

Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica Santa Rita de Casia

FIRST SUNDAY OF

PRIMER DOMINGO DE

Lent

Cuaresma



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

El Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto,
donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás.
Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían.

Marcos 1:12-13

**FEBRUARY
18
2018**

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Upcoming events! - ¡Próximos eventos!

Lectio Peter - Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

Parish Mission - March 12 –14, 2018 - 7:00–8:30 p.m. - Church

Misión Parroquial - 10 y 20 de marzo, 2018 - 7:00–8:30 p.m. - Iglesia

Find more information inside

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www.saintritaofcascia.org

 Mon - Fri, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Pastoral Message

Dear brothers and sisters, with faith and hope we have started this Lent season. Lent is a time of grace and blessings, time of prayer and conversion. The Word of God invites us to participate fully during these forty days of Lent, with special emphasis on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and penance. Prayer, fasting and penance are not things of the past, but are acts of conversion that are necessary in the life of a Christian.

Another of the pious activities during Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross, especially on Fridays. In our parish we have the option of participating in the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in English and at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. I invite you to follow the steps of Jesus on his way to Calvary. Invite your family and friends.

Light of the World Retreat

Special thanks to the coordinators and to each and every one of the volunteers of our Light of the World Retreat. This retreat has become a great blessing for our parish because through it the Lord touches and heals many hearts. Our goal is to always reach many people so they can be the Light of Christ in their families, workplaces and in their communities. Congratulations to the candidates who have taken this spiritual experience. We will continue to pray for them so that this light will always remain alive and light the path of those around them.

Thanks to Don Walter and Olga Bourge, coordinators of the English and Spanish retreats. Thanks to the main evangelizers Don Walter and Beatriz Mendoza in English and Eduardo Escalante in Spanish and to all the other speakers who are bringing a message of hope to these participants. Our thanks to all the volunteers in the chapel, small groups, kitchen, and music ministry for their unconditional support.

The Light of the World Retreat is a great team effort where the talents of many people are put to work and are multiplied. Congratulations to all. I invite the participants to continue, as much as possible, in the evangelization process by attending the diverse opportunities for growing in faith in a variety of ways. Keep the flame of faith alive forever. God bless you.

Fr. Oscar Cortés



Mensaje Pastoral

Queridos hermanos, en fe y esperanza hemos empezado este tiempo de la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de gracia y bendición, tiempo de oración y conversión. La Palabra de Dios nos invita a participar de manera plena durante estos cuarenta días de la Cuaresma, haciendo especial énfasis en los tres pilares de la cuaresma como son la oración, el ayuno y la penitencia. La oración, el ayuno y la penitencia no son cosas del pasado, sino que son actos de conversión necesarios en la vida del cristiano.

Otra de las actividades piadosas de la cuaresma es el rezo del Santo Vía Crucis, especialmente los viernes. En nuestra parroquia, tenemos la opción de participar de las estaciones del Vía Crucis a las 6:30 pm en inglés y a las 7:00 pm en español. Los invitamos a recorrer los pasos de Jesús en su camino hacia el Calvario. Invita a tus familiares y amigos.

Luz del Mundo

Un agradecimiento especial a los coordinadores y cada uno de los voluntarios de nuestro retiro "Luz del Mundo." Este retiro se ha convertido en una gran bendición para nuestra parroquia, porque a través del mismo el Señor toca y sana muchos corazones. Nuestro objetivo es siempre poder llegar a muchas personas para que sean la Luz de Cristo en sus familias, lugares de trabajo y en sus comunidades. Felicitaciones a los candidatos que han tomado esta experiencia espiritual. Seguiremos orando por ellos para que esta luz permanezca siempre viva y de luz a quienes los rodean. Gracias a Don Walter y Olga Bourge coordinadores del retiro en inglés y español. Gracias a los evangelizadores Don Walter y Beatriz Mendoza del retiro en inglés y Eduardo Escalante del retiro en español y a los oradores que llevan un mensaje de esperanza a estos participantes. Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los voluntarios en la capilla, en los pequeños grupos, en la cocina, el ministerio de música por su apoyo incondicional.

