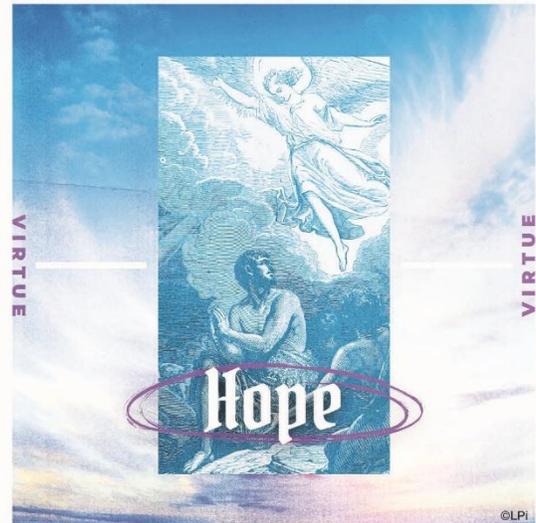
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.



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- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER
- 5:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - VIETNAMESE
- 7:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - ENGLISH/SPANISH
- 8:15 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



HOLY SATURDAY 4/4/2026

- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER IN ENGLISH
- 5:00 PM EASTER VIGIL - VIETNAMESE
- 7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL - ENGLISH/SPANISH

GOOD FRIDAY 4/3/2026

- 8:00 AM GATHER IN THE HALL. REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER - ENGLISH
- 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ENGLISH
- 3:30 PM THE LORD'S PASSION - ENGLISH
- 5:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - VIETNAMESE
- 5:30 PM THE LORD'S PASSION - VIETNAMESE
- 7:30 PM SERMON DE LAS 7 PALABRAS - ESPAÑOL
- 8:00 PM CELEBRACIÓN DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR - ESPAÑOL
- 9:00 PM PROCESIÓN EN SILENCIO Y ORACIÓN A LA VIRGEN DOLOROSA - ESPAÑOL



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NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE





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