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**MASS SCHEDULE  
HORARIO DE MISAS**

**Saturday/Sábado**  
5:00 pm English

**Sunday/Domingo**  
10:00 am English  
12:30 pm Español

**Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves**  
8:15 am English

**First Friday/Primer Viernes**  
10:00 am English

**CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:**  
**Saturday/Sábado**  
4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/  
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**  
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).  
*Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).*

**BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS**  
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA  
LAS MISAS**  
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN**  
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. *La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:  
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm  
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:  
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**  
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

**EMAUS:** Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

*Welcome to the Catholic Community of*

**FOUNDED  
1892**

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**

**DIocese of  
SPRINGFIELD  
-CAPE  
GIRARDEAU**

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

**Digital bulletins available at [www.stlawrencemonett.com](http://www.stlawrencemonett.com)**

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-3:00pm

**Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.**

**Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial**

“We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area.”

“Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área”.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Join us for the next *Theology on Tap* at Briar House on Thursday, March 12 at 6pm. See more about the event on our Facebook page!

**Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Mark your calendar for our next meeting on March 2. We will be making plans for the Salad Luncheon that is scheduled for April 22.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Due to weather concerns, we will not have first Friday adoration during the months of March and April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

**DONOR CONTRIBUTION LETTERS**

Printed donor letters for contributions over \$250 can be found in the back of church. These are in alphabetic order by last name. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**February 15, 2026**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$2,819.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,906.67
Central & Eastern Europe	\$771.00
Children’s Collection	\$58.00
Votive Candles	\$29.00
Mass Offerings	\$150.00
School Support	\$40.00
Outreach	\$155.00
Maintenance Fund	\$571.00
Religious Store	\$18.00
Stole Fees	\$100.00
The Mirror	\$128.00
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Total	\$6,745.67

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

We are working to prepare the other content needed for the directory, including current parishioners. A printed list will be at the back of church for you to check your contact information. If you aren't listed, or your data is incorrect, please fill out a registration form and drop it in the collection. You can also call or come by the office.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Our 4 day school week began with a visit from Bishop Rice! Tuesday morning he was with us for mass as he conducts the school visits he does every 3 years. I want to thank our students for their focused participation in mass. Our students sing very well together which lifts our hearts during mass.

Mardi Gras continued with the usual festivities—our king and queen from last year (Isaac Saunders and Grace Shaw) lead the students to our cupcake reception and masquerade parade. After a dance party, our new king and queen (Kipton Doty and Brailey White) were crowned! Check out the pictures on Facebook!

Tuesday evening was the Home and School sponsored Pancake Supper. I am deeply grateful to our event chairpersons and the volunteers that came out to cook, set up, flip pancakes, wash dishes and serve drinks. The school benefitted so much from everyone’s generosity. Our 50/50 raffle winner donated their portion to the school! These events always remind me of how God inspires the generosity that leads to growth. This is His work, after all!

A thank you to Jim Haston for coming to the school to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday. We will be growing closer to God as we “repent and believe in the gospel.” Students will be praying the stations of the cross after lunch on Fridays during lent.

Mo Scholars applications need to be finalized and submitted as soon as possible! Thank you for your attention to this, it is a huge mutual benefit for students and for the school. Please contact us if you want more information!

**PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PSR fees need to be paid as soon as possible!**

Please join us in prayer for those preparing for their upcoming sacraments:

- **First Holy Communion:** Saturday, April 11th. This special day also falls on the Memorial of St. Stanislaus, a powerful example of courage and devotion to the Eucharistic.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Wednesday, May 13th. This celebration occurs on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, reminding our confirmandi of the call to prayer and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim Haston, Director of Religious Education  
Deacon Candidate

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**The Gathering**

Registration for The Gathering is open! If you minister with youth in 7th-12 grades, this “gathering” is for you! **The Gathering will be held February 27-28** at the Landing, Van Buren, MO

