**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], and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

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FIRST WEEK OF LENT

**ENCOUNTER INNOVATION**

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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SECOND WEEK OF LENT

**ENCOUNTER NUTRITION**

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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THIRD WEEK OF LENT

**ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY**

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

**ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY**

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a

greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

**ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE**

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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PALM SUNDAY

**ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS**

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help.

How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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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 whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico,

Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring 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].

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AFTER-EASTER MESSAGING

**THANK YOU**

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at [LOCATION] on [DATE].