



Lent

Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

March 16 – Lectio Divina – How to Pray with Scripture

Last week I offered a number of Scripture passages to “pray with” over Lent as we “journey” to these different “Mountains of prayer.” But how does one *pray* with Scripture? In our Catholic Tradition, we are given a helpful method in praying with Scripture referred to as “Lectio Divina,” (“Divine Reading”). There are four basic steps in Lectio Divina: Read, Reflect, Pray, and Rest/Receive.

1) Reading (“Lectio”): *Read passage slowly three times.* Allow the words and verses to capture your attention. In this way, you begin to listen as God speaks to your heart.

2) Reflecting (“Meditatio”): *Pay attention to the words, phrases, images, figures, in the passage that seem to be grabbing your attention. Reflect how the words you are reading relate to your life today.* In an effort to understand their meaning, you ponder and “chew on” them, seeking to acquire the mind of Christ and learning what he wants to reveal to you. For some who are more visual, this step may involve imagining the scene in vivid detail, reflecting on what you see, what you hear, and to whom you are drawn to in the passage.

3) Praying (“Oratio”): *Enter into active dialogue with the Lord, having a conversation with the Lord about what you’re experiencing in the Scripture passage.* You allow the grace of the words to move you towards prayer. Ask Jesus for all the help and graces you need to respond to your reading and reflection. Pray from your heart and respond to what Jesus has spoken to you in the words of Scripture.

4) Resting (“Contemplatio”): *You move into that quiet listening to the Lord, resting in the Lord and receiving from the Lord.* Your attention is fixed on God and what He wants to tell you, and show you. You commune with God further and rest in His love and presence so that the very core of your being is stilled. Your attention is entirely centered on your God. You allow the transformation process that the Word has stirred up to encourage, refresh, and strengthen you for a new level of beginning.

The last question would be: *What Scripture passage do I pray with?* There are some good options to choose from. I would encourage one of the following four options to help you decide which passages to pray with: 1) The Sunday Readings or 2) The Daily Mass Reading or 3) the Scriptures passages I offered in last week’s column connected to the “Mountains of Prayer.” 4) “The Bible in a Year” with Fr. Mike Schmitz & Jeff Cavins, lay out a plan to read the entire Bible in a year. If you are following this, you might pray with those readings.

God’s blessings on you all this Lenten Season!

Peace,

-Fr. Kevin

16 de Marzo – Lectio Divina, Cómo Orar con las Escrituras

La semana pasada ofrecí varios pasajes de las Escrituras con los que puedes orar durante la Cuaresma mientras “viajamos” hacia estas diferentes “Montañas de oración”. Pero ¿cómo puedes *orar* con las Escrituras? En nuestra tradición católica se nos ha entregado un método útil para orar con las Escrituras, conocido como “Lectio Divina” (Lectura Divina). Hay cuatro pasos básicos en la Lectio Divina: Lectura, Meditación, Contemplación y Oración.

1) Lectura (Lectio): *Lee el pasaje lentamente tres veces. Deja que las palabras y los versículos capten tu atención. De esta manera, comenzarás a escuchar cómo Dios habla a tu corazón*

2) Meditación (Meditatio): *Presta atención a las palabras, frases, imágenes y figuras del pasaje que parecen captar tu atención. Reflexiona sobre cómo las palabras que estás leyendo se relacionan con tu vida actual.* Para entender su significado, debes meditar sobre ellas y “masticarlas”, tratando de adquirir la mente de Cristo y aprendiendo lo que Él quiere revelarte. Para quienes son más visuales, este paso puede implicar imaginar la escena con vívidos detalles, reflexionar sobre lo que ves, lo que escuchas y hacia quién te sientes atraídos en el pasaje.

3) Contemplación (Contemplatio): *Te mueves hacia ese estado tranquilo de escuchar al Señor, descansar en el Señor y recibir del Señor.* Tu atención está fija en Dios y en lo que Él quiere decirte y mostrarte. Te comunicas más con Dios y descansas en su amor y presencia, de modo que lo más profundo de tu ser se calma. Tu atención está completamente centrada en tu Dios. Permites que el proceso de transformación que la Palabra ha provocado te anime, te refresque y te fortalezca para un nuevo nivel de comienzo.

4) Oración (Oratio): *Entra en un diálogo activo con el Señor, teniendo una conversación con Él sobre lo que estás experimentando en el pasaje de las Escrituras.* Deja que la gracia de las palabras te mueva a la oración. Pídele a Jesús toda la ayuda y las gracias que necesitas para responder a tu lectura y reflexión. Ora desde tu corazón y responde a lo que Jesús te ha dicho en las palabras de las Escrituras.

La última pregunta sería: *¿Con qué pasaje de las Escrituras oro?* Hay algunas buenas opciones para elegir. Para ayudarte a decidir, te recomiendo que elijas una de las cuatro opciones siguientes: 1) Las lecturas del domingo 2) Lectura de la misa diaria 3) Los pasajes de las Escrituras que ofrecí en la columna de la semana pasada relacionadas con los “Montes de Oración” 4) El podcast “La Biblia en un Año” con el Fray Sergio Serrano, OP, presenta un plan para leer toda la Biblia en un año. Si lo sigues, puedes orar con esas lecturas.

¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos durante este tiempo de Cuaresma!

Paz

— Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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Book Club

April 7 at 6 p.m.

Stars Over Clear Lake

By Loretta Ellsworth

May 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

Night Road

by Kristin Hannah

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

Prayer Partner

If you would like to pray for and with one our afternoon religious education students. Please take a name off the cross at the back of the church. What a great way to pray during Lent.

Coffee and Rolls

April 6

Everyone is welcome!