**The 2026 Missouri Catholic Summit**

The Diocese of Jefferson City is inviting young adults Catholics (18-25 years old) to attend the Missouri Catholic Summit (MCS) on **February 28**. Registrants can purchase coffee and t-shirts at the summit, but registration for this event is 100% free (including lunch and dinner ). Any young adults interested in this opportunity to celebrate the Catholic faith with their peers in Missouri are encouraged to learn more about the Missouri Catholic Summit and register at the official webpage: <https://diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/>

**Chrism Mass**

**Tuesday, March 31 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield** \*updated location due to the construction at St. Agnes Cathedral\*

**Bishop Rice’s February Prayer Intention**

May the Season of Lent be a time of reflection and spiritual renewal throughout the diocese.

**Let’s Celebrate: Bishop Leibrecht’s 70th Priesthood Anniversary**

Bishop Emeritus John Leibrecht will celebrate his 70th Anniversary of his priesthood ordination on March 17, 2026! Two celebrations are planned to honor Bishop Leibrecht on this joyous occasion: St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau at 7pm, on Tues., March 17, 2026, reception following, and in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Springfield, 7pm on Wed., March 25, 2026, reception following. Please encourage parishioners to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving in your area as we honor Bishop Leibrecht in his 70 years as a priest.

**Eucharistic Reflection**

During this Eucharistic Revival, Fr. David Coon offers the following quote for reflection on the Eucharist: **“God is everywhere...but not in the same way. He is present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—in the Blessed Sacrament. We consume the Eucharist; and we seek to pray before the Sacrament, in the same way that we prefer the physical presence of a loved on over the virtual. Christ desires us; He awaits us.”**—Fr Jerome Keller, OP

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wroblewski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt; Patty Burke; Joan McNerney. To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY**



- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.
- ◆ **Fish Fry’s**—Fish Fry’s are here. The next one is Feb. 27th. We need volunteers. PSR students can get service hours for volunteers for confirmation. For more information please contact Ed Velten at 417-235-9638 or John Velten at 417-489-4266
- ◆ **Christmas in July Bazaar**—July 18th if you are interested in having a booth or a food truck please talk to Lynda or Suzie

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

Financial Corner	Dec 2025	Dec 2024
<b>Regular Operations</b>		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 29,247.42	\$ 30,611.71
Other Income*	\$ 14,672.02	\$ 4,117.30
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 2,447.31	\$ 2,562.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 2,103.00
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 4,360.53	\$ 2,476.05
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$ 55,847.28</b>	<b>\$ 41,870.06</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operational Expenses	\$ 20,734.79	\$ 25,197.04
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 13,406.00	\$ 14,203.99
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 5,936.28	\$ 3,155.19
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 40,077.07</b>	<b>\$ 42,556.22</b>
<b>Net Income (Net Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 15,770.21</b>	<b>\$ (686.16)</b>

\*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

**ENGLISH LECTORS**

**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **February 21st.....**Nikki Pierce
- **February 28th.....**Patricia Randall
- **March 7th.....**Patricia Randall

**Sunday 10:00am**

- **February 22nd.....**Sonie Probstfield
- **March 1st.....**Emma Outhouse
- **March 8th.....**Youth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **February 21st—**Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **February 28th—**Jim Haston Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski
- **March 7th—**Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

**Sunday 10:00am**

- **February 22nd—**Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten, Suzie/Tim Curry
- **March 1st—**Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell
- **March 8th—**Youth

**SERVERS 10AM MASS**

- **February 22nd—**Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos
- **March 1st—**Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra
- **March 8th—**Youth

**February 22, 2026**

**1st Read:** Genesis 2:7-9; **Psalm:** Psalm 57:3-6,12-13,17; **2nd Read:** Romans 5:12-19; **Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

**February 23, 2026**

**1st Read:** Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; **Psalm:** Psalm 19:8-10,15; **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**February 24, 2026**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 55:10-11; **Psalm:** Psalm 34:4-7,16-19; **Gospel:** Matthew 6:7-15

