

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

-- Romans 10:8



Daily Mass

Week of March 11th – 16th

Monday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Edwin Batiste+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 Raymond Thomas Souza+
 Friday: 8:00 Della Roberts+
 Saturday: 8:00 Fr. Paul Minnihan+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	March 3, 2019
Plate	\$10,710.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,278.00



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

Eizo Kai Yagi, son of Margaret Saunders and Curt Yagi.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

RICE BOWL



Operation Rice Bowl!

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish Office. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The season of Lent: this special opportunity to reflect on our need before God for his mercy and forgiveness but also to reflect on the needs of so many people in the world today. Wherever we look there is poverty, injustice and suffering, war and cruelty. Poverty -- grinding, debasing misery which deprives so many of their basic human dignity.

Pope Francis, from the beginning of his papacy, made the issue of poverty the principal focus of his ministry. He began by taking the name of the poor man of Assisi, something no pope had ever done before. Wherever he has gone he has looked for the most needy and abandoned to show his love and concern for them.

Among them are the migrants, the homeless travelers from places of violence and want, seeking to find safety from harm. The first reading from the Bible today reminds us that all of us have a similar origin. The people of God remember, "My father was a wandering Aramaean," my people spent years in the desert, poor and homeless. We Christians are the spiritual descendants of those wandering migrants. Lent is here to remind us of that.

Our Parish is engaging in a program of trying to plumb the depths of that experience as it plays out in our world. We read about it daily or see it very graphically on TV. But as a community of faith we aim to come to grips with it, trying to understand it better and looking for means to take away its sting.

Jesus was poor and homeless for much of his life, dependent on the kindness of strangers. So he and the pope after him call us to enter deeply into the mystery of want, not to fall into hopelessness but to embrace suffering with love.

Fr. Basil

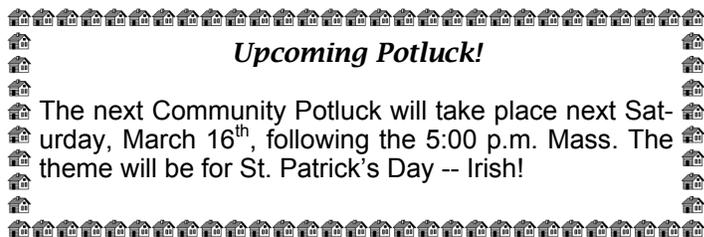
Parish Reconciliation Service!

Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

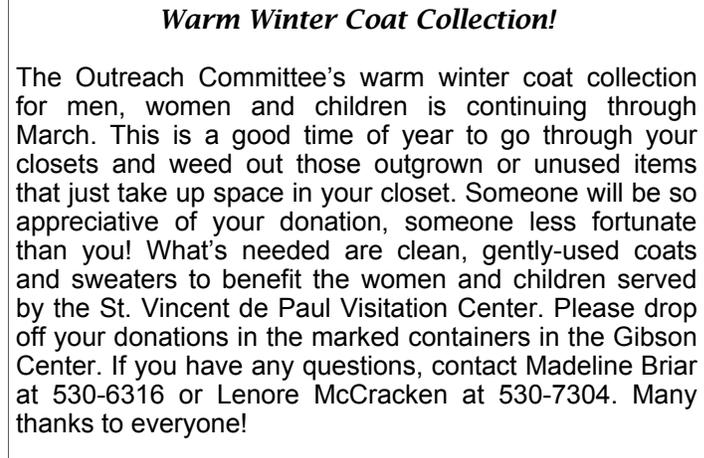
-- Alexander Pope





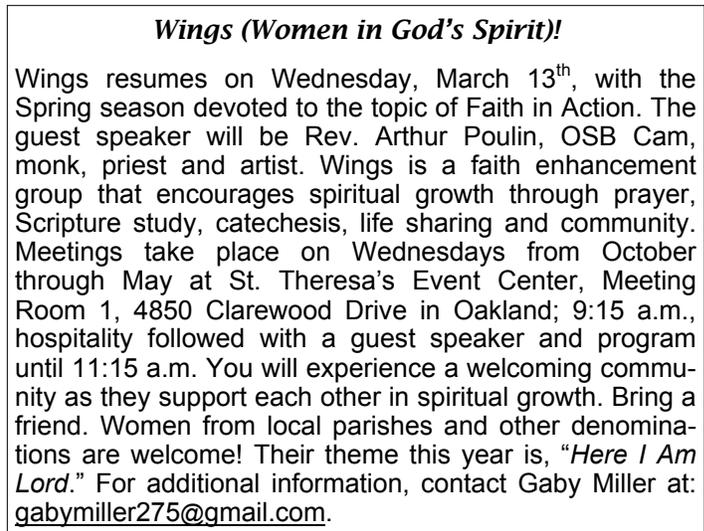
Upcoming Potluck!

The next Community Potluck will take place next Saturday, March 16th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme will be for St. Patrick's Day -- Irish!



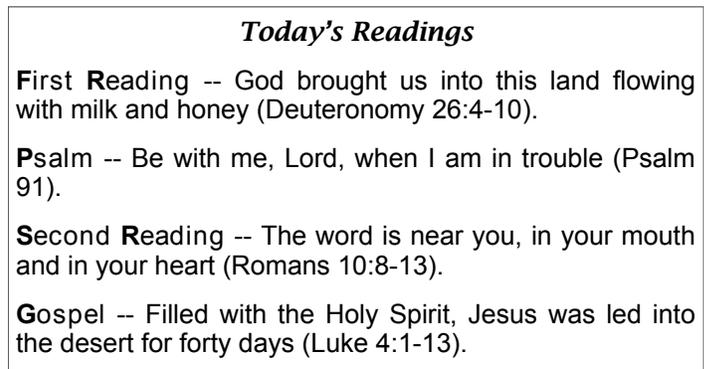
Warm Winter Coat Collection!

The Outreach Committee's warm winter coat collection for men, women and children is continuing through March. This is a good time of year to go through your closets and weed out those outgrown or unused items that just take up space in your closet. Someone will be so appreciative of your donation, someone less fortunate than you! What's needed are clean, gently-used coats and sweaters to benefit the women and children served by the St. Vincent de Paul Visitation Center. Please drop off your donations in the marked containers in the Gibson Center. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone!



Wings (Women in God's Spirit)!

Wings resumes on Wednesday, March 13th, with the Spring season devoted to the topic of Faith in Action. The guest speaker will be Rev. Arthur Poulin, OSB Cam, monk, priest and artist. Wings is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May at St. Theresa's Event Center, Meeting Room 1, 4850 Clarewood Drive in Oakland; 9:15 a.m., hospitality followed with a guest speaker and program until 11:15 a.m. You will experience a welcoming community as they support each other in spiritual growth. Bring a friend. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! Their theme this year is, "Here I Am Lord." For additional information, contact Gaby Miller at: gabymiller275@gmail.com.



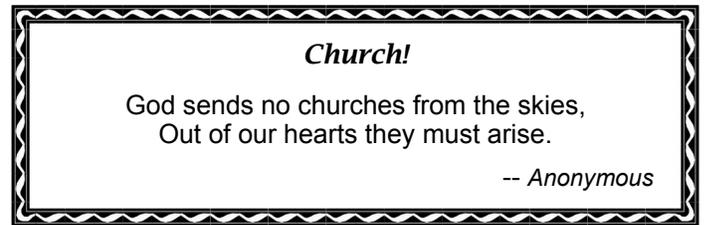
Today's Readings

First Reading -- God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm -- Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading -- The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel -- Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).



Church!

