February 14, 2016

Mass Schedule

Sunday  7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am
12:30 pm (Spanish)  4:30 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday  8:15 am - 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Daily (Monday to Friday)  7:00 am - 8:15 am
Holy Days  7:00 am  8:15 am  7:00 pm
1st Friday Exposition — 12:30 to 4:45 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturday, 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Baptism—4th Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m. Contact Parish Office for information

Marriage—Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding.

Parish Office Hours

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Friday  9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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First Sunday of Lent  
February 14, 2016  

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.*  
— Romans 10:8

Here are some scattered thoughts . . .

1. Whether we are ready or not, Lent is already here—Our Lenten Journey begins. Lent is not something we do for God but we are invited by God in a deeply personal way, *“Come back to me with all your heart.”* This is God’s loving invitation to each one of us each day of Lent. Will you accept it? It is a way of opening our hearts for God for what He wants to give us.

2. In today’s Gospel Jesus resists the devil’s temptation of materialism and power by saying He will serve and worship only God and God alone. What are our temptations? Take a deeper look at our lifestyles and habits!

3. Faced with temptations in the desert Jesus did not give into the devil’s demands. Christ defeated Satan. What Jesus did in the desert is the ideal of every Christian—living the Gospel without compromising. As a Christian we are called to be authentic and faithful in following Jesus.

4. Lenten season is an invitation to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to make room for God. Lent is also a time to grow in relationships. If you want a relationship with Jesus and if you want that relationship to be most important then you have got to pray to maintain and to grow in this relationship with Jesus. Lent is also the time to remind us that we are not God and remember we are dust and to dust we shall return. I hope this Lent will be the best Lent for all of us in this special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

5. *“Sharing God’s Mercy”* is the title of the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners who have given to the Bishop’s Appeal in the past, as well as those who also gave and continue to give to the Capital Campaign, *Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together.* You should have received information and materials in the mail this past week. More information on the Appeal can be found by visiting [www.oakdiocese.org/giving](http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving). The 2016 Bishop’s Appeal is but one way to respond to our Holy Father’s call to a renewed conversion and a sharing of our mercy. All of us Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are asked to pray for the success of the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal. The funds raised through the Bishop’s Appeal is so vital in providing help for many, many ministries that touch the lives of so many people in the two counties (Contra Costa and Alameda) that are in our Diocese. The goal for our parish is $31,563.00. Please review the materials sent to your home this past week and prayfully consider a gift to this year’s Bishop Appeal. If you haven’t received any materials please call 510-267-8358. Thank you very much for your previous support and prayers.

Remember you are always in my prayers,

*Father Tom*
Starting on February 17th
Come and join us for a delicious bowl of soup on
Wednesday evening
At 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Followed by in the Church

Soup and Stations will be every
Wednesday evening during Lent.

This Lent we will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world.

Your cardboard CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar are great tools to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are available in the vestibule or you may stop by the parish office during the week.

Read these materials together and consider what you will give up for Lent as a family or as individuals. Be sure to write your goals on the side of your CRS Rice Bowl.

Your Lenten Calendar has brief activities for each day of Lent, Stories of Hope from people around the world and recipes for simple meatless meals. Consider reading the Lenten Calendar as a family each day at dinner. Try one or more of the recipes for a meatless Friday dinner.

Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to view videos of people whose lives are touched by your support of CRS Rice Bowl. You can also find fun activities for your family. Download the CRS Rice bowl app to receive daily reflections right on your phone, and to track your Lenten sacrifices.

We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday.

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to serve poor and suffering people around the world.

Soup Supper

Bring your family for a simple soup supper, followed by Lenten prayer.

Eating lighter, simpler meals is a Lenten tradition. Fasting and almsgiving go together. When we give up something during Lent, or eat simpler and less food, we can put aside money that is saved and give it to the poor.

Please join our parish community on Wednesday evenings during Lent and share in this traditional Lenten practice. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving and making sacrifices of little things will help us to strengthen our relationship with God. This is also a wonderful way to meet with other young families within our parish.

The Stations of the Cross are one of the oldest devotions in the Church. Jerusalem has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites for Christians. Pilgrims go to trace the via dolorosa (the way of sorrows). This is the route Jesus followed from Pilate’s house to Golgatha—the hill on which he was crucified—and finally to his tomb. It was said that after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension, Our Lady walked the via dolorosa often.

