

# PRINCE OF PEACE *Catholic Church*

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### RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Confessions are available anytime by appointment.

Saturday/Sábado.....4:00 pm  
Sunday/Domingo.....12:15—1:00 pm  
Tuesday/Martes.....5:00 —5:45 pm  
Thursday/Jueves.....6:00-8:00 pm\*

\*by appointment only/sólo con cita

### ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

Thursdays 9:00 am—9:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO

Saturday/Sábado.....5:00 pm  
Sunday/Domingo.....7:00 am  
Sunday/Domingo.....8:30 & 11:00 am (*Nursery*)  
1:30 pm (*Hispanic*), 5:00 pm  
Monday/Lunes.....8:30 am, 6:30 pm  
Tuesday/Martes.....8:30 am, 6:00 pm (*Hispanic*)  
Wednesday/Miércoles...5:00 pm  
Thursday/Jueves.....8:30 am

### ADVENTURE ARK PLAYSCHOOL

(6 mo—2 yr old)

Director.....205.822.9125 xt. 15  
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(3 yr old—8th grade)

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# Prince of Peace

1st Sunday of Lent · February 13 & 14, 2016

## Mass Intentions - February 15 - 21

Monday	8:30 am	Mary O'Connor	†	Friday	8:30 am	Bob Morin	†
	6:30 pm	Nina Capra	†	Saturday	5:00 pm	Steve Liollo	†
Tuesday	8:30 am	Carl Simonetti	†	Sunday	7:00 am	Mary Elizabeth Matlock	†
	11:00 am	Joe Davis	†		8:30 am	Patrick Werszner	†
Wednesday	8:15 am	Angelo Liollo	†		1:00 pm	Cristobal Carmona, Pompeyo Luna	†
	5:00 pm	Hazel Melendez	†		5:00 pm	Bryce Garmon	Special Intention
Thursday	8:30 am	Inez Corsentino	†				



Congratulations to the  
Newlyweds:

Alex Wagner  
and  
Victoria Manzella

We Welcome

Our newly Baptized:

Adelyn Raine Johnstone  
and  
Addie Grace Bolin



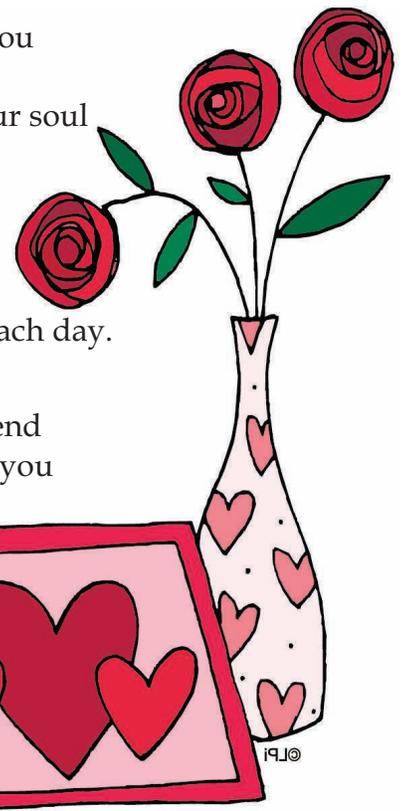
## A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
and asked the Lord above  
to fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end.

(Author Unknown)



# All are Welcome...

## We are a Stewardship Parish

The four pillars of stewardship: **Prayer, Formation, Service and Hospitality** help parishioners witness, experience and live the stewardship way of life. These four pillars support the parish community and we are all called through our baptismal promises to contribute our time, talent and treasure to them.