El retiro Luz del Mundo es un gran trabajo de equipo donde se ponen a trabajar los talentos y se hacen multiplicar. Felicitaciones a todos. Invito a los participantes para que, en lo posible, continúen el proceso de evangelización asistiendo los lunes siguientes para el respectivo seguimiento. Mantengan siempre viva la llama de la fe. Dios los bendiga.

Fr. Oscar Cortés

Dominican can be cloistered?

Do you feel drawn to the Lord in perpetual Eucharistic adoration?

Are you an avid reader who seeks the truth and loves to learn? Do you yearn to give your life in prayer and contemplation for the needs of the whole world?

If so, perhaps you have a vocation to the Contemplative Dominican way of life. You can learn more about our community on our website www.opnuns-fh.org.

¿Las hermanas de la Orden Dominicana pueden estar enclaustradas?

¿Te sientes atraída por la adoración Eucarística perpetua?

¿Te gusta leer, buscas la verdad y te encanta aprender?

¿Anhelas dar tu vida en oración y contemplación por las necesidades de todo el mundo?

Si es así, quizás tengas una vocación para el estilo de vida contemplativo de las hermanas de la orden dominicana. Puedes obtener más información visitando www.opnuns-fh.org

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIÓNES DE LAS MISAS

Saturday, February 17

8:00AM Mass – ✡ James Konen
4:30PM Mass – ✡ Isabelle Ewing
6:00PM Misa – Cumpleaños de Josefina y Gregoria M.

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Mass – ✡ Bishop Daminh Mai Luong
10:15AM Mass – ✡ Antonio & Elsa Lim
12:00PM Misa – ✡ Rodolfo Jaquez
7:00PM Misa – Cumpleaños José F. Ochoa

Monday, February 19

7:30AM Mass – ✡ Valerie Dawson

Tuesday, February 20

7:30AM Mass – ✡ James Konen
9:00AM Mass –

Wednesday, February 21

7:30AM Mass – ✡ George Stanek
7:00PM Misa – Todas las almas

Thursday, February 22

7:30AM Mass – ✡ Dorothy Abens

Friday, February 23

7:30AM Mass –

Saturday, February 24

8:00AM Mass –
4:30PM Mass – ✡ Violet Huberty
6:00PM Misa – ✡ Rafael Chávez

Sunday, February 25 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Mass – ✡ Father Loi Mai ✡ Quinn Mai
10:15AM Mass – ✡ Patrick Dalton
12:00PM Misa – ✡ Cesario Ayala
7:00PM Misa –

EVENTS/EVENTOS

All events must be scheduled through the Parish Office.
No exceptions.

Monday, February 19 - Office Closed

No activities scheduled in Parish Center

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am ESL Classes (Parish Center)
6:00pm RE Meeting Spanish (Parish Hall)
7:00pm Adult Sacramental Preparation (School)

Wednesday, February 21

10:00am Legión de María (Franciscan Room)
7:00pm Cub Scouts (Parish Hall)
7:00pm Misa (Capilla)

Thursday, February 22

4:00pm Church Cleaning Team #2 (Church)
7:00pm Peter Study - Faith Form. Night (Augustinian Rm.)
7:00pm Legión de María (Franciscan Room)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 23

4:30pm Fish Fry (Parish Hall)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Viaecrucis (Iglesia)
7:00pm Grupo de oración (capilla)
7:00pm RCIA (Franciscan Room)

Saturday, February 24

8:30am Men's Group (Franciscan Room)

Pray for the Sick/*Oremos por los Enfermos*



* Fr. Lou Busemeyer SJ * Kate Novak * Manuel Jacobo * Mary Cassidy * Deacon Bruce Waterman * Edna Rolfe * Merrilee Lubshina * Josefina García * Janet Martin * Leopoldo González * Dorothy Gallenbach * Michael Kelly * Margarita Alegría * Ruth Ann Pineda * Benjamin Silva * Deacon Norb Szudarski * Velia Lizalde * Andrés Martínez * Alejandro Nieves * Daniela Sánchez

2017 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

As in the past, if you would like a letter for your 2017 contributions, please call the parish office and provide us with your NAME, ENVELOPE#, ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER. Letters will be mailed out during the week. Thank you.

