



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

If God is for us, who can be against us?

-- Romans 8:31b



Daily Mass

Week of February 26th – March 1st

Monday: 8:00 Rosemary H. Mastracci+
Tuesday: 8:00 Marjorie Coleman+
Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Thursday: 8:00 Justus Vierra+
Friday: 8:00 Kathryn Corrigan+



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 18, 2024	\$8,973.00



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

Djay James and Sunia Sioapekaho Washington-Younger, sons of Cassandra Washington and O'Brien Younger.

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

A New Idea!

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

-- Leo Tolstoy

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Try to imagine the unimaginable: God asks you to sacrifice the life of someone you love. This is what happened to Abraham. He and Sarah had desperately wanted a child; God answered their prayers and then asked Abraham to sacrifice the life of Isaac.

"Take your son, Isaac, your only one whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. God never intended to take Isaac's life; He was only testing Abraham's faith. The would-be sacrifice of Isaac prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. God's love for us is so great that He offered up His only Son, whom He loved, as a holocaust for our sins.

A parishioner asked me last week why did Jesus have to die. He wanted to know if our Lord could have saved us in another way. I shared with him that our Lord's death was necessary for two reasons: He had to conquer sin and its consequence. Our sins are deadly in their affect on us, individually and communally. If we accept the premise that we were created to love and live in relationship with each other, then we must also accept that when we sin we hurt ourselves badly. The ultimate consequence of our sinfulness is death: the death of relationship, the death of love. Jesus died because of our sins, to overcome the consequence of our sins. He died to show us that love is greater than sin and He even died to show us that there is no limit to God's love for us. God was willing to make a sacrifice for us that few of us would be willing to make for Him. We call that unconditional love!

Love, Fr. Leo

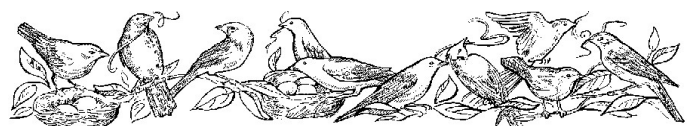
Today's Readings!

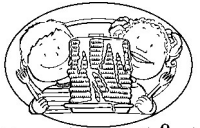
First Reading -- The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms -- I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading -- If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel -- Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).





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!

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!

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!

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The basis of Abraham's test in the first reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac's life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal.

The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord's passion and resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the bishop. The scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Readings For The Week February 26th -- March 2nd

Monday: First Reading Daniel 9:4b-10;
Psalm 79;
Gospel Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;
Psalm 50;
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: First Reading Jeremiah 18:18-20;
Psalm 31;
Gospel Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Psalm 1;
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Friday: First Reading Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Psalm 105;
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: First Reading Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Psalm 103;
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

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.