# Prayer

The Prince of Peace community would like to extend our sympathy to Cathy Okon and her family on the death of her father, Richard Edwards and to the Medrano Dominguez family on the death of Faustina Medrano Dominguez. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## Prayer List

*Please remember to pray for all of our sick and recovering loved ones. If you would like to add or remove someone to/from the prayer list, please contact the parish office. Names will remain on the list for 3 months unless notified. To be part of the parish prayer chain, email [prayer-chain@princeofpeace-hoover.org](mailto:prayer-chain@princeofpeace-hoover.org).*

Hunter Pace, John Durnak, Bill Muldowney, Sr., Charles Pardi, Frances Pardi, Margaret Fenn, Mary Ellen Bolin, Kathy Mahon, Paul Bochnak, Buster Bandino, Kate B. Camiliere, Frank Simonetti, Mark Scalco, Shay McNamee, Patricia Hunter, Angie Judge, Amy Judge, Nicolina Koch, Bill Shikle, Curtis Austin, John Kreisberg, Claudia Charme, Jake Culotta, Chuck Fontan, Joyce Lovoy, James Sheppard, Greg Smith, Josephine Jovings, Elizabeth Doyle, Carmella Pistone, Rosalie Stacco, Libby Troncalli, Mary Kay Minor, Valerie Wallace, Clint Fikes, Josephine Graven, Virginia Lorino, Libby Edgar, Carol Jean Miranda, Thomas Ross, Isla Del Bosco, Phillip Cash, Errol Austin, Damien Johnson, Paula England, Danielle White, Baby White, Elaine Heyne, Tom Kilgro, Kay Allen, Joseph Owens, Sue Delk, Michael Hofmann, Bryce Garmon, Stuart P.Reynolds, Nancy Emerson, Danese H. Daniel, Jerry Bailey, Frank Wegent, Diane Pessolano, Paul Thielen, Mark Martincic, Cesar David Rivas, Nallely Vega, Kimberly Cisneros, Filigonio Buendia, Arturo Castillo, Ana Maria Castillo, Jose Rodriguez, Mayra Castillo

## Military Prayer List

**Please pray for all  
of our military  
serving here and abroad:**

Jared Fitzgerald, USMC  
Joseph Byrd, ANG  
Craig Hollis, USAF  
John Okon, USN  
Jessica Stephens, USN  
Matt Stephens, USN

Mark Okon, USN  
Laurin Okon, USN  
Harold Eddy, USA  
Francisco Rodriguez, USMC  
Duffy Towey, USCG  
Joey Gable, USAF  
Amy Williams, USN  
Phillip West, USA  
Bradley Hallmark, USAF  
Matthew Russell, USMC  
Aaron Torczynski, USAF  
Austin C. Daniel, USN

## *Readings for February 21*

Reading 1: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Reading 2: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

## Faith Direct

*Fast. Pray. Give up your envelopes!*

We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Prince of Peace with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! You can quickly sign-up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: AL611, or by mailing an enrollment form available in the parish office.

## Financial Stewardship

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

### Financial Stewardship for February 6 & 7:

Building Fund	\$ 23,137.53
Offertory	\$ 18,197.00
One Voice	\$ 17.00
Weekend Backpack Program	\$ 725.00

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance with the parish. A marriage preparation class is required.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All families and individuals are welcome. Registration forms are in the church lobby at the welcome desk or in the church office. Please inform the church office of address changes.

# Formation

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious instruction is offered for 3 year olds - adults. Please contact [formation@popcatholic.org](mailto:formation@popcatholic.org).

### Weekly Events

Childcare services are available at the POP Nursery during Sunday morning programs and Wednesday night RCIA.

#### Sundays

**Waking up Catholic** - 9:45 am - St. Monica

**Scripture in "Action"** - 9:45 am - St. Elizabeth

*Topic: Lent to the Passion of our Lord*

#### Tuesdays

**Weekday Faith Study** - 9:30 am - St. Monica

*Topic: The Geography of Mark*

**Women of Worship** - 9:30 am - St. Jude

*Topic: Revelation: The Kingdom Left to Come*

#### Wednesdays

**Bible Study with Fr. Holloway** - 6:15 pm - Chapel

*Topic: Study of John*

**RCIA** - 6:30 pm - St. Jude

*Topic: Happy are We: The Teachings of Jesus*

### **Adult Confirmation Program**

During the six Sundays of Lent, beginning February 14, Prince of Peace Parish will offer an adult formation series, *Waking Up Catholic*. This program is intended for people who have been baptized but never confirmed as Catholics, those who have been away from the Church, and anyone wanting to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. Sessions will meet in St. Monica from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

