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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturdays (Vigil Mass) at 4:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (English),  
and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

#### **Weekday Services:**

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.

**During Lent: Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. /  
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.**

Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed after  
Daily Mass.

Holy Hour on Fridays after morning Mass.

First Friday Services:

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
throughout the day and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Benediction Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday of Month Mass: 8:00 a.m. (after Benediction)

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 6:30 p.m., Holy Day: 8:00 a.m.,  
12:10 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Bi-Lingual Mass.

#### **CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays** at 2:30-3:30 p.m., **Wednesdays** at 7:00 p.m.  
and after daily Mass.

#### **BAPTISMS**

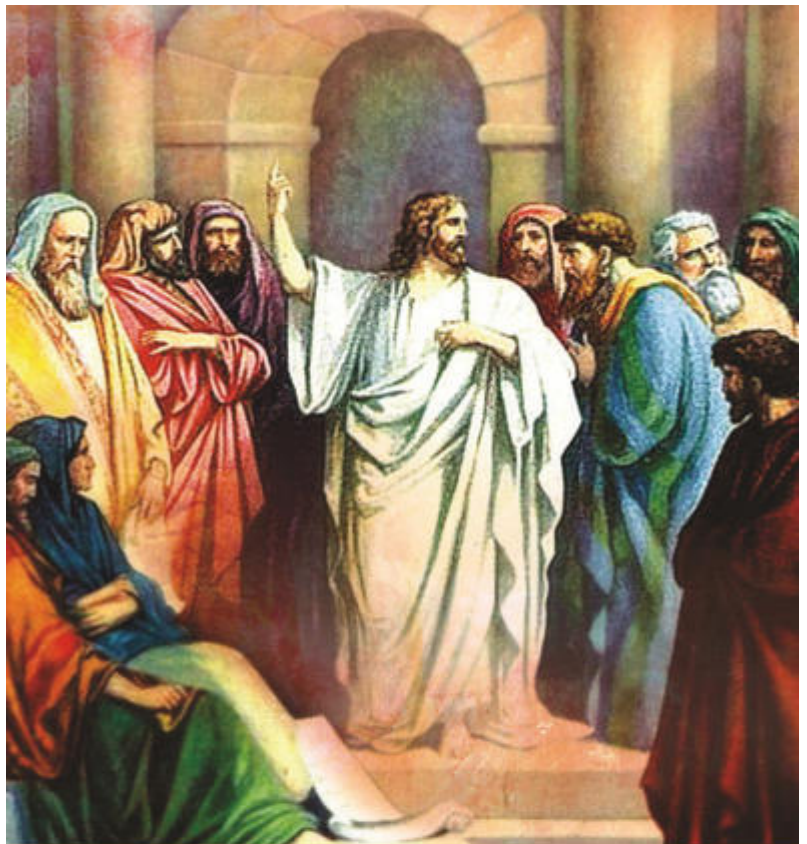
Baptisms will be celebrated in English on the third Saturday and  
in Spanish of the fourth Saturday of the month at 1:45 p.m.  
Baptism preparation classes are offered once a month in English  
and in Spanish. Please contact the parish office to register for  
the class and to begin the Baptism process.

**ENGAGED COUPLES:** Congratulations! Arrangements for the  
Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at least nine months in  
advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please contact the Parish Office to  
schedule a Mass. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Sunday prior to the Sunday Bulletin date.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these  
Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all  
other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent,  
you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

## MARCH 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent  
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

## A Letter from our Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish,

On Monday, March 25th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Nine months later, December 25th, we celebrate the Nativity (birth) of the Lord at Christmas. There are certain feast days that are fixed, that is, they always fall on the same date every year. There are other feasts that are movable, that is, they don't fall on the same date each year. The entire Lenten and Easter seasons fall into this category. Ash Wednesday is never on the same Wednesday each year. This is because the date for Ash Wednesday depends upon when Easter is celebrated, being forty days (or forty-six counting the Sundays of Lent) before Easter. Easter is a movable feast. How do we determine day for celebrating Easter?

