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A Pontifical Mission Society in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Founded in 1843, the Missionary Childhood Association (formerly Holy Childhood Association) is an international organization whose membership is made up of students in Catholic elementary schools and religious education programs. It is an organization dedicated to fostering children's awareness of the missionary nature of the Church.

For more information



The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) program in the Mission Office exists to be of service to schools and religious education programs in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Lent is a forty-day journey that we make to prepare us for the glory of Easter. We are called to reflect and remember the events that led to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this liturgical season we are called to live by the three pillars of Lent: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting— It is a way of freeing ourselves from all those things that weigh us down. Giving us a chance to make space for God in our lives.

Prayer— Gives us a chance to speak with God as his beloved children.

Almsgiving—Gives us a chance to show our concern and love for the poor. Pope Francis said "In our charity, we may speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters."

During this season we might focus a lot on the things we cannot do. Try instead to focus on the things that we can do to get closer to God. Such as praying, doing good deeds and forgiving others.

Use the space below to draw a picture for Easter Sunday or write a scripture passage that reminds you of the love of God for us.

March 31

Easter Sunday

Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

MCA Lent Calendar 2024

February 18

"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant." Ps 25:10

God loves us and wants us to care for one another. This season of Lent try one habit you might want to change to be more caring towards others.

February 19

"Faith grows when it is lived and shaped with love" - Pope Francis

When we model our faith to others it grows. Spend some time today helping a sibling or cousin learn their prayers.

February 20

If in your church you have Catechumens preparing to receive their sacraments on the Easter Vigil, make a card for them to give on that very special day in which they will be welcomed into the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14

Wear the ashes you receive today proudly as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ.

Dear Lord, today on the first day of Lent, we come to you with humble hearts asking that you forgive us. Give us the wisdom to change for the better and help make this a better world and to care for one another.

February 15

This week put in your mite box what you might have spent buying candy, soda or ice cream to donate to children like you in the missions. Pray an Our Father for all children.

February 16

Every Friday of Lent we are called to fast. We can fast from many things, not just food.

Think of one habit you would like to change to spend more time with God in prayer?

February 17

Take note of how the church is decorated during the season of Lent.

What is the color that is most used during this season?

February 25

God called to Abraham, and he replied "Here I am." Gn 22:1

Abraham was put to the test, to see if he would follow the will of God. This Lenten season ask God to give you the wisdom to know when he is calling you and strength to say "Here I am."

February 26

Begin your day and week with prayer. Pray a Hail Mary and an Our Father for your family.

February 27

It's the feast day of Fr. Gregory of Narek. Most known for the prayer book he wrote, his wish was to inspire people of all walks of life to pray.

Although we might not know its effect right away, prayer will help transform the world and us. Pray at least once a day.

February 28

Give someone a compliment today. You can share with them one thing you admire about them.

When we uplift others we are helping them see how loved they are.

February 29

Pray the stations of the cross with your class.

Then sit a moment in silence reflecting on the stations.

March 1

Fast from speaking against anyone that might have bothered you or who might not be very nice to you. Do your very best to think one nice thing to say about them.

March 2

Spend time with your parents, grandparents or other adults in your family. Ask them to share with you how their faith has helped them overcome a difficulty.

March 3

"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again" Cf. Jn 4: 44,15

Water renews all things. During Lent we imagine that we are in a desert. God is like water that replenishes us when we feel alone or like nothing is going right.

March 4

One of the pillars of Lent is to practice almsgiving. Let us remember to give not just because we have extra but rather because we care what happens to those who might need our help.

March 5

Offer to help a friend or a sibling with their chores. It will make the task more fun when the two of you work together.

March 6

If there is someone that you dislike pray for them. Asking God to help you see the good in them as your brother or sister in Christ.

March 7

Today is the feast day of St. Perpetua & Felicitas. They are patron saints of mothers.

Put \$1 in your mite box to help mothers in poor countries who don't have enough to feed their children.

March 8

In the evening, do not spend time with electronics. Instead, ask if you could spend some time with your parents and siblings. Playing a board game or doing something else as a family.

March 9

Have you been able to change a habit that you thought kept you away from spending more time with God in prayer.

