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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 – St. Joseph’s Chapel 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.

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Friday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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(During non-office hours)
DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord’s message, through Moses, was to “take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, “Great in theory, but not always realistic!”

Then Jesus in today’s Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we’re tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the “real world.”

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact.

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called “Christians.” From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

—Anonymous

THE HEAVIEST LOAD
A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.
—Anonymous
The office will be closed on this Sunday and Monday, February 19th and 20th in honor of President’s Day. The Office will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

**Standing in Solidarity with Refugees and Immigrants**

In our Diocese, Catholic Charities of the East Bay continue its decades-long commitment to Christ’s call to welcome the stranger. In recent days, this has been made more difficult by sudden and extreme governmental actions. We recall Pope Francis’ remarks to Congress, where he reminded our leaders of our immigrant heritage and acknowledged a global refugee crisis “of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War.” The Pope called on us as a people to respond in a way which is “always humane, just and fraternal.” Consistent with this, Catholic Charities remains steadfast in our resolve to provide resettlement services for refugees and legal assistance to immigrants pursuing a path to citizenship. Parishes throughout the diocese have partnered in this effort. If you need assistance (for yourself or someone else) or would like to volunteer, contact Steve Mullin at smullin@cccb.org or (510) 768-3165.

**Ash Wednesday**

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fasting and abstinence for adults between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence (not eating meat) is required starting at age 14. At age 18 fasting is required as well. Fasting is defined as one full meal with minimal food at the other two meal times. Exceptions are medical/poor health and those whose work necessitates 3 full meals.

Please bring your blessed palms from last year to the church vestibule where baskets are available or you may bring them to the parish office. They will then be burned for ashes to be used on:

Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

**Mass Schedule**

- 7:00 a.m.
- 8:15 a.m. (with School Children)
- 5:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Trilingual (English — Spanish — Vietnamese)

Ashes will be distributed **during** all Masses.

**Please do not bring flowers to the church during the Lenten season**
Remember the Sick

| Sun.  2/19   | 7:30 am | Parishioners |
| Mon.  2/20  | 7:00 am | Arthur Fernandez  † |
| Tues.  2/21 | 7:00 am | Braylon de Leon (2nd Birthday) |
| Wed.  2/22  | 7:00 am | Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Thurs  2/23 | 7:00 am | Juan T. Fernandez  † |
| Fri.  2/24  | 7:00 am | Tony Pontes  † |
| Sat.  2/25  | 8:15 am | Orphan Souls  † |
| Sun.  2/26  | 7:30 am | John The Baptist  † |

Mass Intentions For the Week Week of February 12, 2017

Who Entered into Eternal Life

Paul Kevin † — February 10, 2017

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Come and join us for this devotion every Tuesday morning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Finances Corner

| Our Weekly Goal | $11,700.00 |
| Sunday Collection — February 12th | $8,755.11 |
| Amount needed to reach our goal | $2,944.89 |

Stewardship of February 12th of $437.76 went to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart—Seminarians in Indonesia, Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20th

| Monday: Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; Mark 9:14-29 |
| Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mark 9:30-37 |
| Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm23:1-3a, 4-6; Matthew 16:13-19 |
| Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Mark 9:41-50 |
| Friday: Sirach 6:5-17; Psalm 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mark 10:1-12 |
| Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15; Psalm 103:13-18; Mark 10:13-16 |
| Sunday: Isaiah 49:14-15; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34 |

The only known cure for fear is faith.

Do you have a seriously ill family member or friend? If you have the person’s permission, you may request that their name be printed in the bulletin for prayers. Names will be deleted after one month. Call the parish office at 351-5244 to leave the name of the family member who is in need of prayer.

A name posted in dark print was added to the prayer list this week!
Would you like to learn more about the bible and the meaning of the scriptures? Join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in St. Joseph’s Center starting on March 2nd ending on April 6th. Spend 30 minutes of class time followed by a discussion period and refreshments.

Cost is $25.00 for the study kit.
Class size is limited to 15 people.
Please register at the Parish Office by February 24th.
SIN PEDIR LO IMPOSIBLE

La última frase del Evangelio de hoy puede parecer confusa: "sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto". "Perfecto" algunas veces se le imagina como sin error, así como un diamante cortado a la perfección. Pero esta palabra, en la traducción en griego de la Biblia de hace muchos siglos, y que como se usa en el Nuevo Testamento significa algo totalmente diferente: lograr cierta madurez, ser una persona íntegra o saludable.

Jesús no nos pide ser perfectos, ni tampoco él quiere decirnos: "Bueno, eso es imposible, ¿por qué molestarse?" Él está invitándonos a crecer en una madurez cristiana. Para muchos de nosotros, las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy son muy desafiantes. Necesitamos resistir la tentación de evadir su desafío llamándolo imposible.

RESISTIENDO EL MAL

La enseñanza de Jesús en los primeros versos del Evangelio de hoy también ha confundido a muchos. Algunos interpretan a Jesús de decir que no debemos resistir el mal, sino al contrario ser completamente impasibles. Sin embargo, la Ley de Moisés llamó a Israel vigorosamente a resistir el mal. Dentro de esta sección del Sermón de la Montaña, podemos ver cómo Jesús interpretó la Ley "no para suprimirla sino para llevarla a su pleno cumplimiento" (Mateo 5:17). Jesús enseñó que la resistencia violenta hacia el opresor tiende a sostener y expandir la forma de odio y maldad. La violencia engendra nueva violencia. Pero aquellos que ponen la otra mejilla, dan su abrigo, o caminan una milla más, resisten el mal al exponerlo dentro del corazón de la persona hacedora de mal. Jesús no fue ingenuo en cuanto al mal y la violencia. De hecho, él experimentó ambos en su muerte. En la cruz, Jesús de manera radical resistió el mal y manifestó su impotencia. En la cruz, él amó a sus enemigos y oró por aquellos que lo persiguieron. Así como Jesús perdonó a sus enemigos, él dio testimonio de la Buena Nueva que él predicó, que Dios nos ama y nos perdona. Cuando perdonamos y amamos a nuestros enemigos, nos liberamos del odio que hay en nuestros corazones. La fuerza del mal se desvanece y un camino se abre para terminar sus formas de violencia y opresión.

Juntos en Solidaridad con los Refugiados e Inmigrantes

En nuestra Diócesis, Caridades Católicas del Este de la Bahía continúa su compromiso de décadas con el llamado de Cristo a recibir al extranjero. En los últimos días, esto ha sido más difícil por acciones gubernamentales repentina y extremas. Recordamos las palabras de nuestro Papa Francisco, al Congreso donde recordó a nuestros líderes de nuestra herencia inmigrante y reconoció una crisis global de refugiados “de una magnitud que no se ha visto desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial”. El Papa nos llamó como un pueblo, a responder de una manera que es “siempre humana, justa y fraternal”. En solidaridad, Caridades Católicas sigue en la determinación de proporcionar servicios para los refugiados y asistencia legal para los inmigrantes. Las parroquias de toda la diócesis se han asociado en este esfuerzo Si necesita ayuda (para usted o alguien más) o desea ser voluntario, comuníquese con América Enciso a: aenciso@cceb.org o llamando al (510) 768-3174

Lecturas del día:
Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18; Salmos 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Corintios 3:16-23; Mateo 5:38-48