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-PASTOR'S PAGE—March 15, 2026

My Dear Family,

In our ongoing search for meaning, we need to keep reading signs of the times, events, books, news in a spiritual way. I think the question that should always be with us is: “Why am I alive or why are we living? All the events, be it political, social, whether in my life, within my family, in the society, in the nation and globally that takes place within the short span of life need to be interpreted. And we must interpret them spiritually. Books, newspapers and social media are there to help us not to engage in gossips, but there to help us read the signs of our times and so give meaning to our lives. Jesus says, ***“When you see a cloud looming up in the west you say at once that rain is coming, and so it does. And when the wind is from the south you say it’s going to be hot, and it is.*** And listen to this, ***“... hypocrites! You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times?”*** Yes, we are so good in keeping up to date with news and events, but so poor to know what they mean spiritually. Here lies the real challenge. Jesus does not look at the events of our times as series of social events of our life as signs that call for a spiritual interpretation. But how? Jesus himself shows us how. Once people had told Jesus the news that the governor Pilate had execute some rebellious men from Galilee and mingled their blood with that of the Roman sacrifices. When he heard this he said ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than any others, that this should happen to them? They were not. I tell you. No, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did’ ***(Luke 13:2-3)***. Jesus does not give a political interpretation of the event but a spiritual one. He says “What happened invites you to conversion!” This is the deepest meaning of history. It’s a constant invitation calling us to turn our hearts to God and so discover the full meaning of our lives. What is happening now in and around Mexico, Venezuela, Iran, Israel, Russia, and Ukraine... everything must be seen from God’s eye, from above. Then only we seek answers from above. Not just listen to thousands of news-anchors and to engage in endless gossips.

Much in my prayers. Please keep praying for our country and especially for Permanent Peace in and around the world. Let’s pray that our service men and women may come back safe and sound.

May our God Bless You,
~***Father Joseph***~





Mi Querida Familia,

En nuestra búsqueda continua de significado, necesitamos seguir leyendo los signos de los tiempos, los eventos, los libros, las noticias de manera espiritual. Creo que la pregunta que siempre debería estar con nosotros es: "¿Por qué estoy vivo o por qué estamos viviendo?" Todos los acontecimientos, ya sean políticos, sociales, ya sea en mi vida, dentro de mi familia, en la sociedad, en la nación y a nivel global que ocurren en un corto período de tiempo necesitan ser interpretados, y debemos interpretarlos espiritualmente. Los libros, los periódicos y las redes sociales están ahí no solo para ayudarnos a participar en chismes, sino que están ahí para ayudarnos leer los signos de nuestro tiempo y así da sentido a nuestras vidas.

Jesús dice: "Cuando vean una nube que se aproxima por el oeste, dicen de inmediato que va a llover, y así sucede." y cuando el viento viene del sur dicen que va hacer calor y lo hace. Y escuchen esto, ¡hipócritas! Ustedes saben interpretar la faz de la tierra y del cielo. ¿Cómo es que no saben interpretar estos tiempos?"

Sí, somos muy buenos para mantenernos al día con noticias y eventos, pero tan pobres para saber. Aquí yace el verdadero desafío. Jesús no ve los acontecimientos de nuestros tiempos como una serie de incidentes y accidentes que tienen poco que ver con nosotros. Jesús ve los eventos políticos, económicos y sociales de nuestras vidas como señales que llaman a una interpretación espiritual. ¿Lo que significan espiritualmente.

¿Pero cómo? Jesús mismo nos muestra cómo. Una vez, cuando la gente le contó a Jesús la noticia de que el gobernador Pilato había ejecutado a algunos hombres rebeldes de Galilea y mezclado su sangre con la de los sacrificios romanos, al oír esto dijo: "¿Creen ustedes que estos galileos eran peores pecadores que los demás, que esto les debía suceder a ellos? No, les digo. No, pero a menos que se arrepientan, todos ustedes perecerán como ellos." (Lucas 13:2-3)

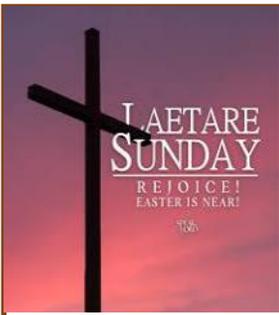
Jesús no da una interpretación política del evento sino una espiritual. Él dice: "¡lo que ocurrió te invita a la conversión!" Este es el significado más profundo de la historia. Es una invitación constante que nos llama a volver nuestros corazones a Dios y así descubrir el pleno significado de nuestras vidas. Lo que está sucediendo ahora en y alrededor de México, Venezuela, Irán, Israel, Rusia y Ucrania... todo debe ser visto desde el ojo de Dios, desde arriba. Solo entonces buscaremos respuestas desde arriba. No solo escuchar a miles de presentadores de noticias y participar en interminables chismes.

Por favor, sigan rezando por nuestro país y especialmente por la "Paz Permanente" en todo el mundo y sus alrededores. Oremos para que nuestros hombres y mujeres de servicio regresen sanos y salvos.

Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~





The Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, is a day of celebration within the Lenten season, symbolizing joy amidst the solemnity of Lent. It is traditionally marked by the reading of the Parable of the Lost Son which emphasizes themes of forgiveness and reconciliation. Laetare Sunday occurs halfway through Lent, reminding the faithful to reflect on their Lenten journey and rejoice in the hope of Easter. Laetere Sunday is exactly 21 days before Easter Sunday. In Roman Catholic churches flowers may appear on the high altar and the organ may be played as a solo instrument. Priests are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass held on this day in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent

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El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, también conocido como Domingo de Laetare, es un día de celebración dentro del tiempo cuaresmal, que simboliza la alegría en medio de la solemnidad de la Cuaresma. Tradicionalmente, se celebra con la lectura de la Parábola del Hijo Pródigo, que enfatiza los temas del perdón y a reconciliación. El Domingo de Laetere se celebra a mitad de la Cuaresma, recordando a los fieles que reflexionen sobre su camino cuaresmal y se regocijen en la esperanza de la Pascua. El Domingo de Laetere se celebra exactamente 21 días antes del Domingo de Pascua. En las iglesias católicas romanas, pueden aparecer flores en el altar mayor y el órgano puede tocarse como instrumento solista. Los sacerdotes tienen la opción de usar vestimentas de color rosa durante la misa en este día, en lugar de las vestimentas violetas que se usan nor-



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

|             |         |                                                               |
|-------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat Mar. 14 | 4 pm    | +Kevin, +Scott, & +Jeff Border                                |
| Sun Mar. 15 | 7:45 am | Int. of Thomas/Jeffries/Goedde Family                         |
|             | 9:30 am | +Angel Marty Montes Sr.                                       |
|             | 11 am   | Int. of George Holguin & Family                               |
| Mon Mar. 16 | 8 am    | <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>                                      |
| Tue Mar. 17 | 8 am    | +Joseph Ullrich                                               |
| Wed Mar. 18 | 8 am    | Int. of Deacon Dan Rindge & Family                            |
| Thu Mar. 19 | 8 am    | Int. of Bakersfield Carmelite Community<br>+Robert B. Serrano |
| Fri Mar. 20 | 8 am    | Int. of Phillip Padilla & Family<br>+Brock Tinoco             |
| Sat Mar. 21 | 4 pm    | +Genovevo Medina                                              |
| Sun Mar. 22 | 7:45 am | Int. of Joanna Chapin & Family                                |
|             | 9:30 am | Int. of Holiness & Sanctification of Clergy                   |
|             | 11 am   | +Francisco Vera                                               |



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**PRAYERS**



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# Lent Prayer For Renewal

Precious Lord,  
 Thank you for your guidance and protection  
 Thank you for giving me the strength to go  
 through this Lenten season  
 I pray that by the end of this lent period, I  
 will be made anew in you  
 Help me not to be the same person I was  
 before the season began  
 Renew my mind and my heart, Lord, teach  
 me your ways  
 Help me understand your word  
 My soul yearns for you, dear Lord, fill me  
 with your spirit  
 and draw me closer to you  
 Strengthen me when I'm weak, fill me when  
 I feel empty  
 Renew my body and grant me the grace to  
 do everything I do

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

## FAMILY ADORATION NIGHT

Adoration will take place on **March 19th** in the Church from **6:00-8:30pm**.

*Family adoration night will be every third Thursday of every month at the same time and place.*

La adoración tendrá lugar el **19 de Marzo** en la iglesia, de **6:00 a 8:30pm**.

*La noche de adoración familiar será cada tercer jueves de cada mes, a la misma hora y en el mismo lugar.*



## What is Laetare Sunday? The fourth Sunday of Lent

ALSO KNOWN AS:

Mothering Sunday,  
 Refreshment Sunday,  
 Mid-Lent Sunday,  
 Mi-Carême,  
 Mediana or  
 Rose Sunday

### Laetare means to rejoice

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:  
 "Laetare, Jerusalem"  
 "Rejoice, O Jerusalem"  
 Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11

### What's different?

- Priests may wear rose vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the Altar
- The organ may be played

### Why celebrate it?

Laetare Sunday provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



## Lenten Meal Recipe

### Black Bean Burger



Drain, but do not rinse, the black beans. Place them in a bowl and use a fork to mash them. Keep mashing until they're mostly broken up, but still have some whole beans visible. Add the breadcrumbs, onion, egg, chili powder, salt, pepper, and hot sauce. Stir until everything is combined, then let the mixture sit for 5 minutes.

Heat a tablespoon or two of olive oil with an equal amount of butter in a skillet over medium-low heat. Form the bean mixture into patties slightly larger than the buns you're using (the patties will not shrink when they cook.) Place the patties in the skillet and cook them about 5 minutes on the first side. Flip them to the other side, place 2 slices of cheese onto each patty, and continue cooking them for another 5 minutes, or until the burgers are heated through. (Place a lid on the skillet to help the cheese melt if needed.)

Grill the buns on a griddle with a little butter until golden. Spread the buns with mayonnaise and hot sauce, then place the patties on the buns. Top with lettuce and tomato. Enjoy!

## Weekly Inspiration

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." *Psalm 33:20-22*

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