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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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<b>Weekdays</b>	8:30 a.m. <b>Spanish</b> (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. <b>English</b> (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. <b>Vietnamese</b> (Thu & Sat)	

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

### ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades Kindergarten - 8.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)  
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open  
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## MID-LENT CHECK-IN



God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday**

Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

**Monday**

Annunciation of the Lord

**Friday**

Abstinence

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The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry, and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2018-2019 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit [www.augustinianvolunteers.org](http://www.augustinianvolunteers.org) or contact us at [info@augustinianvolunteers.org](mailto:info@augustinianvolunteers.org)

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Mar 24	David Le Marilyn Torain	Felisha Fabian Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Mar 31	Genevive Persaud David Le	Pereta Rodriguez Daisy Soler
Apr 7	Genevive Persaud David Le	Melissa Rivera-Jovel Josephine Nguyen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Mar 24	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Fitzroy Williams Pereta Rodriguez
Mar 31	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Apr 7	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Ed Nolan Pereta Rodriguez

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**MARCH 25, 2019**

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**MARCH 25, 2019**

**Monday**  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm** All Souls  
**Tuesday**  
**8:30am** Jose Rafael Redondo (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Wednesday**  
**8:30am** Giuse & Ine (D)  
**12:10pm** Ana (D)  
**Thursday**  
**7:45am**  
**8:30am** Phero & Giuse (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Friday**  
**8:30am** Rene Alvarez Castro (D)  
**12:10pm** Ana (D)  
**Saturday**  
**7:45am**  
**7:00pm** Aida Pereira (D)  
**Sunday**  
**8:00am** People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine  
**9:30am** Ana Dolores Rivero (D); Josefina Altagracia Mejia (D)  
**11:30am** Margaret Weise (D)  
**1:30pm** Gioan Buong (D)

**We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.**

**We pray for the sick: Marilyn Torain**  
**We pray for the dead:**

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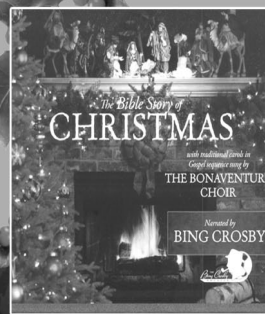
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