**February 25, 2026**

**1st Read:** Jonah 3:1-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; **Gospel:** Luke 11:29-32

**February 26, 2026**

**1st Read:** Esther C:12,14-16,23-25; **Psalm:** Psalm 138:1-3,7-8; **Gospel:** Matthew 7:7-12

**February 27, 2026**

**1st Read:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; **Psalm:** Psalm 130:1-8; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:20-26

**February 28, 2026**

**1st Read:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; **Psalm:** Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:43-48

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/  
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST: ST. PETER DAMIAN**

4:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Betty Prier  
5:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Chili Dinner  
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass +Omar Mijares, Simona Salas, Fidel Ayala, Maria Ines Cecenas, Juan Salas y Fermin Salas

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Charles LaGarce  
11:00 am PSR  
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD: ST. POLYCARP**

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Ralph Schmidt by the Randall families  
6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)  
7:00 pm OCIA

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

8:00am Mass - Verona  
6:30 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm PSR

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Maria Barrientos

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH: ABSTINENCE**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement  
5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

4:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Al Fiffe & Healing for Vincent  
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Jim Ceselski  
11:00 am PSR  
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass  
6:00 pm Knight of Columbus Meeting-basement  
6:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting-basement

## NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

Nuestra semana escolar de 4 días comenzó con la visita del Obispo Rice. El martes por la mañana estuvo con nosotros en la misa, ya que realiza las visitas escolares que realiza cada 3 años. Quiero agradecer a nuestros estudiantes por su participación tan dedicada en la misa. Nuestros estudiantes cantan muy bien juntos, lo que nos alegra el día.

El Carnaval continuó con las festividades habituales. Nuestros reyes del año pasado (Isaac Saunders y Grace Shaw) guiaron a los estudiantes a la recepción de pastelitos y al desfile de máscaras. Después de un baile, ¡nuestros nuevos reyes (Kipton Doty y Brailey White) fueron coronados! ¡No se pierdan las fotos en Facebook!

El martes por la noche se celebró la Cena de Panqueques, patrocinada por Hogar y Escuela. Estoy profundamente agradecido con los coordinadores del evento y los voluntarios que vinieron a cocinar, preparar, voltear los panqueques, lavar los platos y servir las bebidas. La escuela se benefició enormemente de la generosidad de todos. ¡Nuestro ganador de la rifa 50/50 donó su parte a la escuela! Estos eventos siempre me recuerdan como Dios inspira la generosidad que conduce al crecimiento. ¡Después de todo, esta es su obra!

Agradecemos a Jim Haston por venir a la escuela a distribuir la ceniza el Miércoles de Ceniza. Nos acercaremos más a Dios al arrepentirnos y creer en el evangelio. Los estudiantes rezarán el Via Crucis después del almuerzo los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

## ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Debido a las condiciones climáticas, no tendremos la adoración del primer viernes durante los meses de marzo y abril de 2026. Habrá misa, pero no habrá adoración posterior.

### 22 de Febrero de 2026

**Primera:** Génesis 2:7-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 50:3-6, 12-14, 17; **Segunda:** Romanos 5:12-19; **Evangelio:** Mateo 4:1-11

### 23 de Febrero de 2026

**Primera:** Levítico 19:1-2, 11-18; **Salmo:** Salmo 18:8-10, 15; **Evangelio:** Mateo 25:31-46

### 24 de Febrero de 2026

**Primera:** Isaías 55:10-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 33:4-7, 16-19; **Evangelio:** Mateo 6:7-15

