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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

-- 1 Corinthians 10:31



Daily Mass

Week of February 12th – 16th

- Monday: 8:00 Robert Jones+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Damian Miguel O'Shea+
- Wednesday: 8:00 **Ash Wednesday**
- Thursday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+
- Friday: 8:00 Florence L. Strong+

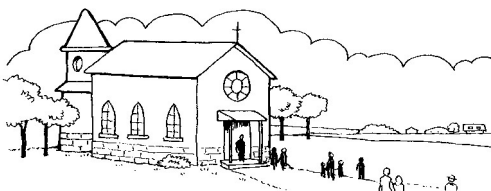


Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandrick, Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
February 4, 2024	\$10,798.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,007.00

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances!

The Lenten fast begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we are 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. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the 7:00 p.m. Mass and also during the School Mass at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. 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).



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent begins on Wednesday this week. Notice the persistent admonition of our Lord: whatever you do, do it in secret. Don't make a public display of your piety. We need to discard the old Catholic question, what are you doing for Lent? This season is not about doing, primarily. It is about being and becoming. As Jesus begins his public ministry he exhorts people, change your mind, your inner life.

Lent is a time when we look within ourselves and ask, what must change in my life, how do I regard the people and events around me? That is not "navel gazing" or excessive introspection. In the words of a poet, it means: can I be self-possessed but not self-centered?

This is the time when prayer needs to be more a part of our lives; not words but, in the language of the old catechism, lifting the heart and mind to God. It is the quiet, deep look of peace and inner calm. This doesn't happen in church, but as Jesus says, in the privacy of your own room.

You may eat a bit less, especially on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but don't talk about it: just do it as a means of deepening the life of your soul as opposed to the life of your body. (If you are over 59 you don't have to do it at all.)

You may give money to the charity of your choice but better still, if you can, help at a soup kitchen or run errands for a house bound neighbor.

Whatever you do, if possible do it so that only God knows and his knowledge and love will reward you.

Fr. Basil

RICE BOWL



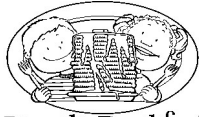
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Operation Rice Bowl!

Ash Wednesday marks 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. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!



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Pancake Breakfast

Annual Pancake Breakfast!

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for the Brad Shaw Memorial Pancake Breakfast. The Scouts will be serving up delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras on Sunday, March 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Support Troop 6, enjoy time with family and friends and you don't have to cook or clean! Unbeatable prices: \$10.00 per individual; and \$30.00 per family. Tickets available from any Troop 6 Scout and will be on sale after all the Masses during March. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

The Living Our Faith Ministry!

The Living Our Faith Ministry will resume monthly meetings on a new date. Living Our Faith is a group that seeks to discern how the spirit is moving in our personal lives, in our faith community and in the greater community. At these meetings, we pray, share faith journeys and uncover ways to practice faith in action. This is an evolving group that welcomes new members. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Starting in February, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, with the same time and place. There will be no meetings in July and August. Come join them; there is always a place for you at the table!

Retreat Invitation!

Are you looking for a way to jump-start your prayer or spiritual life? Do you need a chance to get away and reconnect with God? If so, join others at San Damiano Retreat House in Danville from Friday, March 15th, to Sunday, the 17th for a silent retreat led by Ann Naffzigerl, MA, MDiv. Beginning on Friday evening and continuing until Sunday afternoon, you will be in silence "together," but not speaking. There will be an opening session giving tips, suggestions and resources for how to structure your time, optional prayer services each evening and morning, optional individual spiritual direction sessions and Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Prayer prompts and suggestions for scripture reading will be available. You'll have long periods of time to spend as you wish: praying, journaling, reading, knitting, making art, reflecting on scripture, napping, hiking, walking the labyrinth or the Stations of the Cross, etc. The silence will be broken on Sunday to share the surprises and graces of the retreat. Register at: <https://sandamiano.org/events/silent-weekend-retreat/> or email Ann with any questions to: ann@paulandann.org.

More!

Care more than others think necessary.
Trust more than others think wise.
Serve more than others think practical.

-- Anonymous



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Readings For The Week February 12th -- 17th

Monday: First Reading James 1:1-11;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: First Reading James 1:12-18;
Psalm 94;
Gospel Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: First Reading Joel 2:12-18;
Psalm 51;
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2;
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Psalm 1;
Gospel Luke 9:22-25

Friday: First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14;
Psalm 86;
Gospel Luke 5:27-32

For the Glory of God!

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to "do everything for the glory of God." In today's scriptures, Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit "the many," as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind. The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way, both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us "with the joy of salvation."

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm -- I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading -- Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1).

Gospel -- The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).