Those of us who cannot go to Jerusalem have the opportunity to make this pilgrimage journey in our own church. This is in the popular Lenten devotion. At each station, we pause to remember the event that took place there. Join together with the parish community to participate in this devotion on the Thursdays in Lent.

These are the stations:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries his cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon and Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is place in the tomb

Family Activity

Periodically during Lent, take your child to the church and pray the stations. You could have your child draw a picture of each station (or choose one each week) or have them create one from modeling clay. If you would like a copy of the stations with reflections please stop by the Religious Education office and we will provide you with one.

Sandi Walton

Fast & Abstinence in Lent

We fast in Lent to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger and our need for God.

- Fasting ~ One full meal (with minimum food at other two mealtimes) and no food in-between meals (for people 18-59 years of age)
- Abstinence ~ Not eating meat (14 years & older)
- All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
**WHO ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE**

**THERESA JOSEPH † — February 6, 2015**
(Father Augustine’s Mother)

**Virgilio Legaspi † — February 10, 2015**

**LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM**

Please pray for Alex Bradley and his brother, Preston Ridgway, who are serving in the Middle East

**Pray the Rosary for World Peace**

- 7:30 am Church (daily)
- 8:45 am Church (Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri-Sat)
- 8:45 am S.J. Chapel on Thursday

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15th**

**Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-8; Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Luke 9:28b-36
First Sunday of Lent  
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Events for Today

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Faith Formation—K to 6th Grade
9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the School

Second Collection
This Week: Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Next Week: The Catholic Voice

PRESIDENT’S DAY
The Office will be closed
Sunday, February 14th
and
Monday, February 15th

Events for the Week February 15, 2016

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FINANCIAL CORNER

Our Weekly Goal                           $11,700.00
Sunday Collection—February 7, 2016         $8,465.00
Amount needed to reach our goal            $3,235.00
Maintenance Collection                     $4,346.00

Stewardship Report

Stewardship for February 7th of $423.25 went to the National Religious Retirement Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity

Jubilee Year of Mercy  
February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned “Missionaries of Mercy,” priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as “living signs of the Father’s readiness to welcome those in search of [God’s] pardon.” In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become “missionaries of mercy” (Misericordiae Vultus, 18) by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy “more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (MV, 17). Francis bids us make the prophet Micah’s words our own: “God . . . who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins” (Micah 7:18, 19). Having experienced God’s mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God’s boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God’s unconditional love for them.

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PLEASE DO NOT BRING FLOWERS TO THE CHURCH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

YOUNG AT HEART

“Valentine’s Luncheon”  
Wednesday, February 17th

Menu: Salad, Pasta/Red Sauce and Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Dessert
Tickets on sale in the parish office.
$6.00 per person.
Tickets will be sold after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, 7:30 am and 9:00 am Mass on Sunday and before the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. This is your last chance to buy tickets as the office will be closed on Monday, February 15th.
Doors open at 11:30 am — Lunch served at Noon
JESÚS Y EL DEMONIO

Como nos recuerda el Evangelio de hoy, el demonio tentó a Jesús con citas de la Sagrada Escritura: haz un milagro que te convenga. Véndete. Deslumbra a tus oyentes; el pueblo es ingenuo y novelero. Camina por estas sendas fáciles. El tentador trata de llevar a Jesús por la senda fácil pero resbalosa, ofreciéndole las soluciones fáciles pero falsas que siempre están a la mano. El demonio sabe lo que es bueno, pero no tiene la capacidad de hacer lo que es bueno, y menos aún de ser bueno.

El demonio es la personificación del Mal, e intuye en Jesús la presencia más fuerte, y más genuinamente atractiva, de la santidad. El Evangelio de este domingo nos muestra al Mal expuesto y desenmascarado. Satanás sabe que se le ha acabado el juego. Hoy Jesús comienza a deshacer su tejido de mentiras, y a sanar a las almas, y al mundo entero. Y en este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a participar en esta labor de renovación, de nueva creación, y a dejar que Cristo nos sane.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra (Deuteronomio 26:4-10).
Salmo — Tú eres mi Dios y en ti confío (Salmos 91 [90]).
Segunda lectura — Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que él es el Señor, se salvarán (Romanos 10:8-13).
Evangelio — Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

SERVIR AL POBRE

Sé diligente en servir al pobre. Ama a los pobres, hónralos igual que honrarías al mismo Cristo.
—Santa Louisa de Marillac