

# Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Redeem us, O God of Israel!

Se diría que no hay relación alguna entre la vocación de Abraham (PRIMERA LECTURA) y la transfiguración del Señor (EVANGELIO); sin embargo, san Pablo nos permite enlazar un acontecimiento con el otro. Nosotros, lo mismo que Abraham, nuestro padre en la fe (SEGUNDA LECTURA), hemos sido llamados a la vida y la luz que resplandece en Cristo transfigurado; hemos sido llamados a convertirnos en hijos de Dios junto con el Hijo de Dios.



## Masses For The Week

- sab 28 Vigilia del II Domingo de Cuesma**  
04:30 pm +Juan & Maria Campos (Baldemar Campos)  
+Ileana Vasquez (Vasquez Family)  
+America Vasquez (Vasquez Family)  
+Margarita Noriega (Noriega Family)
- Sun 01 II Sunday of Lent**  
11:30 am +Missa Pro Populo
- Mon 02 NO MASS**
- Tue 03 Lenten Weekday**  
08:00 am Juvencio H. Hinojosa – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
- Wed 04 Lenten Weekday**  
08:00 am +Toni Curiel (Sisters)
- Thu 05 Lenten Weekday**  
08:00 am Christopher H. Garcia – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
- Fri 06 Lenten Weekday**  
08:00 am +All Souls in Purgatory
- Sat 07 Lenten Weekday**  
08:00 am +All Souls in Purgatory

## The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Thanksgiving  
José Garardo & Jazmin García (Family)

# Good News!

March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent (A)  
Genesis 12:1–4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b–10 /  
Matthew 17:1–9

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Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●

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# Dear Padre

March 1, 2026

*I’ve been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?*

I’d like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can’t know what is in a person’s heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

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## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, as has been our custom in the past, we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm. **however, Stations will be suspended if attendees are less than 3.**

### El Vía Crucis

**Durante la Cuaresma, como ha sido nuestra costumbre en el pasado, rezaremos el Vía Crucis los viernes a las 6:00 de la tarde sin embargo, las estaciones se suspenderán si los asistentes son menos de 3.**

## Catholic Regulations for Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**, and all Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence**.

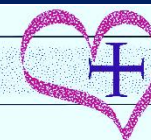
**Abstinence**—requires all Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent (Code of Canon Law §1252). Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Salt and freshwater fish as well as shellfish are permitted; as well as products derived from animals such as dairy products and eggs.

**Fasting**—requires that a Catholic from the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday reduce the amount of food eaten normally. The Church defines this as one meatless meal a day, and two smaller meatless meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

**Dispensations**—Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to the need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, and Herminia Torres.



Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 2,056.00

Loose: \$ 171.00

Children’s Envelopes: \$ 9.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,918.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 0.00



# The Diocese of Laredo

## Important Announcement

### Cancellation of the 2026 Diocesan Conference

After prayerful consideration, the Diocese of Laredo has made the decision to cancel the 2026 Diocesan Conference. This decision was made with careful discernment and a commitment to responsible stewardship. We are grateful to all who supported the planning of this event and to those who have registered to attend. Full refunds will be issued.

We remain committed to serving our diocesan community and look forward to future opportunities to gather in faith.

### Cancelación de la Conferencia Diocesana de 2026

Tras una profunda reflexión, la Diócesis de Laredo ha decidido cancelar la Conferencia Diocesana de 2026. Esta decisión se tomó con profundo discernimiento y un compromiso con la administración responsable. Agradecemos a todos los que apoyaron la planificación de este evento y a quienes se han inscrito para asistir. Se emitirán reembolsos completos.

Seguimos comprometidos a servir a nuestra comunidad diocesana y esperamos futuras oportunidades de reunirnos en la fe.

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