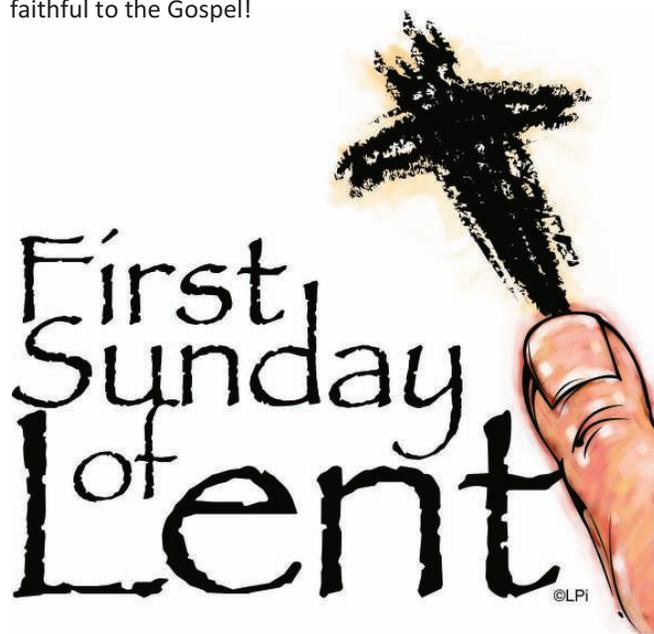
Participants may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil service on March 26. The series is based on the excellent book, *Waking Up Catholic*, by Chad Torgerson. Contact Mike Brown at [mike.brown@popcatholic.org](mailto:mike.brown@popcatholic.org) or 205.822.9125 x 14 for more information. All are Welcome!

### **1st Sunday of Lent**

There are some people who can look at an old house, or an empty room and see all the possibilities, exactly what it will look like before a single thing is done. In their mind's eye, they picture a home, with walls fixed and painted, wood-work stained, repairs made and carpet installed. Foreseeing the final outcome is an extraordinary gift that guides the work of making things new again.

Believers have an advantage as they observe their Lenten practices. They know the outcome, they see the final result, and in their mind's eye are witnesses to the resurrection, even as they fast, sacrifice and pray. The final victory of Jesus on Easter morning is what defines Lent, guiding the faithful's penance and preparation. We are given an extraordinary gift that allows us to make room for Christ in our hearts and minds and souls.

Don't be stingy, or fearful, or hesitant. Like the renewal of an old home, the best renovations cut deep, removing all that is useless and decayed, and replacing it with good and sound material. The pain and difficulty of sacrifice makes room for grace, helping us to achieve the vision and foresight of Ash Wednesday: turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!



# Formation

## Religious Education - "From Ashes to Easter - Part 1 of 2"

Jesus' "Lent" in the desert was the beginning of a journey that led through the pathways of Galilee to Jerusalem and his suffering, death, and triumphant resurrection. Our Ash Wednesday is the beginning of just such a journey. That cross of ashes is the starting line of a journey to Easter.

The outset of that journey always seems to include the question, "What are you doing for Lent this year?" The question is most often answered with some specific practice. "I am saying the Rosary every day." "I am reading the Bible for 15 minutes every day." "I am going to weekday Mass at least once a week."

Sometimes Lenten activities sound more like resolutions at a self-improvement seminar. "I am going to lose 20 pounds." "I am going to exercise every day." "I am cutting down on sweets." Although fasting and abstinence have always been essential to Lent, the purpose of such practices is not to produce a slimmer me or to help me embrace a healthier lifestyle.