March 10

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Think how you can put the needs of others before your own as Mary, the mother of God, did.

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March 16

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Share with your family something you learned about Lent.

March 17

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Ps 51:12

When we are friends with Jesus our hearts and spirits are renewed. As we approach the end of Lent, have there been any changes in you?

March 18

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun." -St. Josemaria Escriva

If you find it hard to pray. Give it a try today!

March 19

Today is the feast day of St. Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin Mary. He is the patron saint of the universal church and fathers. He showed faith, courage and trust in God.

Imitate him by having faith and trust in God, our Lord. Especially if you are going through a difficult moment.

March 20

"How wonderful it would be if, at the end of each day, each of us could say: today I have preformed an act of charity towards others!" - Pope Francis

Put what you can into your mite box.

March 21

This is the last week of Lent. Do you feel that you have been able to let go of things that were keeping you from spending more time with God?

Any time of the year we can try and let go of those things that keep us away from God.

March 22

It's the last Friday of Lent. Do your very best to abstain from any electronics today that you might use for leisure.

Sometimes we get so caught up with electronics that we end up like zombies.

March 23

Tomorrow we begin Holy Week

We recall the events leading up to Jesus' death and His resurrection.

March 24

PALM SUNDAY

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace and heaven and glory in the highest." Lk 19: 38

Jesus is received with praise by the same people who would later shout to condemn him. How do you think his disciples felt?

March 25

Reflect on the week that we are about to live. Do you remember what it's like from other years? See if there is something you notice this year that you had never noticed before.

March 26

Jesus reveals that one of his disciples will betray him. Judas made a bad decision in betraying Jesus.

Ask God to help you to make good decisions that will help your friendship with Him grow.

March 27

Just like your parish community, all over the world Catholic churches are also celebrating the Holiest week of all.

If you have relatives in other countries, ask them how they celebrate Holy Week where they live?

March 28

HOLY THURSDAY

Jesus establishes the Eucharist at the last supper with his disciples and washes their feet.

Read about it on Jn 13: 1-15

March 29

GOOD FRIDAY

Today we remember the passion of Jesus as he died on the cross for us.

Spend 30 min in prayer for all those martyrs who have died for the faith.

March 30

HOLY SATURDAY

In the first half of the day we wait in silence as Jesus lies in the tomb.

In the evening with the lighting of the Easter Candle, we start to celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection tomorrow on Easter Sunday.

Fundada en 1843, la Asociación de la Infancia Misionera (antes conocida como Asociación de la Santa Infancia) es una organización internacional cuyos miembros son estudiantes de escuelas primarias católicas y programas de educación religiosa. Es una organización dedicada a fomentar la conciencia de los niños sobre la naturaleza misionera de la Iglesia.

El programa de la Asociación de la Infancia Misionera (MCA) en la Oficina de Misión existe para servir a las escuelas y programas de educación religiosa en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

La Cuaresma es un recorrido de cuarenta días que hacemos para prepararnos para la Gloria de la Pascua. Estamos llamados a reflexionar y recordar los eventos que llevaron a la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Durante este tiempo litúrgico estamos llamados a vivir los tres pilares de la Cuaresma: el ayuno, la oración y la caridad.

AYUNO

ORACIÓN

CARIDAD

El ayuno— Es una forma de liberarnos de todas aquellas cosas que nos agobian. Dándonos la oportunidad de hacer espacio para Dios en nuestras vidas.

Oración— Nos da la oportunidad de hablar con Dios como sus hijos amados.

La caridad— Nos da la oportunidad de mostrar nuestra preocupación y amor por los pobres. El Papa Francisco dijo: "En nuestra caridad, podemos hablar palabras de consuelo y ayudar a otros a darse cuenta de que Dios los ama como hijos e hijas".

Durante esta temporada podemos enfocarnos mucho en las cosas que no podemos hacer. Trata en cambio de enfocarte en las cosas que si podemos hacer para acercarnos a Dios. Tales como orar, hacer buenas obras y perdonar a los demás.

Usa el espacio a continuación para hacer un dibujo del Domingo de Pascua o escribir un pasaje de la biblia que te recuerde el amor de Dios por nosotros.