### 25 de Febrero de 2026

## ANUNCIOS DE PSR

¡Las cuotas del programa de educación religiosa (PSR) deben pagarse lo antes posible! Estimados feligreses: ¡Paz y bendiciones para todos! Mientras continuamos este año litúrgico, quiero compartirles algunas noticias maravillosas sobre nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa Parroquial (PSR). Nuestra comunidad cuenta actualmente con aproximadamente 120 estudiantes que profundizan su relación con Cristo y aprenden la belleza de nuestra fe católica. Estoy increíblemente orgulloso de estos estudiantes por su dedicación y curiosidad. También quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a nuestros catequistas voluntarios. Su compromiso desinteresado de compartir el Evangelio es el Corazón de nuestro programa, y somos verdaderamente afortunados de contar con mentores tan fieles para nuestros jóvenes. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en oración por quienes se preparan para recibir sus próximos sacramentos: **Primera comunión:** Sábado 11 de abril. Este día especial coincide con la conmemoración de San Estanislao, un poderoso ejemplo de Valentía y devoción a la Eucaristía. **Sacramento de la Confirmación:** miércoles 13 de mayo. Esta celebración tiene lugar en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Fatima, recordando a nuestros confirmados el llamado a la oración y la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre. Gracias por su continuo apoyo y por ser un hogar para estas familias mientras educan a la próxima generación de santos.

## DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Estamos trabajando para preparar el resto del contenido necesario para el directorio, incluyendo la información de los feligreses actuales. En la parte trasera de la iglesia encontrarán una lista impresa para que verifiquen sus datos de contacto. Si no aparecen en la lista o su información es incorrecta, por favor, completen un formulario de registro y depositenlo en la colecta. También pueden llamar o visitar la oficina parroquial.

**Primera:** Jonas 3:1-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 50:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; **Evangelio:** Lucas 11:29-32