No, indeed, the purpose of Lenten penance is to open me up to the Word of God, to the world around me, to the needs of others, to my own mortality, and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in me. The call to Lenten penance is a call to conversion – to a change of heart. It is that change of heart that best prepares me to celebrate the Easter mysteries. This shared season of repentance also points out that I am part of a family of faith. I am not a lone wolf. I have many companions on my journey to Easter. (*Catechist, Cullen Schippe*)

**Please continue to keep the children, their families and teachers in your prayers  
as they continue the Faith Formation of our parish children.**

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday School (K3 - GR12):** Classes - February 21 & 28. No class February 14 (President's Day)

**First Eucharist Class:** February 28 - Parent and Children Retreat, 3:00 - 7:00 pm.

**Confirmation Class:** February 21 - Parent Meeting, 9:35 am, Day Chapel.

Registration for Sunday School is on-going. Contact Megan Everett for more information at [megan.everett@popcatholic.org](mailto:megan.everett@popcatholic.org).

## Observing Lent in the Jubilee Year of Mercy

In his 2016 message for Lent, Pope Francis calls on Catholics to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. "Lent is a time of conversion and a time to deepen one's faith and sharing it with others," he wrote. Particularly during this Year of Mercy, we are called to communicate God's love and mercy through words and deeds. The Church gives us the blueprint to follow in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

**Feed the hungry.**

**Shelter the homeless.**

**Clothe the naked.**

**Visit the sick and imprisoned.**

**Give alms to the poor.**

**Bury the dead.**

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

**Instruct the ignorant.**

**Advise the sinner.**

**Console the doubtful.**

**Comfort the sorrowful.**

**Forgive all injuries.**

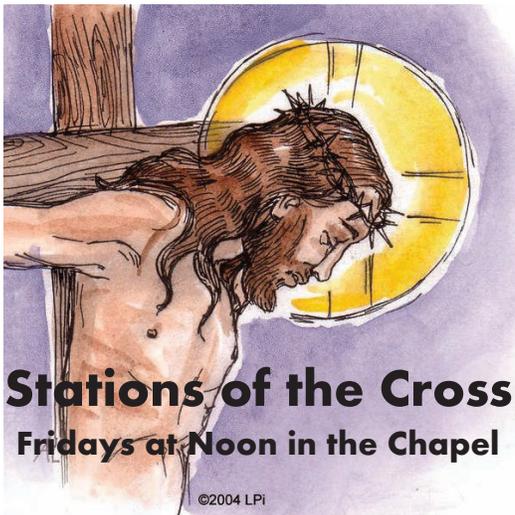
**Bear wrongs with patience.**

Prince of Peace Parish offers us many opportunities to practice the works of mercy during Lent and throughout the year. The *Habitat for Humanity* project will provide a home for a deserving family. The *Weekenders* program will help provide blankets and food for students in at-risk families. *Eucharistic ministers* visit sick and infirm parish members and feed their souls with

the Body of Christ. The *Caring Needles* ministry provides shawls, blankets, and caps for people with serious illness. Those attending Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus* forum and reading his thoughtful book will gain a deeper awareness of the faith that can be shared with others. People who support *Catholic Charities* help those in need locally and in troubled areas round the world.

**"The works of mercy are a vary simple, concrete, direct, active, daily, easy, accessible-to-all way of living the Jubilee of Mercy," Pope Francis said. What better approach to preparing to observe Christ's redemptive act of dying for us and achieving triumph through his resurrection!**

# Parish Events



## Stations of the Cross Fridays at Noon in the Chapel

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## Breast Cancer Survivors

We meet on the **third** Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 pm, in the St. Elizabeth Room. If you have any questions, please call Bette Graffeo at 205.822.9125.



## Seniors Lunch

The Seniors Lunch will be held Tuesday, February 16. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and bingo at 11:30 am in Deasy Hall. Cost is \$6 per person. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 205.822.9125.

