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

EMERGENCY NUMBER  (510) 688-2527
(During non-office hours)
Education experts often debate testing: when to test students, why, and how. Our readings today suggest that testing is so central to the human experience that we require proofs even from God. In the book of Exodus, Moses gives two names to the spot where God provides water from a rock: Meribah, signifying complaint or bickering, and Massah, meaning a test or proof. When the Israelites complain of their thirst, God provides proof of divine providence. Water flows from a rock, and God passes the test. In the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus passes his own test with flying colors, convincing a skeptical woman that he is indeed the Messiah. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans guarantees Christians permanent success--not because we are good at tests, but because God is. Jesus proves God's love once and for all by dying for us.

PROVE IT

What does it take to convince us of the truth? Some of us need simply to hear from a trusted authority. Others need time to think an argument through for themselves, step by step. Many of us tend to learn the hard way, experiencing life's lessons in dramatic and personal ways. Various kinds of evidence work differently on each of us. For the parched and wandering Israelites, a miraculous source of water persuades them to return to belief in God. For the Samaritan woman, Jesus' prophetic knowledge of the intimate details of her life suffices. What will it be for us? What can convince us, forever, that God made us, saved us from death, and treasures us as beloved children? Saint Paul urges us to stop asking for proof; we need look no further than the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He reminds us how unusual it is for good people to sacrifice themselves for other good people; it is utterly preposterous for a good person to give his life for "the ungodly," for sinners. Yet that is precisely what Jesus does for us.

LIVE IT

Our insatiable need for proof is nothing to be ashamed of. Hunger for evidence points to an active intellect. Even after we learn an important truth, we need to nurture that knowledge throughout our whole lives. Most of us first heard about Jesus when we were children. We must continue to deepen our understanding as we mature. In a similar way, the Samaritans first believe their fellow townswoman simply because of her testimony about Jesus. Then, after encountering him themselves, they are convinced Jesus is the savior of the world: "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." Personal experience confirms and deepens their faith. "Harden not your hearts," the Psalmist tells us. Let's keep learning from God's signs all around us.
Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists’ portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people’s expectations about him or the ways of God. This “reversal” is at play in today’s Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say “I thirst” before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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**THE HEAVIEST LOAD**
A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.
—Anonymous

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The Bishop’s Appeal pledge envelopes should be mailed directly to the Diocese of Oakland. In order for our parish to be credited with your pledge and achieve our goal, you need to fill in St. Felicitas on the pledge envelope form.
**Remember the Sick**

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**Week of March 19, 2017**

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

**Mon.** 3/20 7:00 am Diane Aycock (Living)
8:15 am Mark Keaney †

**Tues.** 3/21 7:00 am Daminh D. Nguyen †
8:15 am Dorothy Oliver †

**Wed.** 3/22 7:00 am All Souls †
8:15 am Joseph Sanches †

**Thurs.** 3/23 7:00 am John the Baptist †
8:15 am Peter Tu Nguyen †

**Fri.** 3/24 7:00 am All Souls †
8:15 am Jose Solano †

**Sat.** 3/25 8:15 am Peter Phan Vinh †
4:30 pm Eleazar Posa †
Domnelia Go †

**Sun.** 3/26 7:30 am Jesus Montoya †
9:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am James Conde, Sr. †
Paz Conde †
12:30 pm Clarisa Garcia Romero
15th Birthday

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**Who Entered into Eternal Life**

**Patricia Mendoza † — March 1, 2017**

**Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her**

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**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Come and join us for this devotion every Tuesday morning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 20th**

**Monday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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**FINANCIAL CORNER**

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Thank you for your continued generosity.
EGIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT

This month we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: **Faith Direct.**

**Faith Direct** enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

**Faith Direct** also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. The church offertory envelope system will remain unchanged should you like to continue with it.

You may enroll by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA774.

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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.**

**Opportunity to dispose of broken religious items:**

Blessed items such as broken rosaries or religious statues may be brought to the church vestibule where a marked box will be provided. The items will be taken to the chancery to be disposed of properly in a sacred manner. This is only available to us for a short time. Last day we will be able to accept items is Sunday, March 26th, 2017.
SEDIENTOS DE LAS AGUAS QUE DAN VIDA

Especially during Lent, Holy Week, and Paschal Time, the texts of prayer of the Western Church are delectable with paradoxical images of Christ: life eternal that dies, the host who is also food, the thirsty crucified whose side流出的 water of life. These images flow from the representations of Jesus by the evangelists and from his very ministry, during which many times he changed or inverted the expectations that people had about him or about the designs of God. This “inversion” is at stake in the Evangel of today, when Jesus talks with an enemy woman whom he was below in social condition. Furthermore, he, who has thirst, demonstrates that the woman is the only one that truly thirsts. He—whose lips dry will say “I have thirst” before dying— is the source of life and the water that gives life. Lent calls us to reflect on how each one of us has thirst for Christ and ultimately, in the end, brings us back to the water-giving rivers of our baptism in his Body. St. Paul advises us not to ask for proofs, we do not need to see the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He reminds us of how unusual it is for good people to sacrifice themselves for others; it is completely absurd for a good person to give his life for the "impious" and sinners. And that is exactly what Jesus did for us.

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TRACICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para ser cristiano en la Iglesia católica necesitas recibir los tres sacramentos de Iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si te falta uno de estos sacramentos no estás completamente iniciado. Algunos cristianos insisten que si no estás confirmado no te puedes casar por la Iglesia, pero esto no es completamente cierto. Según las leyes de la Iglesia, los cristianos que desean contraer Matrimonio deberían buscar ser confirmados, si les es posible sin grave dificultad (Canon 1065).

Todos conocemos el Bautismo y la Eucaristía, pero ¿qué es la Confirmación? El nombre lo dice todo. Con la Confirmación, confirmamos ante Dios y la Iglesia que deseamos ser cristianos por el resto de nuestra vida. Confirmarse es comprometerse, es entregarse al servicio de Dios ayudando al prójimo con la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso es importante recibir una buena preparación.

La mayoría de nosotros no tuvimos opción cuando nuestra mamá y nuestro papá nos bautizaron. Nuestros padres y padrinos dijeron sí por nosotros y, si cumplieron con su compromiso, nos enseñaron con palabras y buen ejemplo como decir sí al Evangelio de Cristo. Sea que nos hayamos bautizado como bebés o como adultos, la Confirmación nos da la oportunidad de dar un sí pleno. ¡Sí! a ese bautizo, ¡Sí! a la Iglesia y en especial ¡Sí! a Cristo.

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Lecturas del día:
Éxodo 17:3-7; Salmos 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8; Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]