According to the Scripture, Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the spring equinox. The word equinox is Latin for "equal night". This refers to there being exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. It occurs twice each year - once in March and once in September. Technically then, Easter is celebrated on the first weekend after the first full moon after the spring equinox. This year the spring equinox occurs on March 20th and the next full moon will not occur until Friday, April 19, 2019 and therefore Easter Sunday is that same weekend, April 21, 2019.

One reason I think it is important for us to connect the celebration of Easter with the movement of the "stars" is to show that all of God's creation is included in the Redemption brought about by the Paschal Mystery of the Lord. It connects us historically with the Jewish law which the Lord came not to abolish but to fulfill. It makes the celebration of Easter predictable and reliable and yet not always exactly the same. All these aspects, I think, reflect the wisdom and order of God, which serves to add to the firmness of our Catholic Faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Marcos C. Velásquez

Estimados feligreses de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Gracia,

El lunes 25 de marzo, la Iglesia celebra la solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor. Nueve meses después, el 25 de diciembre, celebramos la Natividad (nacimiento) del Señor en Navidad. Hay ciertos días de fiesta que son fijos, es decir, siempre caen en la misma fecha cada año. Hay otras fiestas que son móviles, es decir, que no caen en la misma fecha cada año. La totalidad de las temporadas de Cuaresma y Semana Santa caen en esta categoría. El Miércoles de Ceniza nunca es el mismo miércoles de cada año. Esto se debe a que la fecha del Miércoles de Ceniza depende de cuándo se celebra la Pascua, que son cuarenta días (o cuarenta y seis contando los domingos de Cuaresma) antes de la Pascua. La Pascua es también una fiesta móvil. ¿Cómo determinamos el día para celebrar la Pascua?

De acuerdo con las Escrituras, la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo se produjeron en la época de la Pascua judía, que se celebró en la primera luna llena después del equinoccio de primavera. La palabra equinoccio es latín para "noche igual". Esto se refiere a que hay exactamente 12 horas de luz diurna y 12 horas de oscuridad. Ocurre dos veces al año, una en marzo y otra en septiembre. Técnicamente, entonces, la Pascua se celebra el primer fin de semana después de la primera luna llena después del equinoccio de primavera. Este año, el equinoccio de primavera se produce el 20 de marzo y la próxima luna llena no se producirá hasta el viernes 19 de abril de 2019 y, por lo tanto, el domingo de Pascua es el mismo fin de semana, 21 de abril de 2019.

Una razón por la que creo que es importante para nosotros vincular la celebración de la Pascua con el movimiento de las "estrellas" es para mostrar que toda la creación de Dios está incluida en la Redención producida por el Misterio Pascual del Señor. Nos conecta históricamente con la ley judía que el Señor no vino a abolir sino a cumplir. Hace que la celebración de la Pascua sea predecible y confiable, pero no siempre exactamente igual. Todos estos aspectos, creo, reflejan la sabiduría y el orden de Dios, que sirven para aumentar la firmeza de nuestra fe católica.

En Cristo,

Padre Marcos C. Velásquez

## Our Lady of Grace Parish Monthly Financial Report

### Month of February 2019 Operations

Operational Income (All Sources)	\$53,151.03
All Operational Expenses	<u>\$58,604.48</u>
<b>February Balance: Shortage</b>	<b>\$5,453.45</b>

**2019 Calendar Year Shortage** **\$6,589.82**

### Building Fund

**Mortgage Balance as of February 28, 2019:**  
\$4,108,434.10

New Building Donations	\$9,091.06
Debt Reduction	\$4,296.65
Capital Campaign	\$16,393.34
Festival	<u>\$49,132.37</u>
<b>Total Building Income</b>	<b>\$78,913.42</b>
<b>Building Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$68,423.22</u></b>
<b>February Balance: Surplus</b>	<b>\$10,490.20</b>
<b>2019 Calendar Year: Surplus</b>	<b>\$2,425.80</b>