## Safety Corner

It's Tornado Season! Remember: If severe weather is headed in the direction of Prince of Peace, the safety coordinator will announce a **"Code Green."** Parishioners should calmly follow the safety leaders, wearing orange vests, to our weather safety zones marked with a **green dot**. We will stay there until we receive an official "All Clear."

## Stewardship:

### Parishioner's Answering God's Call

A parishioner, mother of twins, learned that there were needs in the parish for 2 other families. She donated her baby preemie clothing to a mom with a preemie baby, and donated her twin stroller and baby beds to a mom expecting twins. Christian kindness...

*Please submit your stewardship story examples to*

*[cathy.yarbrough@popcatholic.org](mailto:cathy.yarbrough@popcatholic.org).*

*They may be edited for space consideration.*



## High School Youth

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Sundays 6:00 - 8:00 pm



### Movie Night! Sunday, February 21.

Please contact Tom or Maria Kilgro with any questions at [popyouth@popcatholic.org](mailto:popyouth@popcatholic.org).

## Middle School Youth

Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Drop off at Deasy Hall at 5:30 pm for dinner. If you can't make dinner, join us in the school cafeteria at 6:00 pm for activities. Pick-up is at 7:30 pm in the school parking lot. Contact Corey Kappler with any questions at 205.789.7957 or email [coreykappler@gmail.com](mailto:coreykappler@gmail.com).

# Parish Events

## K of C Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, February 15, at 6:30 pm in St. Jude. We will have a speaker from Well House who will talk about human trafficking in the U.S. and how we can help.

## MOMS Group

Join us Friday, February 19, as we begin our book study: *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. All moms are welcome! For more information, contact Isabelle Silko at 205.821.1390 or email [isabelleparker2001@yahoo.com](mailto:isabelleparker2001@yahoo.com).

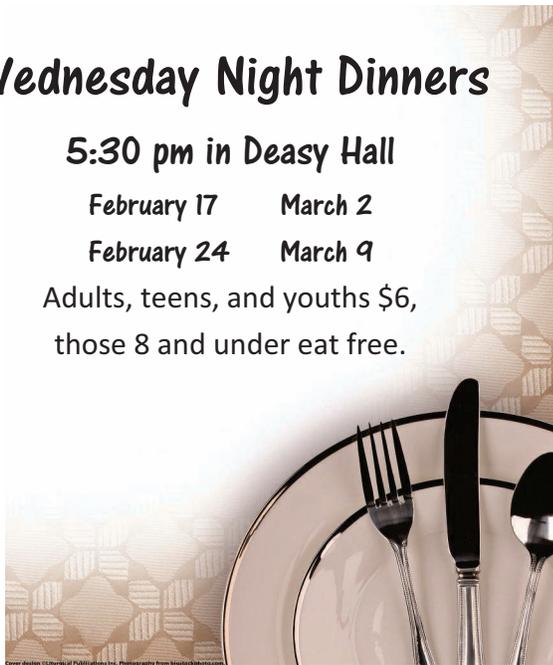
## Wednesday Night Dinners

5:30 pm in Deasy Hall

February 17      March 2

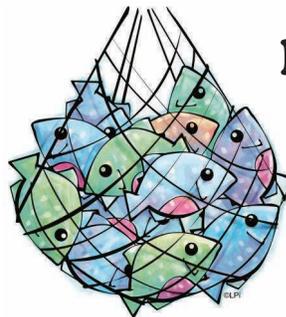
February 24      March 9

Adults, teens, and youths \$6,  
those 8 and under eat free.



## New Bulletin Guidelines

All submissions need to be dropped off in the church office or emailed to [bulletin@popcatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@popcatholic.org) no later than nine business days before the weekend of the requested print date. (Example: For the February 27/28 bulletin, submissions are due by the evening of February 16.) All entries will be reviewed and edited as deemed necessary.