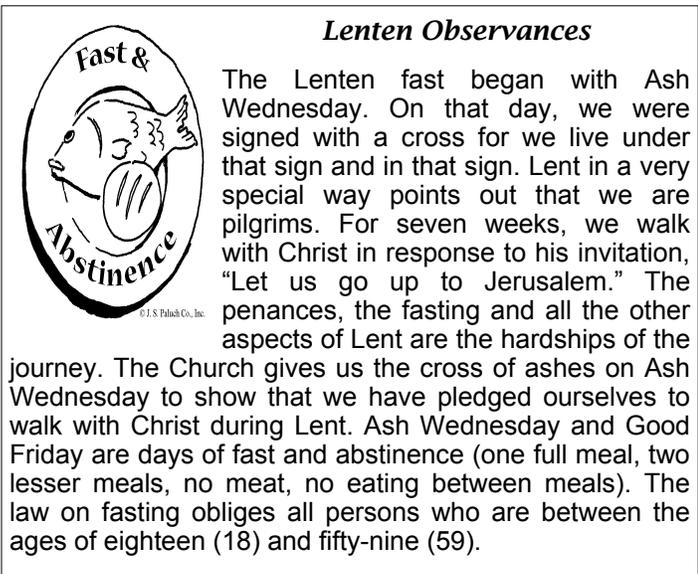
God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.

-- Anonymous



Rooted Youth Group!

Join the next Rooted gathering on Sunday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium and watch us grow! Games, silliness, friends, reflection, prayer, snacks and more. Bring a friend. Please contact: ccteenfaith@gmail.com for more information. Hope to see you there!

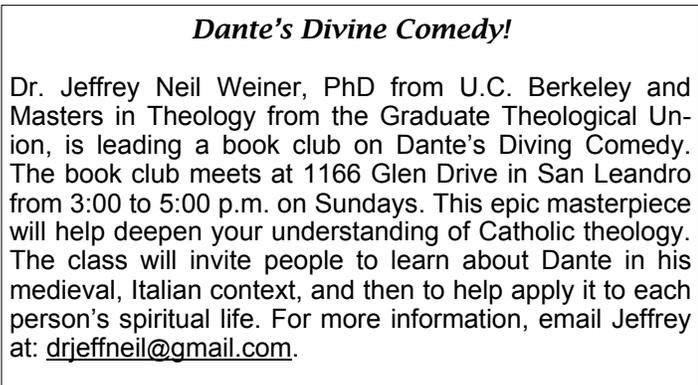


Lenten Observances



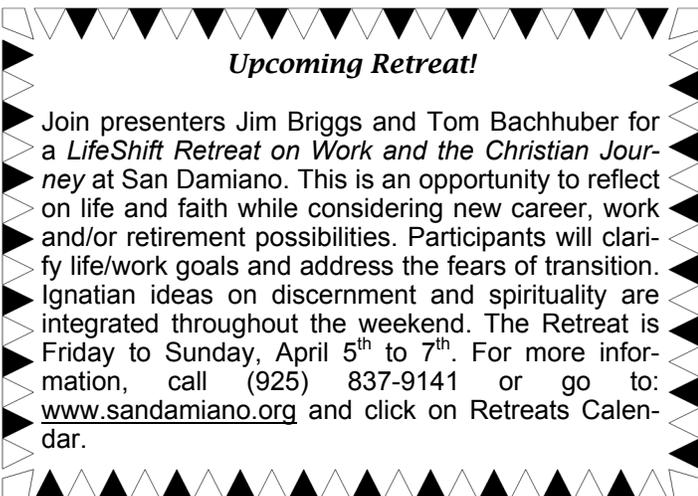
The Lenten fast began with Ash Wednesday. On that day, we were signed with a cross for we live under that sign and in that sign. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the

journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).



Dante's Divine Comedy!

Dr. Jeffrey Neil Weiner, PhD from U.C. Berkeley and Masters in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union, is leading a book club on Dante's Diving Comedy. The book club meets at 1166 Glen Drive in San Leandro from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. This epic masterpiece will help deepen your understanding of Catholic theology. The class will invite people to learn about Dante in his medieval, Italian context, and then to help apply it to each person's spiritual life. For more information, email Jeffrey at: drjeffneil@gmail.com.



Upcoming Retreat!

Join presenters Jim Briggs and Tom Bachhuber for a *LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey* at San Damiano. This is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work and/or retirement possibilities. Participants will clarify life/work goals and address the fears of transition. Ignatian ideas on discernment and spirituality are integrated throughout the weekend. The Retreat is Friday to Sunday, April 5th to 7th. For more information, call (925) 837-9141 or go to: www.sandamiano.org and click on Retreats Calendar.