



“He was lost and has been found.”

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church-Mercedes, Texas

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 30, 2025**

### BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

**GENERAL THEME:**

Knowing, understanding, is not to be equated with looking at a picture of something. For understanding goes deeper than images. We are aided by the Son of God, whom human eyes have seen, and by the mystery of God, which cannot be pictured.

We all know that we can be very presumptuous, supposing that we see a truth which others have not adopted. Yet there are many things which we cannot see. We turn to our God that we may be enlightened.

**FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

The children of Israel set foot upon the land which God promised to them. We make a connection with the festivities in today's Gospel, and we feel a sense of thanksgiving for God's gifts of food and drink.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

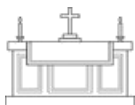
We may find Paul's statement, "he made him to be sin who did not know sin," to be puzzling. We must understand that he is speaking of how Jesus bore the weight of all our sins upon himself.

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Are we unnerved by Jesus' strange parable, in which absurd things happen? Out of the trio of the father and his two sons, with whom do we identify? Is there a meanness within ourselves which this parable is addressing?

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM	English
Sunday	7:00 AM	Spanish
	9:00 AM	English
	11:00 AM	English
	1:00 PM	Spanish



### DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and 1st Friday's of the Month 7:00 AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

**Sacrament of Penance** 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM

Or by Appointment

**Vespers & Benediction** 6:00 to 6:30 PM

**Mass** at 6:30 PM



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Saturday, March 29

5:00 pm (E):  
 Birthday of David Paul Chacon Sr.  
 Birthday of Mareli Delgado  
 Birthday of Manuel Guillermo "Willie" Sanchez  
 Health of Natasha Williams  
 †Jason Edward Adame  
 †Rudy Elizondo  
 †Mike Garza  
 †Robert J. Garza  
 †Diego Guerrero  
 †Vangie L. Martinez  
 †Eugene Saenz Jr.

## Sunday, March 30

7:00 am (S) Birthday of Betty Rogers  
 †Antonio & †Carmen Longoria  
 †Rebecca Luna

9:00 am (E) Pro Populo

11:00 am (E) Health of Susie Ruiz  
 †Zachary Closner  
 †James Closner  
 †Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria  
 †Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez  
 †Carmen Alicia Martinez  
 †Mariano & †Ana Ruiz

1:00 pm (S): †Modesta V. Garcia  
 †Daniel Garcia  
 †Manuel Guerra  
 †Melissa Ann Sierra

## Monday, March 31

7:00 am †Daniel Garcia

## Tuesday, April 1

7:00 am

## Wednesday, April 2

6:30 pm Communion Service

## Thursday, April 3

7:00 am

## Friday, April 4

7:00 am

### DAILY MASS READINGS

#### Monday, March 31, 2025:

Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:43-54

#### Tuesday, April 1, 2025:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16

#### Wednesday, April 2, 2025:

Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30

#### Thursday, April 3, 2025:

Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 John 5:31-47

#### Friday, April 4, 2025:

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday, April 5, 2025:

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 John 7:40-53

#### Sunday, April 6, 2025: **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

### CCE Reminders!

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Students: Sponsor Forms are due by **Wed. April 2nd**
- ◆ Confirmation Class: Retreat Fee of \$150 is due by **Fri. April 25th**
- ◆ Upcoming Mandatory Parent Meeting for Sacramental Classes: **April 7, 8, 9** in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday, in the School Building. During the last 30 mins of class.

### No Confessions

There will be No Confessions this week.

There will be Exposition, Adoration, Vespers & Benediction as normal, followed by a Communion Service.



### BBQ Chicken Plate Fundraiser

Our BBQ Chicken Plate Fundraiser is happening:

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**From 11:00am-2:30pm**

**In the Parish Hall**

Tickets are at **\$12 each**

Help us sell the tickets you have signed out.

Please turn in any pending ticket money as soon as possible.

If you would like to help contribute, we are still accepting monetary donations. You may sign up on the donations list. For any question please call the Parish Office.

### Upcoming Lenten Events

#### Community Stations of the Cross Schedule

Every **Friday** of Lent, Starting at **6:30 PM**

**April 4** — CCE Middle School (Tuesday Classes)

**April 11** — Catholic Daughters

**April 18** — Good Friday/Passion Play by: Confirmation  
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 Class

**Wednesday, April 9th** — Community Confessions  
**6:30 PM in the Parish Hall**

### 2025 Mid-Valley Lenten Confessions Schedule

✘ Wednesday, April 2nd - 6:30pm @ Sacred Heart - Elsa

✘ Wednesday, April 9th - 6:30pm @ O.L. of Mercy - Mercedes

✘ Thursday, April 10th - 6:30pm @ St. Joan of Arc - Weslaco

### ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

March 29-30, 2025



*No Altar Flowers  
 During Lenten Season*