Marzo 31

Domingo de Pascua

¡Cristo el Señor ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

MCA Calendario de Cuaresma 2024

Febrero 18

"Amor y lealtad son todos sus caminos, para el que guarda su alianza y sus mandatos."

Dios nos ama y quiere que nos cuidemos unos a otros. En esta temporada de Cuaresma, intenta cambiar un hábito para ser más solidario con los demás.

Salmo 25:10

Febrero 19

"La fe crece cuando se vive y se plasma con amor"

- Papa Francisco

Cuando modelamos a los demás, nuestra fe crece. Dedica algo de tiempo hoy a ayudar a un hermano o a un primo a aprender sus oraciones.

Febrero 20

Si en tu iglesia tienes Catecúmenos preparándose para recibir sus sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual.

Hazles una tarjeta para regalar en ese día tan especial en el que serán bienvenidos a la iglesia.

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
Febrero 14

Lleva con orgullo las cenizas que recibes hoy como discípulo misionero de Jesucristo.

Querido Señor, hoy en el primer día de Cuaresma. Venimos a ti con corazones humildes para pedirte que nos perdones. Danos la sabiduría para cambiar para mejor y ayuda a hacer de este un mundo mejor. Ayudando a cuidarnos unos a otros

Febrero 15

Esta semana pon en tu caja de donaciones lo que podrías haber gastado comprando dulces, refrescos o helados para donarlos a niños como tú en las misiones. Ora un Padre nuestro por todos los niños.

CARIDAD

Febrero 16

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma estamos llamados a ayunar. Podemos ayunar de muchas cosas, no solo de comida.

¿Piensa en un hábito que te gustaría cambiar para pasar más tiempo con Dios en oración?

AYUNO

Febrero 17

Fíjate en cómo se adorna la iglesia durante el tiempo de Cuaresma.

¿Cuál es el color que más se utiliza durante esta temporada?

Febrero 25

Dios llamó a Abraham y él respondió, "aquí estoy." Gn 22:1

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Febrero 26

Comienza tu día y tu semana con oración. Reza un Ave María y un Padre Nuestro por tu familia.

ORACIÓN

Febrero 27

Es la fiesta de San Gregorio de Narek. Más conocido por el libro de oraciones que escribió. Su deseo era que inspirara a personas de todos los ámbitos a la oración.

La oración, aunque no sepamos su efecto de inmediato, ayudará a transformar el mundo y a nosotros. Ora por lo menos una vez al día.

Febrero 28

Hazle un elogio a alguien hoy. Puedes compartir con ellos una cosa que admiras de ellos.

Cuando elevamos a los demás, les ayudamos a ver lo amados que son.

Febrero 29

Reza el vía crucis con tu clase.

Luego siéntate un momento en silencio reflexionando sobre las estaciones.

Marzo 1

Ayuna de hablar en contra de cualquier persona que pueda haberte molestado o que no sea muy amable contigo. Haz tu mejor esfuerzo para pensar algo bueno que decir sobre ellos.

AYUNO

Marzo 2

Pasa tiempo con tus padres, abuelos u otros adultos de tu familia. Pídeles que compartan contigo cómo les ha ayudado su fe a superar una dificultad.

CARIDAD

Marzo 3

"Señor, tú eres verdaderamente el Salvador del mundo; dame agua viva, para que nunca más tenga sed" Cf. Jn 4: 44,15

El agua renueva todas las cosas. Durante la cuaresma imaginamos que estamos en un desierto. Dios es como agua que nos repone cuando nos sentimos solos o como si nada va bien.

Marzo 4

Uno de los pilares de la Cuaresma es la práctica de dar limosna. Recordemos dar no sólo porque tenemos más sino porque nos importa lo que les pase a aquellos que puedan necesitar nuestra ayuda.

CARIDAD

Marzo 5

Ofrécete a ayudar a un amigo o hermano con sus tareas domésticas. Hará que la tarea sea más divertida cuando los dos trabajen juntos.

Marzo 6

Si hay alguien que no te agrada, ora por él. Pidiéndole a Dios que te ayude a ver el bien en ellos como tu hermano o hermana en Cristo.

