

## I Am!

If you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience. If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God?

Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning, yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There God said: "I am the God of your father" (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later when Moses asks for God's personal name that God's real identity was revealed. Or was it?

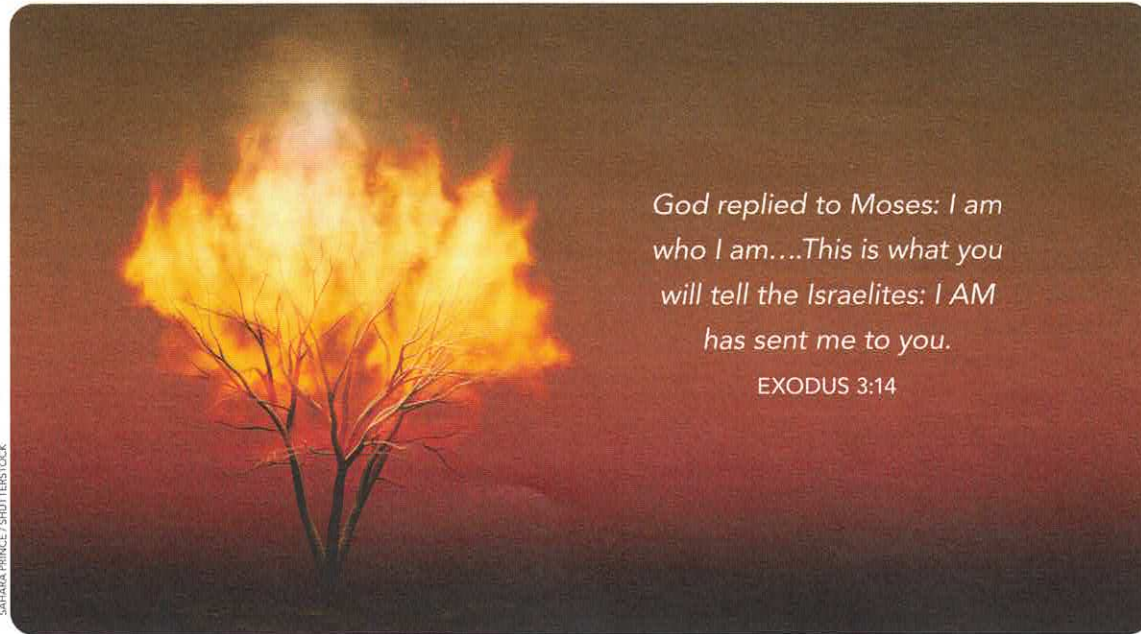
Scholars agree that the name given is some form

of the verb "to be," but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it "I am who I am," "I will be who I will be," or "I cause to be what has come to be"? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us: *This is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn't understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that "I Am."*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Reflect on this idea: profound human experiences open our minds and hearts to the experience of God.*
- ★ *Remember, this mysterious incomprehensible God cares for each of us.*



*God replied to Moses: I am who I am....This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.*

EXODUS 3:14



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## Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00AM-5:00PM  
Thurs, 8:00AM-1:00PM  
Closed on Mon, Wed, Fri

## Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)  
Contact Fr. Joseph -6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## MARCH 20TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month: 10:30am

### St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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Every 4th Sunday 2:00 PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal  
covenant, which will be poured out for you & for many for the for-  
giveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered March & April 2022  
+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families*

Sat, Mar. 19 +Eloisa Valdez by Ross & Shelley Carter  
Sun, Mar. 20 +Tim Gallagher by Debbie & Kirk Jesko  
Sat, Mar. 26 +Eloisa Valdez by Ross & Shelley Carter  
Sun, Mar. 27 +Tim Gallagher by Debbie & Kirk Jesko  
Sat, Apr. 2 +Eloisa Valdez by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Christy Lucero by Pee wee, Laura & Vivian  
Sun, Apr. 3 +Tim Gallagher by Debbie & Kirk Jesko  
Sun, Apr. 10 +Tim Gallagher by Donna Kimble  
Sun, Apr. 17 +Tim Gallagher by Donna Kimble  
Sun, Apr. 24 +Tim Gallagher by Donna Kimble  
Sun, Apr. 1 +Inasita Padilla by Pee wee, Laura, Vivian  
Sun, May 8 +Eloisa Valdez by Judy Steen  
+Sofia Martinez by Judy Steen  
+Helen Trujillo by Claud Trujillo

**CONFESSION TIMES**

|       | Tu | W | Tr | F | S |
|-------|----|---|----|---|---|
| 11:30 |    |   |    |   |   |
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| 6:30  |    |   |    |   |   |
| 7:00  |    |   |    |   |   |

Lenten Meatless Potluck  
Will be held after Stations of the Cross on Fri-  
days!  
Come and join for good food and fellowship!  
Stations of the Cross are at 5:30pm

**UPDATE:**  
Class for the Spiritual Desolation  
Classes will continue on Wednesdays March 23 at  
6:00pm at the Parish Hall.  
Hope to see you there!

**Weekly Collections Summary: Feb. & Mar. 2022**

|                | SFX        | OLOG      |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| March 12-13    | \$2,707.00 | \$ 403.00 |
| March 5-6      | \$3,687.50 | \$ 448.00 |
| February 26-27 | \$1,657.60 | \$ 253.00 |
| February 19-20 | \$2,567.00 | \$ 319.00 |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Mar 26- Pat Crisp
- Sun, Mar 27-Effie Walker
- Sat, Apr. 2- Sammie Wood
- Sun, Apr. 3-Pat Crisp

# Dear Padre,

## Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15ab

Lk 4:24–30

### Tuesday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

### Wednesday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

### Friday

MARCH 25

The Annunciation  
of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

### Saturday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

### Sunday

MARCH 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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