Cartas de Contribución 2017

Como ya se ha hecho en años anteriores, si quiere una carta con sus contribuciones del 2017 por favor llame a la oficina parroquial y proporcione su NOMBRE, NÚMERO DE SOBRE, DIRECCIÓN Y NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO. Las cartas se enviarán durante la semana.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

Weekend of February 10 & 11, 2018

Total Offertory	\$7,000.85
EGiving:	\$1,342.50 (incl. mail)
Arise envelopes	\$ 364.00 (incl. mail in & e-giving) (Atmosphere, Replace/renovate, Infrastructure, Safety/security, Energy Efficiency)

Use our secure Online Giving.

¡Damos gracias a Dios por sus bendiciones!

10 y 11 de febrero de 2018

Total Colecta del Domingo:	\$7,000.85
EGiving:	\$1,342.50 (incl. correo)
Sobres Arise:	\$ 364.00 (incluye correo y e-giving) (atmósfera, reemplazar/renovar, infraestructura, seguridad, eficiencia energética)

Utilice nuestro sistema de donaciones en Internet.

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family
Febrero es el mes dedicado a la Sagrada Familia

"The Knights of Columbus will hold their famous Fish Fry's every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:30- 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The Fish Fry directly supports St. Rita Parish. Your support is needed and much appreciated."



The Most Reverend Athanasius Schneider

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Mary Most Holy in Astana, Kazakhstan and author of "Dominus Est-It Is the Lord!"

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

5:30 pm Rosary for the intention of the sanctity and preservation of the Family

6:00 pm Celebration of the Holy Mass; Bishop Athanasius, celebrant

7:00 pm Episcopal Address by His Excellency:

"The Family as the Original Place of the Beauty of the Catholic Faith"

8:00 pm Reception and fellowship in Donovan Hall

Holy Cross Catholic Church

2300 Main Street | Batavia, IL | (630) 879-4750



Pro Life

Prayer warriors for life are needed **Tuesday, February 27**, from 9 am to 5 pm at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:00 p.m. with a Priest or a Deacon. Please sign up in the gathering space.



Se necesitan testigos de oración por la vida el **martes 27 de febrero** de 9 am a 5 pm en las instalaciones de la clínica de abortos Planned Parenthood. El rosario se rezará a las 2 pm con un sacerdote o un diácono. Favor de inscribirse en la sala de acogimiento.

Featured CD

The Treasure of Our Soul

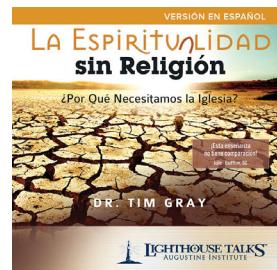
Dr. Scott Hahn explains the inestimable value of the Creed as a sure means of communicating the life-giving faith of the Apostles and as an indispensable source of unity for the Church. He also brings to light how the Creed has served as a time-tested wellspring of meditation by which a believer can deepen his or her relationship with Christ, making it, in the words of St. Ambrose, "the treasure of our soul."



CD de la semana

La Espiritualidad sin Religión

El doctor Tim Gray nos ofrece una fascinante explicación de la importancia de la Iglesia visible y la centralidad de Dios en la Tierra. Ofrece ideas increíbles que aclaran el papel de la Iglesia como una parte esencial del plan de Dios para la salvación que seguramente ayudarán a aquellos que la han abandonado, o que erróneamente afirman ser "espirituales pero no religiosos".



Los Caballeros de Colón llevarán a cabo su venta de pescado frito todos los viernes de Cuaresma (con la excepción del Viernes Santo) de 4:30 a 7:30 en el sótano de la iglesia. Esta actividad es para apoyar a Santa Rita. Gracias por su apoyo tan necesario.

