



# Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Church Tampa

*First Sunday of Lent*

## Our Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 8:30am (English)

4:30pm (En. Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30am (Spanish)

10:00am (English)

12:00pm (Spanish)

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, & Friday:

8:30am

Wednesday: 7pm

## Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm

First Friday of Month: 9:00am-7:00pm

## Reconciliation

Daily: After the 8:30am Holy Mass

Saturday: 3pm-4pm

## Our Offices

### Parish Office

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm

Phone: (813) 626-2984

office@blessedsacramentcatholic.org

### Catechism Office

By Appointment Only

Open Sundays: 9am to 1pm

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### Blessed Center Venue

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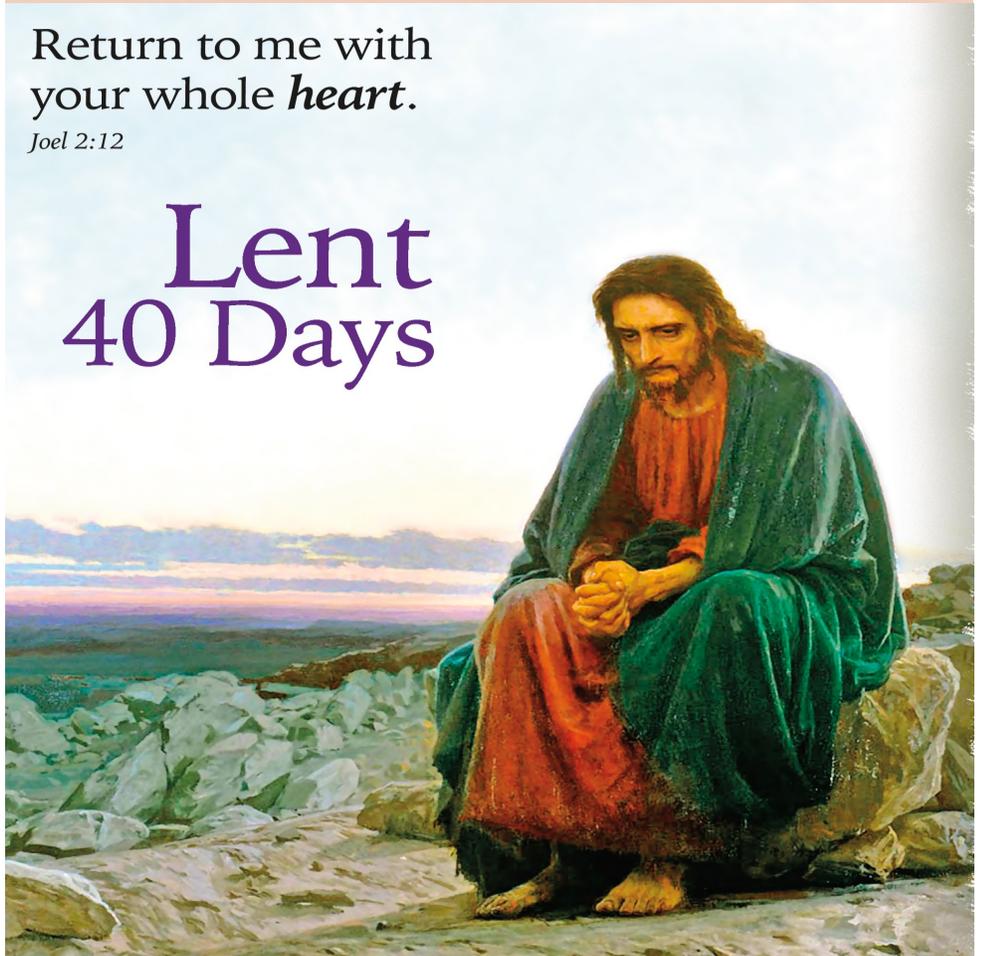
## February 22, 2026

## Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Return to me with  
your whole *heart*.

