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.

Religious Education Office

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Wednesday - Thursday  
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Friday  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
(510) 688-2527  
(During non-office hours)
"Lord, it is good that we are here," says Peter to Jesus. Amen. We begin this second week of Lent here at the liturgy, in word and sacrament. It is truly good that we are here. And yet, as we see in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration, Peter isn't quite sure what to do up there on that mountain. He knows it's good to accompany Jesus; at the same time, he feels confused and afraid. Perhaps Abram experienced something similar when God commanded him to uproot himself from his ancestral home and strike out for a new land of God's choosing. In this Lenten season, we know how good it is to be with God. Yet we struggle with our own doubts and fears. Our second reading encourages us to persevere in trust: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

The Old Testament reading and the Gospel provide two examples of God speaking in plain words that God's listeners can understand. In Genesis, Abram hears God tell him to leave his family's land. God makes majestic declarations about Abram's future and promises to lead him to a new home. Without comment, Abram picks up and goes "as the LORD directed him." God speaks; Abram listens and obeys. In the Gospel, God's voice booms from a shining cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Peter, James, and John hear God's words loud and clear, and the experience overwhelms them. But how often do we hear God's voice so distinctly? While we admire the religious experiences of Abram and of Jesus' disciples, we might be tempted to think that they have it easy. We imagine that we too would obey God's direct orders, if only we could hear them as unmistakably as Abram did. We suspect it would be irresistible to live as modern disciples if glowing clouds hovered above our heads and revealed divine truths. Saint Paul's Letter to Timothy proposes another way.

THIS IS HOW I LOVE YOU

Saint Paul reminds us that God has "saved us and called us to a holy life." God never forgets about us, but knew before the creation of the world exactly when, where, and how we would live out our faith. God's wondrous plan includes visions and voices for some. For the rest of us, we rely on the Word of God and its witnesses who testify that Jesus truly lived on earth among us and sacrificed his life for our salvation. Jesus and his Church are all the revelation we need. We draw close to him in word and sacrament, in prayer, in service to others, and in countless acts of sacrifice each day this Lent. We ask the Lord to help us trust, with all our hearts, that God will always provide exactly what we need. If we are faithful to our prayer this Lent, God will speak to us—even if not through a cloud.
Second Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 2017  
Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast Today

To successfully achieve both our parish goal and the overall diocesan goal of $2.5 million, we need your help! A pledge to the Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs and services.

**Participation is the Key Ingredient**

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pew and place it in the collection basket today.

**YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

**The Benefits of a Monthly Pledge**

Bishop Barber asks you to help support vital diocesan ministries and services by considering a pledge payable monthly through December 31, 2017. If you can give $15, $20, or $30 each month through December, it equals $150, $200 or $300 when spread out over the year. Everyone’s financial situation is different, so everyone is asked to consider making a sacrificial gift at a level that is appropriate for him or her. Every pledge of every size is needed and appreciated. Please keep in mind:

A pledge allows you to make payments at your convenience (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually).

The decision on a specific amount is a decision each family is asked to make after prayerful consideration. While no gift or pledge is too small or too large, please consider a gift proportional to your means.

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If you would like more information on the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal or make a gift online, please visit www.oakdiocese.org/giving

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**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.

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**MINISTRY FOCUS**

**Clergy Formation and Support**

The diocese provides support for clergy from initial formation into retirement. A portion of the Appeal funds are used to support those in seminary formation preparing for a lifetime of service to the faith community of the Church of Oakland. These men are pursuing a special call to service and need our prayerful and financial support on their vocation journey. The cost to the diocese to support these seminarians in their studies is one of the largest budget items. As more men discern their call to serve the Church of Oakland and the East Bay, these costs will continue to grow.

Continued updating, renewal, and education for priests who currently serve the diocese is important for a vital and growing Church. The diocese, with Appeal funds, provides renewal programs, sabbaticals, and continuing education for our priests.

In their retirement years, our priests deserve our thanks for their lives of service. Funds from the Bishop’s Appeal will be used to provide supplemental retirement and long-term care for our elderly priests.