## K of C Fish Fry & Bingo

Friday, February 26  
at 6:00 pm - Deasy Hall

## Covenant of Love: Date Night

You're Invited! Covenant of Love: Date Night is a marriage ministry that allows couples to reconnect and refocus on what's important, as well as imparts practical wisdom to become the husband and wife God desires them to be. The next Date Night is:

Friday February 19th, 2016

6:30 - 8:30 pm in Deasy Hall

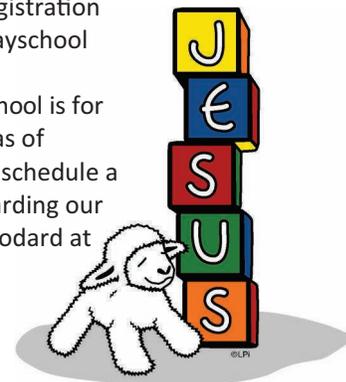
Eat. Drink. Talk.

Register by February 17

Nursery provided. Please visit [popdatenight.myevent.com](http://popdatenight.myevent.com) to register and get more information or contact [popdatenight@gmail.com](mailto:popdatenight@gmail.com).

## Adventure Ark Playschool

Registration is currently open. Registration forms may be picked up at the Playschool Office or downloaded from [www.popcatholic.org](http://www.popcatholic.org). The Playschool is for children ages 6 months - 2 years as of September 1. If you would like to schedule a tour or if you have questions regarding our program, please contact Kara Woodard at 205.822.9125 x 15.



## Nursery

The church nursery is available for children ages 6 months through 2 years of age during the 8:30 and 11:00 am Masses. If you have never visited our nursery, you are welcome to come down for a tour!

# Service

## Ministry to the Sick: Volunteers Needed

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states the priority with which Jesus held the care of the sick and dying as a component of his ministry and life: Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that 'God has visited his people' (Luke 7:16).

If you feel a calling to be a Minister to the sick and deliver the Eucharist to those who cannot come to be fed, now is the time to answer this call to action. For more information e-mail, [outreach@popcatholic.org](mailto:outreach@popcatholic.org) or call Stacey Fitch 205.822.9125 x 43.



## Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

The Catholic Center of Concern is regularly in short supply of peanut butter and jelly. Please donate these as

often as you can to the two large boxes in the gathering space. Contact Lenny Frisaro at 205.824.8952 with questions.



## Casting Lots for the Seamless Garment (John 19:23-24)

### "The Seamless Garment Defined"

*When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, **but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.** So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled (that says): "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots."*

The seamless garment is a prominent but puzzling symbol in John's Gospel. The soldiers cast lots for this garment so they would not have to tear it since **"the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top"** (John 19:23). This seamless garment seems to be a symbol of unity or oneness, the unity that Jesus brought and calls us to live out. The late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin used the seamless garment as an image for a unified or consistent ethic of life. This image challenges us to have a seamless respect for life from the womb to the tomb. (Fr. James Scullion, O.F.M.)

## Pope Francis Local Lenten Build



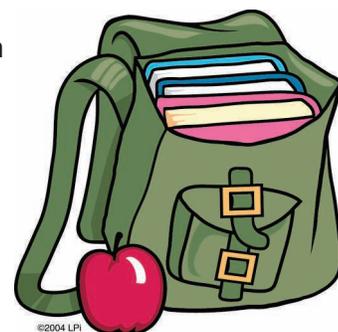
If you'd like to join with fellow parishioners to build a Pope Francis Habitat House in Pleasant Grove, please sign up at the Welcome Desk and pick up an info packet.

All volunteers must be at least age

14. The POP work days/shifts are Friday, February 19 and Saturday, March 5 from 7:30 am - Noon and 12:30 - 3:30 pm. We will carpool from POP leaving at 7:00 am both days. Contact Bruce Grasso at [begrasso@charter.net](mailto:begrasso@charter.net) or call 205.531.2892 with questions.

## WEEKENDERS

Join Prince of Peace in feeding hungry school children on weekends. Up to 200 children at Simmons Middle School are food insecure. Help the parish provide food for these children. It takes \$180 per child for a school year. Any donation is appreciated! Please make checks payable to "Prince of Peace" and note "Backpacks" on the memo line of your check.