### Sunday Offering

**Weekend of March 16 - 17, 2019**

Sunday Collection ..... \$9,346.82  
197 Envelopes used

**We Share (Online) Offertory**

March 11 - 15, 2019 ..... \$2,615.00

**TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTED** ..... **\$11,961.82**

**Black & Indian Missions** ..... **\$2,115.46**

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 24th - Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Intention of Moises Estrada and family

9:30 am Soul of Ernesto Angulo

11:00 am Souls of Ramon Lopez Lopez and Ramon & Guadalupe de Lopez

12:30 pm Soul of Juan Cedeño

6:00 pm Intention of the Floerchinger family

**Monday, March 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 am Health and well being of the Larson and Mckevitt families

6:30 pm Health of Gene and Rose Lissy

**Tuesday, March 26th**

8:00 am Soul of Henryetta Sanchez

6:30 pm Well being of David Lissy

**Wednesday, March 27th**

8:00 am Soul of Henry Sanchez

6:30 pm Intention of John & Dolores Wilson and family

**Thursday, March 28th**

8:00 am Soul of Annie Graham

6:30 pm Well being of David Lissy

**Friday, March 29th**

8:00 am Birthday of Fr. Benny Tharappel

6:30 pm Souls of Marcel Paul Musabyeyezu and Caritas Mukamazimpaka

**Saturday, March 30th**

8:00 am Soul of Judy Caravella

4:00 pm Souls of Balbino and Anna Legaspi

**Sunday, March 31st - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Soul of Maria Fatima

9:30 am Soul of Abby Olvey

11:00 am Intention of the Floerchinger Family

12:30 pm Souls of Ma Guadalupe and Antonio Casillas

6:00 pm **Pro populo**

*If you would like to have a Mass offered for the soul of a loved one or for some special intention, please contact the sacristan or call the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10.00.*

Our Lady of Grace Parish - March 24, 2019



## Wedding Banns

1st-Victor Veenstra and Robin Sikora  
2nd-Juan Garfias and Patricia Chavarin

### This Week in our Parish

#### Sunday, March 24th

2:00 p.m. Agape Young Adult, Office  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

#### Monday, March 25th

1:30 p.m. Adult Ed/Walk to Emmaus, Office  
5:15 p.m. Legion of Mary, Office  
6:30 p.m. Adult Ed/Walk to Emmaus, Office  
7:00 p.m. RCIA, Office  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

#### Tuesday, March 26th

5:30 p.m. Parish Youth Council, Office  
6:45 p.m. La Justicia/Grupo Biblico, Off Grounds  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

#### Wednesday, March 27th

6:00 p.m. Compliance Training Session, Office  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Off Grounds  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

#### Thursday, March 28th

6:00 p.m. Gala Committee Meeting, Office  
6:00 p.m. HS Faith Group, Office  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

#### Friday, March 29th

5:00 p.m. Lenten Fish Fry, Outside Church  
5:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Church  
6:00 p.m. MS Hope Group, Office  
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oración y Estudio Biblico, Church

#### Saturday, March 30th

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft  
12:00 p.m. Wedding: Garfias/Chavarin, Church  
2:30 p.m. Confessions, Church  
3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

### Prayer for the Sick:

Elena Padilla	Sarah Morones
Don Quinones	Mike Negro
Ken Thielen	Glenn Hornick
Kim Marx	Mary Febbraio
Carolyn McKinley	Christine Morales
Jenny Kraus	Raul Peralta
Sherril Melich	Ramona Padilla
Fred Tomczak	Samantha Garrett
Guy Routhier	Gene Marx
Nancy Duncan	Joe Matrishion
Shelley McClaren	Julia Escobedo
John Wilson	Bill Fries
Julian Castillo	Ana Maria Suárez
Loretta Walter	Eric Larson
Candy Moore	Msgr. James A. Clarke
Ann Every	Michael Della
Don Peyton	Ailisa Ureneck
Michael Kramarczyk	Ann Bertoli
Hilda Martinez	Randy K. James
Ofelia Balderrama	James Grootegoed
Arlene Espino	Ashley Abellera
Jocelyn Oyzon	Bishop George Murry
Richard Cole	Andrew Bustamante
John Wielgus	George LaVasseur
Gary Haller	Justin White
Marcus Tavaraz	Martha Shroud
Eric Dill	Rhea Sanchez
Paco Gálvez	Mike Graham
Preming Luna	Elizabeth Reyes
Kirstenne Era Espino	Maria Nguyen
Norma C. Ciani	Juan Francisco Ortiz
Dick Shwan	Encarnacion Gonzalez
Josefina Gonzalez	Jean Wickham
Ken Sechler	Raymond Martinez
Genevieve Small	Alejandrina Dojaque
Alejandro Cruz	David Ciani Sr.
Aria James Munoz	Carroll Keller
Christina Dick	Bemar Hernandez
David Ollearo	Marissa Gustillo
Phillippa Rosales	Lilly Sausedo
Darlene Reimer	Sonia Krywiak

