



### BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY(S) BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY

#### **ENCOUNTER LENT**

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from [LOCATION] on [DATE]. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

#### **ENCOUNTER MAJD**

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

#### **ENCOUNTER CESIA**

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

#### **ENCOUNTER SAFIATA**

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

#### **ENCOUNTER ANDRISE**

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

#### **ENCOUNTER ALEFA**

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

PALM SUNDAY

#### **ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS**

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

EASTER SUNDAY

#### **ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at [LOCATION] on [DATE].\*

AFTER-EASTER MESSAGING

#### **THANK YOU**

We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at [LOCATION] on [DATE].\*

\*IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO INCLUDE YOUR COMMUNITY'S PREFERRED METHOD FOR TURNING IN LENTEN GIFTS.

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Companions  
on the journey

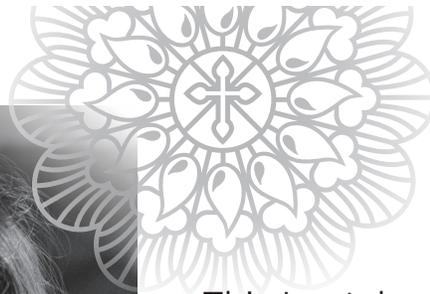


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This Lent, become companions on the journey through

- Daily prayer
- Weekly fasting
- Almsgiving that changes lives

Jesus gives us the example of the Good Samaritan. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor.

Learn more at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