# Ministerio Hispano

## Horarios de Oficina Ministerio Hispano 205.822.9125 x 22

**Padre José Luis Guevara**  
Lunes 10:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Martes y Jueves 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**María Elena Rathbun**  
Martes 8:30-2:30 pm  
Miércoles y Jueves 9:00-1:00 pm

## ACTIVIDADES DURANTE LA CUARESMA

### **FEBRERO 19, 26, MARZO 4, 11 y 18**

Estaciones de la Cruz 7:00 pm - Capilla

### **FEBRERO 19, MARZO 4, 11 y 18**

Comida (Sopa) 7:30 pm - St. Mónica

### **FEBRERO 26**

Comida (Pescado) 7:30 pm - St.Mónica

### **MARZO 15**

Servicio de Penitencia 6:00 pm - Iglesia

### **MARZO 20**

Misa Domingo de Ramos 1:30pm - Iglesia

### **MARZO 24**

Misa de Ultima Cena 8:00 pm - Iglesia

### **MARZO 25**

Viacrucis Viviente 7:00pm - Estacionamiento  
Pasión del Señor y Procesión 8:00 pm - Iglesia

### **MARZO 26**

Vigilia Pascual 7:00 pm - Iglesia

### **MARZO 27**

Misa de Pascua 1:30 pm - Iglesia

## Respondiendo al Llamado de Dios

Una feligrés, madre de gemelos, se enteró que había necesidades de otras dos familias en la parroquia. Ella donó su ropa de sus bebés a una mamá con un bebé prematuro y también donó sus cunas, silla de comer y coche de paseo a una mamá que espera a gemelos. Bondad cristiana...

## Formación

Son bienvenidos a registrarse para las clases Educación Religiosa. Por favor registrarse los domingos en la oficina de Educación Religiosa con Megan Everett o Laura Martínez. Se impartiran clases:

**Febrero 21** - Reunión de Padres Confirmación 12 pm - Capilla

**Febrero 28**

**Marzo 6** - Reunión de Padres (1 año) 1ra Comunión 12 pm - Capilla

**Marzo 13**

**Marzo 20** - Reunión de Padres (2do año) 1ra Comunión 12 pm - Capilla

**Marzo 27** - No Clases Pascuas

**Abril 3** - No clases Spring Break

**Abril 10, 17 y 24** (Retiro para Confirmación Abril 10, 11 am—6 pm)

## Grupo de Jóvenes de Secundaria

Todos nuestros jóvenes entre 6to-8vo grado  
son Bienvenidos al

grupo los **miércoles de 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Para más información llamar a la oficina.

## Grupo de Jóvenes de Preparatoria

Todos nuestros jóvenes son Bienvenidos al  
grupo los **miércoles de 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Y domingos 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Para más información llamar a la oficina.

## ¡TENDREMOS UN NUEVO BOLETÍN!

*¡El 14 de febrero estará disponible el nuevo boletín con los nuevos anuncios de negocios o propagandas! Para más información llamar a la oficina 205.822.9125 ext. 22. Para los que quieran comunicarse en Inglés pueden llamar a la representante de LPI Jenny Lusk al 913.205.6387 o escribirle al email: [jlusk@4LPi.com](mailto:jlusk@4LPi.com).*

**NOTA CON RESPECTO AL BOLETIN: La fecha de plazo es de 9 días para poner anuncios o eventos en el boletín de la Iglesia.**

# Ministerio Hispano

## ¡AVISO DE SEGURIDAD!

### CÓDIGO VERDE: ADVERTENCIA DE TORNADO

Recuerde: Si hay tormentas en dirección a Príncipe de Paz, el Coordinador de Seguridad anunciará "Código Verde". Siga a los líderes de seguridad con los chalecos anaranjados y calmadamente busque un lugar seguro con señales de círculo verde (Baños). Siéntese, cubra su cabeza hasta que escuche que todo está bien.

