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Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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

-- Psalm 27:1



Daily Mass

Week of March 17th – 21st

Monday: 8:00 Florence L. Strong+
Tuesday: 8:00 Jose Montano+
Wednesday: 8:00 John Lydecker+
Thursday: 8:00 Virgil Pineda, Jr.+
Friday: 8:00 Rene Mangini+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mary Moyce, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Recent Collections	March 9, 2025
Plate	\$10,376.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be next weekend, March 22nd and 23rd. 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!

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).



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

Lenten Observances!




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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. 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. Good Friday is a day 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).

Lenten Reconciliation Service!

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 19th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church.

St. Patrick's Day!



Tomorrow, March 17th, is 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!

Silent Retreat at San Damiano Retreat House in Danville!

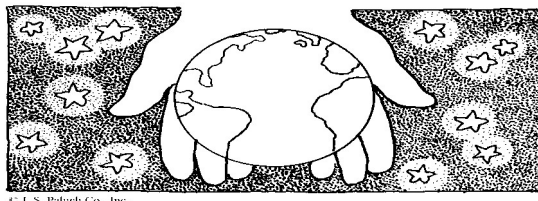
Spend the weekend in silence or near silence as you set aside work and outside stimulation to listen how God is speaking to you beneath all the noise of your everyday life. Give yourself the gift of time to reconnect with God and receive the graces God wants to give.

There are two options: Thursday evening, April 10th, or Friday evening, April 11th, to Sunday, April 13th. Each day will include several brief contemplative prayer services, prayer prompts, scripture suggestions, Mass and individual spiritual direction sessions. For more information, contact Ann at: ann@paulandann.org or register at: sandamiano.org.

Trust!

"In God We Trust" marks the currency of our nation. It should mark our lives as well. In fact, however, we hesitate to trust others, including God, absolutely. We prefer to hold our trust in reserve, fearful of being hurt or betrayed. Today's readings remind us that Lent is a season of trust -- a trust that transforms.

God makes a remarkable promise to Abraham. To receive this promise, all Abraham need do is trust. Paul tells the Philippians that they too must trust that they are the beneficiaries of God's bountiful grace; that they are not citizens of any earthly kingdom, but citizens of heaven. These two readings invite us to hear the Gospel account of deep trust -- trust that God will fulfill all promises and that Jesus' passage will lead to transformation and new life.



***Readings For The Week
March 17th -- 22nd***

- 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 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Psalm 89;
Second Reading Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Gospel Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- 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

Treasures From Our Tradition!

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together; and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

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!