*Joel 2:12*

# Lent 40 Days



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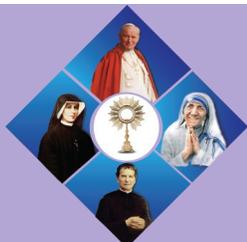
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**| ORACIÓN**

**ALMSGIVING**

**| LIMOSNA**



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*Saint Faustina*  
**PRAY FOR US**

# Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 22, 2026

**First Sunday of Lent**

7:30am *Por la Salud de Mark Garcia*

By Lucy Garcia

10:00am † *Martha Burgess*

By Ralph & Denise Perrino

12:00pm *Our Parish*

By Cesarina Campusano

**Monday, February 23**

**St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martir**

8:30am † *Martin Padilla*

By Luz Padilla

**Tuesday, February 24**

8:30am *For the Sick*

By Fr. Domek

**Wednesday, February 25**

7:00pm † *Ruth Lilia Forero*

By Su Hija

**Thursday, February 26**

8:30am *For Mark Garcia Health*

By Lucy Garcia

**Friday, February 27**

**Abstinence**

**St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot &**

**Doctor of the Church**

8:30am *For Sonia Calderon Healing*

By Her Sister

3:00pm *Chaplet-Divine Mercy*

*La Divina Misericordia*

7:00pm-8:00pm *Adoration of the*

*Blessed Sacrament*

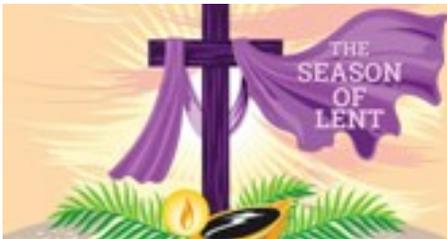
**Saturday, February 28**

8:30am *For The Souls of the Purgatory*

By Fr. Domek

4:30pm *For Our Parish*

By Fr. Domek



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# Parish News

February 22, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

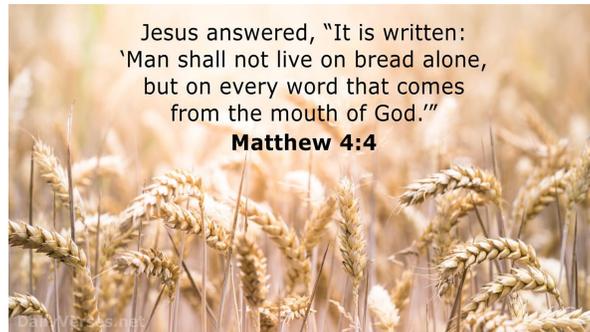
**Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus and to go with him wherever he leads you?** Jesus did not choose his own course

or path in life, but followed the will of his Father in heaven. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he was led by the Spirit of God to withdraw into the wilderness of Judea - a vast desert wilderness that was mostly uninhabitable and full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and scarcity of water.

**Preparing mind, heart, and will to serve God.** Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for a sustained period of prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12).

**¿Estás listo para seguir al Señor Jesús e ir con él adondequiera que te lleve?** Jesús no eligió su propio camino en la

vida, sino que siguió la voluntad de su Padre celestial. Después de ser bautizado por Juan el Bautista en el río Jordán, el Espíritu de Dios lo guió a retirarse al desierto de Judea, un vasto desierto prácticamente inhabitable y lleno de peligros. Peligro por el calor abrasador durante el día y el frío extremo por la noche, peligro por animales salvajes



Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

**Matthew 4:4**

y escorpiones, además de la privación de alimento y la escasez de agua.

**Preparando la mente, el corazón y la voluntad para servir a Dios.** ¿Por qué eligió Jesús un lugar tan árido y solitario para un período prolongado de oración y ayuno? Mateo, Marcos y Lucas nos cuentan en sus Evangelios que Jesús fue guiado por el Espíritu Santo al desierto. Marcos lo expresa con gran énfasis: «El Espíritu lo impulsó al desierto» (Marcos 1:12).



**Station of the Cross  
Estaciones de la Cruz  
6:00PM**

**Friday, February 20**

**Carismáticos & Legión de Maria**

**Friday, February 27**

**M.D.S**

**Friday, March 06**

**Lazos de Amor**

**Friday, March 13**

**Juan XXIII**

**Friday, March 20**

**Catechesis**

**Friday, March 27**

**Hermandad de los Milagros**

**40  
days  
of  
Lent**

**Why is Lent 40 Days?**

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

**¿Por qué la Cuaresma dura 40 Días ?**

La Cuaresma es un tiempo de preparación para la celebración litúrgica del sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo. Muchos católicos dedican este tiempo a las tres prácticas de la Cuaresma: oración, ayuno y limosna. También es un tiempo para participar en el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. La Cuaresma dura desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la tarde del Jueves Santo. Si se excluyen los domingos, la duración es de cuarenta días. La duración de cuarenta días de la Cuaresma se basa en el uso bíblico del número cuarenta. Cuarenta suele indicar un tiempo de prueba, penitencia, purificación y renovación. En el Nuevo Testamento, cuarenta días es la duración del tiempo de prueba de Jesús en el desierto como preparación para su ministerio público, proclamando el Evangelio.



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