

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

-- Psalm 27:1



Daily Mass

Week of March 18th – 23rd

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: David Souza
 Wednesday: 8:00 Gary Nelson+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Tom
 Friday: 8:00 Rene Mangini+
 Saturday: 8:00 Patricia Young+



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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Donna Bersaglieri, wife of Ron Bersaglieri. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	March 10, 2019
Plate	\$10,785.74
School Support	\$515.00

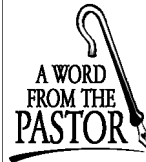
Our Parish would like to extend congratulations & best wishes to:

Adriana Lorena Landaverda
&
Juan Miguel Salcedo

who were married on Friday, March 8th. May their lives be filled with happiness and joy!

Special Speaker!

This weekend at all the Masses, representatives from the Oakland Catholic Worker will be speaking and their message will be linked to the Lenten theme of, "Helping Without Hurting." Keep the staff and volunteers of the Oakland Catholic Worker in your prayers for their continued mission and ministry.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's first reading from the Book of Genesis, God promises Abram that he will be the father of a great nation.

Today, the three great monotheistic religions of the world all accept Abraham as "our father in faith." As followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, we are the children of Abraham; we are the inheritors of his blessing from God.

But, look at how we treat each other in the name of "faith." What must our father Abraham think and feel about his children! Fratricide has to be one of the crueler forms of murder. And to kill in the name of "faith" perverts God's blessing into a curse.

If we are to be true to our "faith" and honor our heritage, we must do something about the tragedy in our midst of brother killing brother.

It is imperative that we pray and act to change the present situation. We must pray for those we consider "other, them, those people." And, we must work for justice and peace.

I recall the words of a social activist of the sixties who said, "If we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem."

Love, Fr. Leo

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be next weekend, March 23rd and 24th. This collection supports Catholic church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war and natural disasters as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; legal and support services for poor immigrants. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You for your help!

Parish Reconciliation Service!

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

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: ccteen-faith@gmail.com for more information. Hope to see you there!

Lenten Prayer

*Good and Gracious God,
You who are full of compassion,
help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.
During this Holy Season we:
pray that we may be transformed,
fast in solidarity with those who are hungry,
learn to live with less,
and give so that others may live.
May we join in solidarity as one human family
and love one another as you love each of us.*

Amen.

St. Patrick's Day!



Wearing **green** for good luck on St. Patrick's Day has a rather "colorful" past. St. Patrick used the green-hued shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to a Gaelic chieftain in the fourth century. It worked so well that an entire country was ultimately converted to Catholicism. In North America, everyone has a "little o' the Irish in him" on St. Patrick's Day. The wearing of the green for good luck can be seen in offices and stores, in schools and on the city streets. Share your smiles with everyone today. If the shamrock doesn't bring you good luck, the smile probably will!

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.

Contemplation and Action!

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

-- Pope St. Gregory the Great

Upcoming Potluck!

The next Community Potluck will take place 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!

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!

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The Lord made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17--4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]).

Gospel -- Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).