ORACIÓN

Marzo 7

Hoy es la fiesta de Santa Perpetua y Felicitas. Son patronos de las madres.

Pon un dólar en su caja de ácaros para ayudar a las madres de los países pobres que no tienen lo suficiente para alimentar a sus hijos.

CARIDAD

Marzo 8

Por la noche, no pases tiempo con los aparatos electrónicos. En lugar de eso, pregunta si podrías pasar algo de tiempo con tus padres y hermanos. Juega un juego de mesa o hacer algo más en familia.

AYUNO

Marzo 9

¿Has podido cambiar un hábito que pensabas que te alejaba de pasar más tiempo con Dios en oración?

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FAST

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Marzo 17

"Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón puro, renueva en mi interior un firme espíritu." Salmo 51:12

Cuando somos amigos de Jesús, nuestro corazón y nuestro espíritu se renuevan. A medida que nos acercamos al final de la Cuaresma, ¿ha habido algún cambio en usted?

Marzo 18

"¿No sabes orar? Ponte en la presencia de Dios, y tan pronto como hayas dicho: '¡Señor, no sé orar!' puedes estar seguro de que ya has comenzado!" - San Josemaría Escrivá

Si te resulta difícil rezar. ¡Intentalo hoy!

ORACIÓN

Marzo 19

Hoy es la fiesta de San José, el esposo de la Virgen María. Es el patrón de la iglesia universal y de los padres. Mostró fe, coraje y confianza en Dios.

Imítalo teniendo fe y confianza en Dios nuestro Señor. Especialmente si estás pasando por un momento difícil.

Marzo 20

¡Qué maravilloso sería si, al final de cada día, cada uno de nosotros pudiera decir: hoy he realizado un acto de caridad hacia los demás!" - Papa Francisco

Pon lo que puedas en tu caja de donaciones.

CARIDAD

Marzo 21

Esta es la última semana de Cuaresma. ¿Sientes que has podido dejar ir las cosas que te impedían pasar más tiempo con Dios?

En cualquier momento del año podemos tratar de dejar ir esas cosas que nos alejan de Dios.

Marzo 22

Es el último viernes de Cuaresma. Haz tu mejor esfuerzo para abstenerse de cualquier dispositivo electrónico que puedas usar para el ocio. A veces nos enganchamos tanto con los dispositivos electrónicos que acabamos como zombis.

AYUNO

Marzo 23

Mañana empieza la *Semana Santa*

Recordamos los acontecimientos que condujeron a la muerte de y resurrección de Jesús.

Marzo 24

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

"¡Bendito el que viene como Rey en nombre del Señor! ¡Paz en el cielo y gloria en lo más alto de los cielos!" Lc 19: 38

Jesús es recibido con alabanzas por las mismas personas que luego gritarían para condenarlo. ¿Cómo crees que se sintieron sus discípulos?

Marzo 25

Reflexionar sobre la semana que estamos por vivir. ¿Recuerdas cómo es de otros años? Fíjate si hay algo que notas este año que nunca antes habías notado.

Marzo 26

Jesús revela que uno de sus discípulos lo traicionará. Judas tomó una mala decisión al traicionar a Jesús.

Pídele a Dios que te ayude a tomar buenas decisiones que ayudarán a que crezca tu amistad con Él.

Marzo 27

Al igual que tu comunidad parroquial, la iglesia católica de todo el mundo también celebra esta semana, la más santa de todas.

Si tienes familiares en otros países pregúntales cómo celebran la Semana Santa donde viven.

Marzo 28

JUEVES SANTO

Jesús instituyó la Eucaristía en la última cena con sus discípulos y les lava los pies.

Lee sobre esto en Jn 13: 1-15

Marzo 29

VIERNES SANTO

Hoy recordamos la pasión de Jesús al morir en la cruz por nosotros.

Pasa 30 minutos en oración por todos aquellos mártires que han muerto por la fe.

AYUNO

Marzo 30

SÁBADO DE GLORIA

En la primera mitad del día esperamos en silencio mientras Jesús yace en la tumba.

Por la tarde al encender el Cirio Pascual comenzamos a celebrar la gloriosa resurrección de Jesús en Domingo de Pascua.