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, March 9, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$1357

Offertory \$151

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Liturgical Ministers

March 23 – Third Sunday of Lent

Lector: Rosie Lindaman, Jessica Schipper

Ushers: Richard Bloom, Levi Harms, Alex Harms,
Jim Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Wessels, Marilyn O'Brien

Money Counters: Jim Wessels, Mary Schumacher

Altar Servers: Sergio Rogel,

Sacristan: Jodi Uthe

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten meal will be held on Fridays at 6 p.m. during Lent

Everyone is Welcome!

Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be held on Fridays at 4 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Men's Faith Sharing Group

Wednesday mornings during Lent

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 am. Starting March 12



Be extra careful to do penance, especially during the holy time of Lent. Make it a point to be faithful in small details. Jesus said that penance is necessary if we want to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Thirsting for God – Mother Teresa

St. Patrick

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
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Liturgical Ministries

March 23rd, 2025 – Marzo 23rd, 2025

Mass— March 23rd 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Denielle Conlon
Ushers: Greg Cavazos, Nataly Mendez
Eucharistic Ministers; Mary Ann Patton, Ruth Ann Kelch
Money Counters: Steve Pearson, Brenda Johansen
Altar Servers: Bella & Alondra Duran, Yamilla Fuentes
Sacristan: Judy Nelson
Linens: Judy Nelson

Spanish Mass—Marzo 23rd, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lector: Janeth Valenzuela, Esther Garcia
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Estenia Madrid, Jose Franco
Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabriela Garcia
Monaguillos: Liam Rodriguez, Sergio Dominguez, Maria Barradas
Sacristan: Esther Garcia

You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

Happenings Week of March 16th, 2025

Monday/ March 17th / Marzo 17th

1:00 PM Say Your Name Grief Group – Library

Tuesday/ Martes March 18th/ Marzo 18, 2025

8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM AA/AI-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles –March 19th / Marzo 19th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos
(Social Hall)
6:30 – Mass -Bilingual

Thursday/ Jueves – March 20th / Marzo 20th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts (Social Hall)
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM Mass
6:00-8:00 PM Adoration/Adoración

Friday/ Viernes – March 21st / Marzo 21st

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross- Via Crucis – Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo March 23rd/ Marzo 23rd

10:30 AM – Mass
5:30 PM – Mass- Spanish

ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



MARCH 7, MARCH 21, APRIL 4
5:00 PM UNTIL GONE
DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
\$16.00 PER PERSON

MENU:

FISH, POTATO CHIPS,
BAKED BEANS, ROLL,
ICE CREAM CUP AND
BEVERAGE



Knights of
Columbus

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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HAMPTON, IOWA

LENTEN GIVING

Catholic Charities of Dubuque or
Catholic Charities USA
March 5th thru April 13, 2025



During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.

Please use this container during Lent to donate to one or both above causes. You can make a daily donation to this cup or one donation.

Include your family in your Lenten giving.

The funds will be split 50/50 or you can designate one of the above organizations you would like to receive the funds.

(Put your requests in the check memo)

Check can be made to St. Patrick or St. Mary
Please return Sunday April 13th, Palm Sunday.

Cups are available at the back of the church.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Let's Celebrate our patron saint,
St. Patrick join us after Mass,
TODAY March 16th!
We will have coffee & dessert,
Join in the fun!

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY MARCH 9th, 2025

REGULAR	\$	1,672.00
OFFERTORY	\$	332.55

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.

REMINDER:

Stations of the Cross are offered during Lent:

9:00 AM Tuesday – English

5:00 PM Thursday – English

7:00 Pm Friday – Spanish

Reconciliation will be held April 9th at 6:30



First Communion classes for older youth

If you have a child above the second grade that needs to prepare for First Communion we will be holding classes. Please stop at St. Patrick office to register! The classes will begin March 18 at 3:45 p.m. at St. Patricks. If you have any questions contact Jolene.

Archdiocesan Men's Conference

Each year, men from throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque gather to learn, pray, share, and build relationships.

The 29th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will take place on **Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM at St. Pius X Catholic Church** (4949 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402). It will feature Michael Gormley as the keynote speaker, Archbishop Thomas Zinkula as the celebrant at Mass, Breakout Sessions, and more.

For questions about the conference, please contact Matt Selby at m.selby@dbqarch.org or 563-556-2580, x233. or for more information visit: <https://www.archmensconference.org/about>

Pray for...

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,
Jacob Sudtelgte



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:
St. Mary, Ackley:
Jolene Harms at stmarystpatrick@gmail.com
St. Patrick, Hampton:
Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training

St. Mary and St. Patrick has made the change to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our Faith Formation program. It is a different way of teaching our youth their faith. It uses the Montessori style of teaching (hands on), it allows the youth to explore the works of our faith with hands on projects.. if you would like to learn more you are welcome to tour the classrooms.

We are offering Level I and Level II at both parishes. The two levels are for preschool – kdg and first - third grade. For the continued success of this program we are in need of people to take the training to help us keep the program going. There will be a Level I training offered at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames. The classes will begin July 19, 2025. If you would be interested or have questions talk to Jolene or Father for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 17		
8:30 a.m.	Doc Fetter	St. Mary
Tuesday, March 18		
8:30 a.m.	Summer Pearson	St. Patrick
Wednesday, March 19		
8:30 a.m.	Fr. Carl Schmitt	St. Mary
Thursday, March 20		
5:30 p.m.	Elena Nicholas	St. Patrick
Sunday, March 23		
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Jim Dubert	St. Mary
10:30 a.m.	For the People	St. Patrick
5:30 p.m.	Manuel Garcia	St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass
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