### 26 de Febrero de 2026

**Primera:** Ester 4:17; **Salmo:** Salmo 137:1-3, 7-8; **Evangelio:** Mateo 7:7-12

### 27 de Febrero de 2026

**Primera:** Ezequiel 18:21-28; **Salmo:** Salmo 129:1-8; **Evangelio:** Mateo 5:20-26

### 28 de Febrero de 2026

**Primera:** Deuteronomio 26:16-19; **Salmo:** Salmo 118:1-8; **Evangelio:** Mateo 5:43-48

# What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.

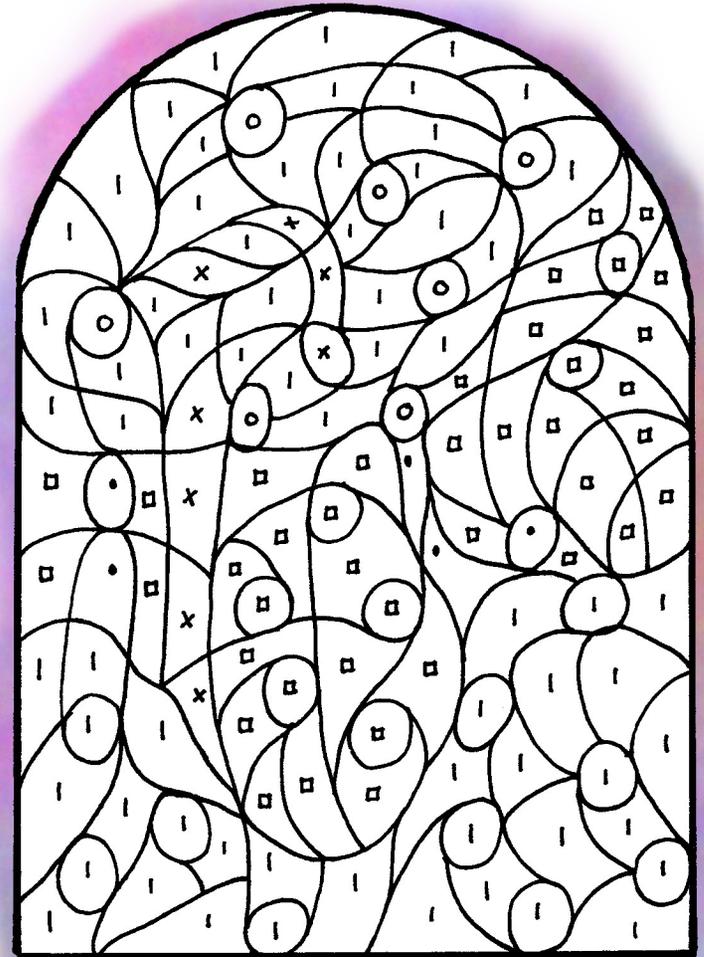


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# The Kids' Bulletin

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 22nd, 2026**

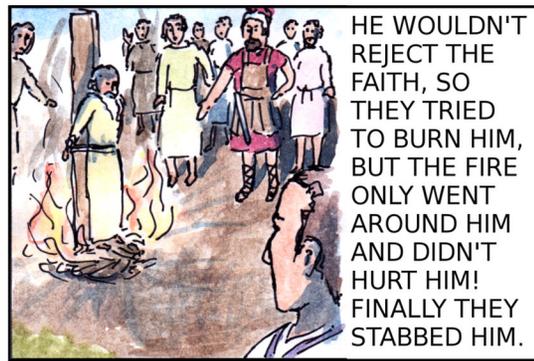
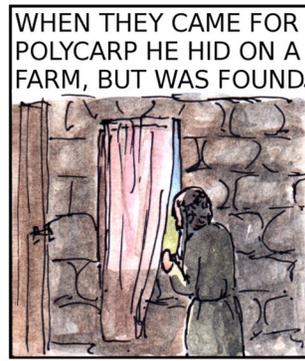
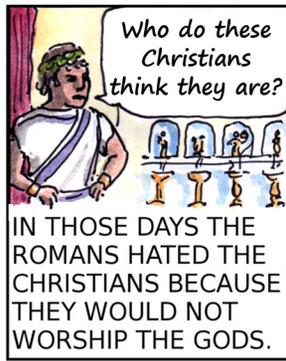
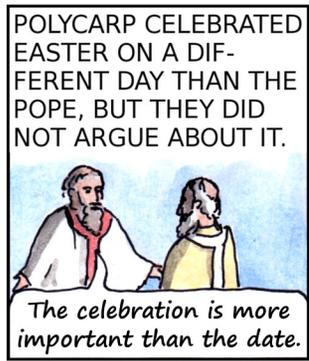
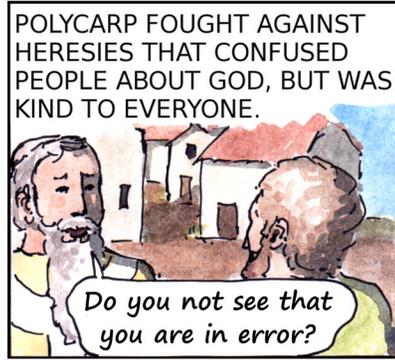
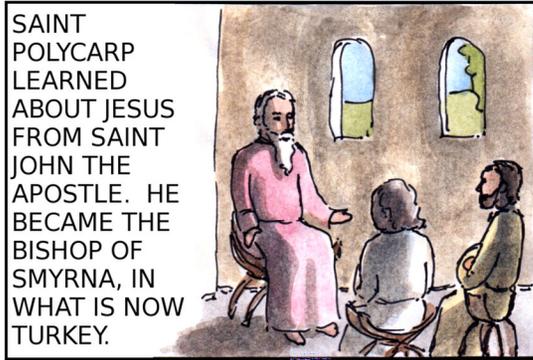
*Today's first reading tells us about sin. Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.*



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- brown
- red
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# Saint Polycarp

## February 23



SAINT POLYCARP HELD ONTO HIS FAITH EVEN WHEN HE WAS VERY OLD. HE WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE UP ON JESUS WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH TORTURE. MOST OF US WON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN KEEPING OUR FAITH AND GETTING KILLED, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO BE BRAVE TO STAY TRUE TO JESUS IN THE WORLD.

# Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert?  
See if you can sort the order of these pictures.  
Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.