Sanar las Heridas de la Vida

Próximo retiro
Sanar las Heridas de la Niñez

9-11 de Marzo del 2018

Centro de Retiros La Salle Manor
12480 Galena Rd. Plano, IL 60545-9522

Reservaciones y mas información
Misioneros del Sagrado Corazón
305 S. Lake St. Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 892-2371 Ext.39

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Grupo de oración de Santa Rita



Los invitamos a nuestro grupo de oración todos los viernes a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla.
 Los esperamos.

Por la vida

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Stations of the Cross

2:15 p.m. - School (English) - Church
6:30 p.m. - English - Church
7:00 p.m. - Spanish - Church

Join our deacons and St. Rita family every Friday during Lent in praying this Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 stations focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. Make this a tradition of your Lenten journey.



Viacrucis

2:15 p.m. - Escuela (inglés) - iglesia
6:30 p.m. - inglés - iglesia
7:00 p.m. - español - iglesia

Acompañen a nuestros diáconos y a su familia de Santa Rita todos los viernes de Cuaresma en esta devoción católica que conmemora el último día de Jesucristo en la tierra como hombre. Las 14 estaciones se enfocan en eventos específicos de su último día, empezando con Su condena. Haga de esta una tradición de Cuaresma para usted y toda su familia.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday in Our Chapel
from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for
YOUR WORSHIP and **ADORATION**.
Consider giving one hour a week to Jesus.

Jesus will provide all the Graces you need to be happy. Trust in Him. Come, sit in His presence and drink freely at the fountain of life!



Adoración al Santísimo

Todos los miércoles en nuestra Capilla
de 8:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

El Santísimo Sacramento se expone para
SU CULTO Y ADORACIÓN

¡Dedique una hora a la semana a Jesús!
Jesús le proporcionará todas las gracias que necesita para ser feliz. Venga, siéntese en su presencia y beba libremente de la fuente de la vida.

Nun Run

We will be hosting a vocational discernment "Nun Run" for women 17 years of age, college age and older who are interested in a religious vocation. We will be visiting Sisters and Nuns of different orders with different apostolates, this will include talks on discernment and religious life, time in prayer with our Lord, as well as many opportunities to meet, share and pray with the sisters. We will be visiting various religious communities, in Nebraska. Cost is only \$90.00. Date of the trip will be March 15th – 18th, 2018. Deadline for registration is March 8th, space is limited. You can contact the Vocation Office at 815/399-4300 ext. 375, our web-site www.rockforddiocese.org/vocations Discerning Women or dbarger@rockforddiocese.org for more information.

Visita a ordenes religiosas

Estaremos llevando a cabo el discernimiento vocacional "Nun Run" para chicas mayores de 17 años que estén interesadas en una vocación religiosa. Estaremos visitando hermanas y monjas de diferentes órdenes con diferentes apostolados, esto incluirá pláticas sobre discernimiento y vida religiosa, tiempo en oración con nuestro Señor, así como muchas oportunidades para conocer, compartir y orar con las hermanas. Estaremos visitando diferentes comunidades religiosas en Nebraska. El costo es de solamente \$90.00. La fecha del viaje será del 15 al 18 de marzo. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 8 de marzo porque el cupo es limitado. Pueden ponerse en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones llamando al 815-399-4300 ext. 375 o visitar nuestro sitio web www.rockforddiocese.org-vocations o dbarger@rockforddiocese.org para mayor información.

Ideas for Lent

There are 3 parts to celebrating Lent: Fasting, Praying and Giving. Here are some ideas for praying during Lent.

List 3 blessings every day and give thanks
Pray for 5 minutes each day
Ask your favorite saint to pray for you
Pray for a forgiving heart
Pray for the Homeless
Pray the "Hail Mary" and do an ab crunch for each word
Take a walk and pray the rosary
Pray the "Our Father" 3 times a day, morning, noon and night

Have a blessed Lenten Season

Ideas para Cuaresma

Los 3 pilares de Cuaresma son: ayuno, oración y obras de caridad. Aquí les presentamos algunas ideas para la Cuaresma.

