

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

**Pastor: Fr. Ramon Jose Oncog JCL**



### Confession Schedule:

**Saturday (4:00 – 4:45 PM) & Sunday (5:00 – 5:45 PM) or call for appointment**

### PARISH UPDATE 03/02/2025

Excerpt of Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2025: "Dear brothers and sisters, we begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor15:54-55).

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us. First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs.

Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. Christ, my hope, has risen! Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ. This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it?

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey."

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY\*

Mar 01 // 5PM- Thanksgiving & special intentions – req. Anne del Mundo  
Protection & guidance of all the children in our parish

### SUNDAY\* (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mar 02 // 11AM- Eternal repose of Januaria Binalangbang – req. Emily Cano

Mar 02 // 6PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### MONDAY

Mar 03 // No Mass

### TUESDAY

Mar 04 // 7PM - For the intentions of all parishioners

### WEDNESDAY\* (Ash Wednesday)

Mar 05 // 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### THURSDAY

Mar 06 // 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### FRIDAY

Mar 07 // 10AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SATURDAY

Mar 08 // 5PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SUNDAY\* (First Sunday of Lent)

Mar 09 // 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

Mar 09 // 6PM- Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)

### UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- ◆ Children's Rosary and Mass- March 1st//4:30PM
- ◆ Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday- March 2nd/11AM
- ◆ Ash Wednesday- March 5th//7PM
- ◆ Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)- March 9th//6PM
- ◆ Registration deadline for Adult Confirmation- April 27th
- ◆ Registration deadline for Mass Wedding- April 27th
- ◆ Adult Confirmation- June 29th

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

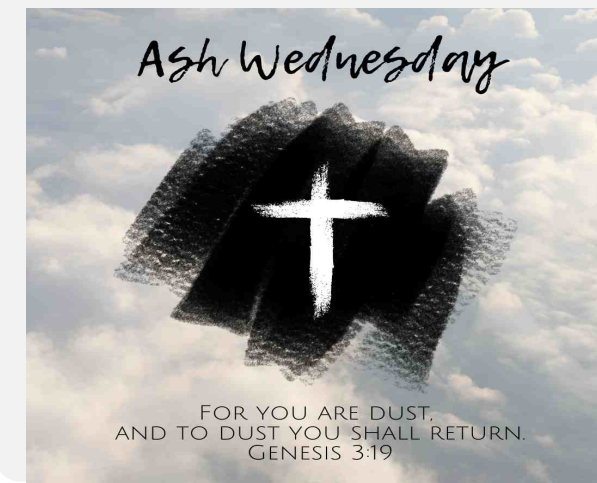
- ◆ Please submit Mass Intentions and Announcements by Friday noon for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.
- ◆ Join our 1st Music Workshop on March 15th, 9AM-4PM. Pre-register for \$5; bring a dish for lunch. Please contact Kitin Cayona or Jewel White.

### Answers of 02/23/2025

1. commandment, Love 2. Caesarea Philippi

### ◆ Weekly Bible Quiz

1. According to Sirach 27:4-7, what is compared to the way a person's speech reveals their character?  
a. A tree bearing fruit    b. A sieve that filters grain  
c. A lamp that gives light
2. In Luke 6:45, Jesus says, "For from the fullness of the heart, the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks."



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