Please send your *Prayer for the Sick* requests to information@maricopacatholic.org or call the parish office. We will include them on our prayer list for one month or sooner by request. If someone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office to make arrangements for our Homebound Ministry. Also, please let the office know if you would like a prayer shawl to comfort those who are sick.

## March 24, 2019 - Third Sunday of Lent

### Lenten Almsgiving Challenge

We are asking each family in our parish to put aside one item every day and bring their items to donate on Sunday when you come to Mass for each week during Lent. Each week will have a theme for items to be donated:

**Third Sunday of Lent - March 24: Macaroni & Cheese, Soup & Packaged Dinners**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 31: Peanut Butter & Jelly**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7: Canned Meat, Beans and Vegetables**

**Sixth Sunday of Lent - April 14: Dry Pasta, Rice & Tomato Sauce**

Please place your items in the marked bins in outside of the church. Each week we will tally the number of items we have collected and items will be donated to Maricopa F.O.R., our local food bank.

### Reto de Limosnas Cuaresmal

Estamos pidiendo que cada familia de la parroquia separe un artículo de comida cada día y done estos artículos cada Domingo de Cuaresma cuando vengan a Misa. Cada semana habrá un Tema de artículos para ser donados.

**2da Semana (24 de Marzo): Macarrones con Queso, Sopa & Comidas en Paquete**

**3ra Semana (31 de Marzo): Mantequilla de Maní & Jalea**

**4ta Semana (7 de Abril): Carne, Frijoles en Lata y Vegetales en lata**

**5ta Semana (14 de Abril): Pasta, Arroz, Salsa de Tomate**

Por favor coloque sus artículos en los botes marcados situados en el frente de la iglesia. Cada semana sumaremos el número de artículos recogidos y éstos serán donados al banco de comida local, Maricopa F.O.R.

### Lenten Fish Fry

Come join us for a great tasting dinner and bring your friends, neighbors and relatives every **Friday night during Lent from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

### Pescado Frito de Cuaresma

Venga y acompañenos a disfrutar de una suculenta cena, traiga a sus amigos, vecinos y parientes todos los **Viernes de Cuaresma de 5:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.**

### Who is Mathew Kelly?

Have you ever heard Mathew Kelly speak? Have you ever read any of his books? If so, join us for a meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish office. Just bring a favorite memory or quote, and feel free to arrive early. If you have any questions call 520-494-7833.

### Have you recently moved?

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number please remember to update your information with us. If you have information to update call the Parish Office at 520-568-4605.

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

Entire Diocese Goal: \$4 million

**Parish Goal: \$66,340**

**Pledges to date: \$32,309**

**49% of goal**

**171 donors**

Please continue to prayerfully consider your Annual Catholic Appeal decision this week. Completed pledge envelopes can be returned to the parish on any weekend during March. You may also make a one-time gift or, spread your payments over several months by choosing the convenient electronic fund transfer or automatic credit card options on the commitment form.



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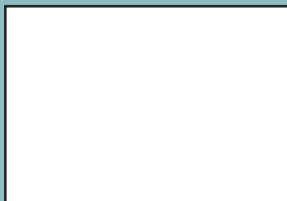
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