The diaconate is a special ministry of service vital to ongoing programs in our parishes and reaching out to people in places such as the prisons and hospitals in our area. The deacons who serve our diocese are also provided continuing education, formation, and support in their ministry.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We will not be having the soup dinner prior to the stations this year.
Remember the Sick

Sun. 3/12 7:30 am John the Baptist †
9:00 am Jose Nieves Ramos †
Cesar Calderon †
10:30 am Ray Pereira †
12:30 pm Raquel Romero †
Patricia Mendoza Santos †
Pablo Zamora †

Mon. 3/13 7:00 am Steven & Jessica Clough (Living)
8:15 am Philip Erlwein †

Tues. 3/14 7:00 am Pat Taylor (Living)
8:15 am Guadalupe & Salvador Victoria †

Wed. 3/15 7:00 am All Souls †
8:15 am Manuel Freitas †

Thurs 3/16 7:00 am Tony Pontes †
8:15 am Rodolfo Dacumos †

Fri. 3/17 7:00 am Rodolfo Carimio †
8:15 am Jorge Salloman †

Sat. 3/18 8:15 am Agne Nguyen †
4:30 pm John T. Clancey †

Sun. 3/19 7:30 am Parishioners
9:00 am Pat Rodrigo †
10:30 am Madeline Lasalle †
12:30 pm Miguel Madrigal †

L-Living †-Deceased A-Anniversary B-Birthday T-Thanksgiving

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.

Who Entered into Eternal Life

GLORIA DUENAS † — February 18, 2017
JOSEFINA M. KERN † — February 27, 2017
PABLO ZAMORA † — March 5, 2017
(Brother of Ernesto Zamora)

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 12th

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday: Jeremiah17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Sunday: Exodus17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Financial Corner

Our Weekly Goal $11,700.00
Sunday Collection —March 5th $10,067.00
Amount needed to reach our goal $1,633.00
Maintenance $4,455.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please do not bring flowers to the church during the lenten season.
Events for the Week March 12, 2017

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TRUE FRIENDSHIP
A true friend can hear a tear drop.
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BRING BALANCE TO YOUR BUDGET SEMINAR

The first step toward taking control of your financial future is to understand the basics of budgeting and the importance of managing credit and debt. With this knowledge, you'll have a clearer understanding of what is necessary to reach your financial goals.

Join our parishioner and lector, Rosalyn Antonio, an Edward Jones financial advisor, for the:

Bring Balance to Your Budget seminar.

Thursday, March 23, 2017
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Social Hall

Registration is required by calling 510-886-3636 no later than March 20.

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¿ME ESCUCHAS AHORA?

La lectura del Antiguo Testamento y el Evangelio proveen dos ejemplo de como Dios habla con palabras sencillas para que quienes escuchan a Dios puedan entender. En Génesis, Abram escucha a Dios decirle que deje la tierra donde ha vivido su familia, Dios hace extraordinarias declaraciones del futuro de Abram y promete guiarlo a un nuevo hogar. Sin hacer algún comentario, Abram se levanta y va "a donde el Señor lo lleva". Dios habla, Abram escucha y obedece. En el Evangelio, la voz de Dios surge de una brillante nube: "Este es mi hijo muy amado, en quien me complazco, escúchenlo". Pedro, Santiago y Juan escuchan las palabras de Dios fuertes y claras y la experiencia los sobrepasa.

¿Pero que tan frecuente escuchamos la voz de Dios tan distintivamente? Al tiempo que admiramos las experiencias religiosas de Abram y de los discípulos de Jesús, podríamos caer en la tentación de pensar que lo que les pasó fue algo simple. Imaginamos que también obedeceríamos lo que Dios nos pidiera hacer, solo si pudiéramos escucharlas sin lugar a dudas como lo hizo Abram. Sospechamos que sería irresistible vivir como discípulos modernos si una nube brillante nos cubriera la cabeza y nos revelara las verdades divinas. La carta de san Pablo propone algo muy diferente.

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ASÍ ES CÓMO TE AMO

San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios nos ha "salvado y llamado a una vida santa". Dios nunca se olvida de nosotros, pero sabe antes de la creación del mundo exactamente cuándo, dónde y cómo viviríamos nuestra fe. El maravilloso plan de Dios incluye visiones y voces para algunos. Para el resto de nosotros, nos basta la Palabra de Dios y sus testigos que testifican que Jesús verdaderamente vivió en la tierra en medio de nosotros y que sacrificó su vida para nuestra salvación. Jesús y su Iglesia es toda la revelación que necesitamos. Nos acercamos a él en palabra y sacramento, en oración, en servicio a los demás y en incontables actos de sacrificio cada día esta Cuaresma. Pidamos al Señor que nos ayude a confiar, con todo nuestro corazón, que Dios proveerá exactamente lo que necesitamos. Si somos fieles a nuestra oración esta Cuaresma, Dios nos hablará, aunque quizá no sea desde una nube.

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