

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.

-- Psalm 25:4



Daily Mass

Week of February 19th – 23rd

- Monday: 8:00 Maria da Costa & Joel Danda+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Madeline Reider+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Jonathan Hernandez+
- Thursday: 8:00 Alejandro Porcuna, Jr.+
- Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton



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 11, 2024	\$9,208.00

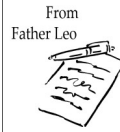
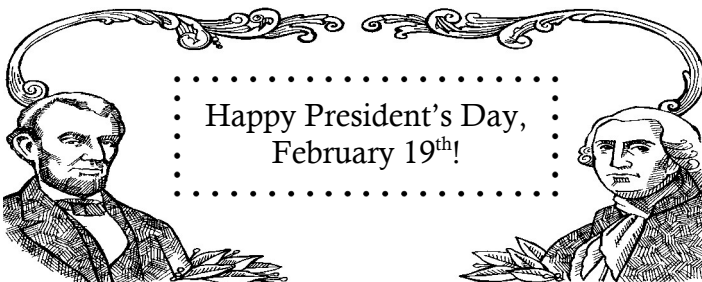
Lenten Prayer

*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

Please Note!

Tomorrow, February 19th, is President's Day. The Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th!



From
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a passage in the Book of Isaiah that describes for us the type of fasting that is pleasing to God:

*"This is the fasting that I wish:
releasing those bound unjustly,
untying the thongs of the yoke;
setting free the oppressed,
breaking every yoke;
sharing your bread with the hungry,
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;
clothing the naked when you see them,
and not turning your back on your own."*

We all give excuses for why we can't or won't fast in the manner that is most pleasing to God. The consequence of our unwillingness to do what God asks of us hangs before us on the mosaic. Lent is a time for self-examination and truth telling; Jesus said yes to the cross because we say no to God.

Love, Fr. Leo

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

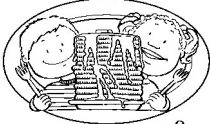
Today's Readings!

First Reading -- I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel -- Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15).



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!

40 Cans For 40 Days Lenten Food Drive!

Did you know that one in four people in our community experience some level of hunger? Please consider supporting the ACCFB (Alameda County Community Food Bank) by donating cans/non-perishables, cash or online donations, and/or offering prayers. For more details, see the flyers on the credenzas in the Church.

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!

Crab Feed Photographs!

Photos from the Parish Crab Feed are available for viewing and free downloads at: www.dennism-pics.com/Parish/Crab-Feed/2024-Crab-Feed. The password is: frleo. Both are case sensitive and without spaces. For free downloads, click on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the photo. Profits from any purchases made on the website through February will be distributed to the Parish and the School.



**Readings For The Week
February 19th -- 24th**

Monday: First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;
Psalm 19;
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11;
Psalm 34;
Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: First Reading Jonah 3:1-10;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: First Reading 1 Peter 5:1-4;
Psalm 23;
Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

Friday: First Reading Ezekiel 18:21-28;
Psalm 130;
Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: First Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

*Tell me and I forget,
teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.*

-- Benjamin Franklin

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.

Compassion and Generosity!

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

-- George Washington