Haz una lista de 3 bendiciones todos los días y da gracias por esas bendiciones.
Ora durante 5 minutos todos los días.
Pídele a tu santo favorito que ore por tí.
Ora por un corazón que perdona.
Ora por las personas sin hogar
Reza el Ave María y haz una abdominal por cada palabra de la oración
Ve a caminar y reza el rosario

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday (English).....	7:30 AM
Wednesday (Spanish).....	7:05 PM
Saturday (English).....	8:00 AM & 4:30 PM
Saturday (Spanish)	6:00 PM
Sunday (English).....	8:30 & 10:15 AM
Sunday (Spanish).....	12:00 & 7:00 PM

Eden Mass (English) every 4th Monday of each month (September–May) at 2:00pm, at Eden supportive living 311 S Lincolnway St, North Aurora, IL 60542

Reconciliation.....3:00-4:15 PM
Saturday (English & español)

Baptisms - Infants /children

Please contact the parish office 3-4 months in advance to arrange for Baptism 630-892-5918.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): a process for adults to come and ask questions about the Catholic Church to prepare for Baptism or entrance into the church. For more information contact the parish office, 630-892-5918 or attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Confirmation - 7th grade through junior in HS
Contact Sheryl Colwell at 630-892-5918 x251.

Adult Confirmation/1st Communion (Sacramental Prep)
Attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Weddings

Minimum of 6 months required for preparation.
Contact the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Sick Calls

Please inform the parish office of any sick parishioners as soon as possible so a Priest can visit the hospital or residence immediately.

Religious Education

Contact: Rae Eigenhauser at 630-892-9507.

St. Rita Catholic School

Contact Mrs. Elizabeth Faxon, School Principal at 630-892-0200

Ministry of Evangelization

Adult formation, retreats, small communities.
Contact: Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089

St. Vincent de Paul

For emergency assistance, please call 630-892-6186 and leave a message with your contact information.

Parish Registration

Catholics who live within the parish boundaries of St. Rita Catholic Church are encouraged to register.

INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Horario de las misas

Lunes-viernes (inglés en la capilla)	7:30AM
Miércoles (español en la capilla).....	7:00PM
Sábado (inglés en la capilla)	8:00AM
Sábado (inglés en la iglesia)	4:30PM
Sábado (español en la iglesia)	6:00PM
Domingo (inglés en la iglesia)	8:30, 10:15AM
Domingo (español en la iglesia)	12:00, 7:00PM

Confesiones

Sábado (inglés y español en la iglesia)3:00-4:15 PM

Bautismos

Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de 3 a 4 meses antes.
Llame a la oficina parroquial 630-892-5918

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos (RICA): Este es el proceso para adultos que están interesados en la iglesia católica para que vengan y hagan preguntas. Para más información llame a la oficina parroquial, 630-892-5918 o asista a la próxima sesión de Ven y Mira. Esta información está en el boletín.

Confirmación - Muchachos del 7mo al 11vo grado
Contacte a Sheryl Colwell 630-892-5918 x251.

Confirmación/Primera comunión para adultos

Asista a la próxima sesión Ven y Mira. Información en el boletín.

Matrimonios

Necesita 6 meses de preparación matrimonial.
Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el padre.

Unción de los enfermos

Por favor informe a la oficina parroquial si sabe de algún feligres enfermo tan pronto como pueda, para que un sacerdote lo visite en su casa / hospital inmediatamente.

Quinceañeras

Llame a la oficina parroquial para más información entre 10 y 12 meses antes de la fecha que desea la misa.

Educación religiosa

Contacte a Rae Eigenhauser al 630-892-9507

Escuela parroquial de Santa Rita

Contacte a la directora Elizabeth Faxon al 630-892-0200.