## Plaza Comunitaria

Es un programa de educación para adultos desarrollado por el gobierno Mexicano. ¡Los horarios son flexibles! Se ofrecerán cursos de Alfabetización, Primaria y Secundaria. Al finalizar el programa, usted recibirá un certificado de la Secretaría de Educación Mexicana.

Donde: 92 Oxmoor Rd. Homewood, AL 35209.

Requisitos: Acta de Nacimiento, Dos fotos tamaño pasaporte, Pasaporte Vigente, CURP (para Mexicanos) o cédula (para otros países) y Certificado de Primaria si lo tiene. Para más información contactar a: [lacasitahcss@gmail.com](mailto:lacasitahcss@gmail.com)  
Hmna. Martha Elena 205.987.4771

## Catequesis para el Jubileo: "La Familia, Centro de Amor y Misericordia"

El 8 de diciembre de 2015, el Papa Francisco, abrió la Puerta Santa en la Basílica de San Pedro, en el quincuagésimo aniversario de la conclusión del Concilio Ecuménico Vaticano II, dando apertura al Año Extraordinario de la Misericordia. Jubileo que concluirá el 20 de noviembre de 2016, en la solemnidad litúrgica de Jesucristo Rey del Universo; tiempo propicio para que la Iglesia haga más fuerte y eficaz el testimonio de los creyentes.

"Misericordia: es la ley fundamental que habita en el corazón de cada persona cuando mira con ojos sinceros al hermano que encuentra en el camino de la vida", fueron las palabras que el Santo Padre utilizó en la Bula de convocatoria del 11 de abril en Roma, para ilustrar el tema central del jubileo, a la luz de la Palabra del Señor: «Sed misericordiosos como el Padre» (cf. Lc 6, 36). Presentamos un ciclo de doce Catequesis, bajo el tema: "La Familia, Centro de Amor y Misericordia". Los invitamos a la Comunidad Hispana, en sus hogares y parroquias, para que realicen a través de la formación doctrinal y la acción pastoral, obras concretas de misericordia durante este año jubilar. Podrá adquirir esta catequesis en nuestra página web:

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### "De cenizas a Pascuas – parte 1 de 2"

Jesús "Cuaresma" en el desierto fue el comienzo de un viaje que llevó a través de los caminos de Galilea a Jerusalén y su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección triunfante. El Miércoles de Ceniza es el comienzo de ese viaje. La Cruz de cenizas es la línea de partida de un viaje para Semana Santa.

El principio de ese viaje siempre parece incluir la pregunta, "¿Qué haces durante la Cuaresma este año?" La pregunta es contestada más a menudo con alguna práctica específica. "Estoy rezando el Rosario todos los días." "Estoy leyendo la Biblia durante 15 minutos todos los días." "Voy a durante la semana misa al menos una vez por semana."

Las actividades cuaresmales a veces parecen más como resoluciones de un seminario de superación personal. "Voy a perder 20 libras". "Voy a hacer ejercicio todos los días". "Yo voy a dejar los dulces." Aunque el ayuno y la abstinencia siempre han sido esenciales para la Cuaresma, el propósito de estas prácticas no es me adelgazar o que me ayude a abrazar una vida más sana.

No, de hecho, el propósito de la Penitencia Cuaresmal es abrirme a la palabra de Dios, al mundo a mi alrededor, a las necesidades de los demás, a mi propia mortalidad y para permitir que el Espíritu Santo trabaje en mí. La llamada a la Penitencia de Cuaresma es una llamada a la conversión, a un cambio de corazón. Es ese cambio de corazón que mejor prepara a celebrar los misterios de Pascua. Este tiempo compartido de arrepentimiento también señala que soy parte de una familia de la fe. Yo no soy un lobo solitario. Tengo muchos compañeros en mi viaje de semana Santa. (Catequista, Schippe Cullen)

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