Ministerio de evangelización

Contacte a Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089

San Vicente de Paul

Para recibir ayuda parroquial llame al 630-892-6186 y deje su mensaje con su información.

Registro parroquial

Si usted es católico y vive dentro de los límites parroquiales de Santa Rita, lo invitamos a registrarse.

Protegiendo los Niños de Dios

Las personas que tomaron el curso Protegiendo los Niños de Dios el 29 de noviembre y el 10 de diciembre pueden pasar a recoger sus diplomas a la oficina parroquial de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. y de 2:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de llamar a Julieta Jacobo en la oficina de evangelización 630-892-6089.

Ministries –Weekend of February 24 & 25, 2018
Ministerios– fin de semana del 24 y 25 de febrero de 2018

	Sat, Feb. 24 4:30 pm English	Sun, Feb. 25 8:30 am English	Sun, Feb. 25 10:15 am English	Dom 25 de febrero 12:00 pm español	Dom. 25 de febrero 7:00 pm español
EM'S Ministros de Eucaristía	Jerry Grimes - 1 Oanh Mai - 2 Ann Iglesias - 3 Deacon - 4 Margaret Weiland - 6 LaVerne Taylor - 7 Tom Neu - 8	Julieta Jacobo - 1 Sandra Lorenz - 2 Jerry Lubshina - 3 *Mary Morehouse - 4 Cheri Thurow - 6 Don Thurow - 7 Barb Pennington - 8	Maria Barraza - 1 Maria Hoang- 2 Jim Cisneros - 3 * Deacon - 4 Tom Colwell- 6 Edgar Gonzalez - 7 Chung Hoang - 8	Socorro - 1 Lucia - 2 Elena - 3 Honorio - 4 Reyna - 5 Guadalupe - 6 María S. - 7 Martín S. - 8	Carlos Valdes - 1 Jesús Arceo - 2 Irma - 3 Luis Patiño - 4 Guille Cerdá- 6 Andrea Corral - 7 Verónica Álvarez - 8
Lectors Lectores	Jayna Zant - 1 Mary Ellen Bender - 2	Beatriz Mendoza - 1 Jennifer Guzauskas - 2	Jennifer Sayasane - 1 Donna Hughes - 2	Geny Ponce - 1 Martín Venegas - 2	Betty Hernández - 1 Francisco Hernández - 2
Altar Servers Monaguillos	Maggie Kallas Mary Grace Czerak Nicholas Czerak	Becky Rentz Isabel Hommowun Natalia Salazar	Samantha Poss Faith Aala Kayla Garcia	Gaby Vargas Ana Laura Ponce Isabella Ponce Erika Juárez	Mactzil López Nthaly Quintana Mitchell Carlos Jesse Carlos

Vocation Corner: Priesthood or....?

So often when conversing with young men about their Vocation in life, they will say something to the effect of, "Yea, I am thinking about being a priest or a youth minister, or an engineer, or something else." The problem with this sentence is that it suggests that priesthood is just another job...but it's not. The Priesthood is one of the three Vocations, the other two being Holy Matrimony and Religious Life. To restate that sentence, it ought to say: "Yea, I am thinking about being a priest or a husband or a religious brother." The same can be said for women and religious life and marriage. What you "do" with your life (aka: your job) will come naturally only after you discern why the Lord has created you; your Vocation.

Think about a family planning a vacation (sounds nice in the dead of winter), what is the first thing they



discuss? The first thing discussed is the location of their vacation. All the details can be filled in at a later time: hotels, restaurants, day trips, etc. Each of these are dependent upon where the family vacations. Some will say that if you become a priest or religious then all your hopes and dreams go out the window. Yet if you ask priests or religious you would find that in the majority of cases, God uses those gifts and talents that He has given you even in the priesthood or religious life. God has given you those for a reason and He will not leave you abandoned with them, rather He will use them in whichever Vocation He has called you.

- Fr. Sean Grismer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22 - Chair of St. Peter

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34;
Mk 9:2-10

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes 19 de febrero

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 18:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

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