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March 6, 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
Monday - Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday - Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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(During non-office hours)
Some more of Father Tom’s scattered thoughts . . .

1. I love this week’s Gospel parable! Especially in this season of Lent and in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. I can relate to the Prodigal Son . . . Jesus’ telling of the story of a man who has two sons . . . This story never loses its power to affect me deeply, no matter how often it is repeated. Its appeal is especially strong in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

2. Sinful though we are, if we come back to the Lord with our whole heart, convert our lives, God will always forgive us and welcome us home.

3. I invite you to focus on the father in this parable. What can we learn from him? He had already generously given to the youngest son what the son wanted. In the end, he welcomed him back home after the son had squandered his entire inheritance. The father not only welcomed him but forgave him freely, lavishly, and lovingly.

4. The father also reached out to the older son and taught him how to forgive.

5. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy—whom do I need to forgive? Is there someone in the family with whom I have “not spoken”? Is there someone at work who has wronged me? A spouse who had betrayed me? Is there a child who has rebelled . . .

6. Can we be as generous as our Merciful God? Is there anything more like God than forgiveness? One aspect of Jesus’ ministry was about forgiveness—eating with sinners, forgiving sins publicly, and preaching about God’s unending mercy. Jesus gave his life for the forgiveness of our sins. How can we possibly be grateful enough for such mercy? The salvation history is all about forgiveness.

7. The second reading today reminds us that God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation . . . let us resolve to be ambassadors and share God’s message of love and forgiveness.

8. The Father reaches out with a deeply tender embrace. As we read the scriptures the images and the lines in the parable are so compelling, so strong, so inviting to us to come home to receive the gift of forgiveness, peace, love! Can you imagine the meeting of the Father and the repentant son . . . and the tenderness of mercy, the caress of the mercy of Jesus on our sins!

Let us forgive one another.

Father Tom
**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

You are invited to the Annual Chrism Mass

**When:** Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m.
**Where:** Cathedral of Christ the Light

Join with us as the chief shepherd of our Diocese, Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., blesses the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism, all of which are taken back to the parishes for the celebration of the Sacraments. This year’s celebration begins with the Musical Prelude and procession of the Parishes at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available for a flat rate of $5 at the Kaiser Center parking garage across the street. Use of public transportation is encouraged; the Cathedral is a two-block walk from the 19th Street BART station. Additional transportation information can be found online.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**CCD Reconciliation**
Tuesday, March 8 — 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

**Parish Reconciliation**
Tuesday, March 22 — At 7:00 p.m.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**
March 6, 2016

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**
On Laetare Sunday, we rejoice as Luke’s Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable’s prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual “shaming” when the father “shames” himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared “act of contrition.” By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, “of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what.” Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, “who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing,” his judgment “severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father’s boundless mercy” (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). If John’s Gospel is proclaimed, the “religiously observant” people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.

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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. morning Mass.

Your cardboard **CRS Rice Bowl** and **Lenten Calendar** are available in the vestibule of the Church. These are great tools to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 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**
Come and join us for a delicious bowl of soup on Wednesday evening
At 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Followed by **Stations of the Cross**
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Church
Soup and Stations will be every Wednesday evening during Lent.

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**Pray for...**

Jesse Aguon
Lourdes Andrade
Nestor Arana
Mark Balliet
**David Bargas**
Paul Bartels
Dan Bautista
Raymond Bautista
Sheila Bickerton
Robertta Caldwell
Pearle Cezaire
Ann Chemack
Tom Chemack
**Mary Curry**
**Mariah Davenport**
Rafael DeRosa
Dianah Desa
Donald Dorn, Sr.
Richard Duenas
Philip Erlwein
Juanita Estrellas
Joy Farris
Victoria Felix
David Fiscus
Melba Fiscus
Edward Fletcher
Pat Forde
**Ken Frakes**
Jeanette Frazier
Ruth Gemma
Bailey Gendreau
Rudy Griego
Connie Guaranglia
Joyce Guaranglia
Rosendo Guevara
Mae Heasley
Natividad Hollman
Jose Ignacio
Juanito Jocson
Sara Le Fargo
Joseph Leo
Esther Liwanag
Barbara Maloon
Clarisse Mascarenas
Rose Matte
Mel Merderious
Peggy Miller
Carmen Moeller
**Virginia Monsor**
Eppie Montano
**Mija Mulligan**
Khoa Nguyen
Peter Luom Nguyen
**Elina Olivera**
John O’Malley
Teresa O’Malley
Armando Ortiz
Ella Pennington
Mao Pham
Paul Prado
Peter Purificacion
Raul Quintero
Josie Raxslon
Matthew Regge, Jr.
Lucy Reightman
Amy Retumalata
Joel Rivera
Myriam Rodriguez
Dora Romero
Ernesto Romero
Max Romero
Brandon Lee Salazar
Jorge Salloman, Jr.
Manuel Salloman
Patricia Salloman
Billy Schmalfeldt
Amy Smith
Peter Smith
Sheryl Smith
Robert Spencer
Patricia Stott
Jack Thompson
Tomas Torres
Anne Tran
Mary Valladon
Adelinee Vargas
Maria Jesus Vargas
Janal Watkins
Jackie Wentworth
Joyce White
Michael Witherspoon

A name posted in dark print was added to the prayer list this week!

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**Young at Heart Luncheon**

**When:** Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at Noon

**Where:** Monsignor McGinty Hall (Gym)

**Menu:** Corned Beef & Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Dessert.

Tickets are available in the parish office until noon
On Monday, March 14th.
$6.00 per person

**“Wear Green”**

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**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Week of March 6**

| Sun. 3/6 | 7:30 am | Peter Ha Ban † |
| 9:00 am | Nina Asuncion † |
| 10:30 am | Parishioners |
| 12:30 pm | Salvador Nunez † |
| Mon. 3/7 | 7:00 am | Aurora Robles † |
| 8:15 am | Marie Vacca † |
| Tues. 3/8 | 7:00 am | Remedios Gutierrez (B) |
| 8:15 am | LeRoy Naia † |
| Wed. 3/9 | 7:00 am | Parishioners |
| 8:15 am | Zachary De Souza (B) |
| Thurs. 3/10 | 7:00 am | Tillie Gumataotao (L) |
| 8:15 am | Martha & Buzzy Radovich † |
| Fri. 3/11 | 7:00 am | Parishioners |
| 8:15 am | David Resendez † |
| Sat. 3/12 | 8:15 am | Joseph Tu Tran † |
| 4:30 pm | Parishioners |
| Sun. 3/13 | 7:30 am | Joseph Terry & his family (L) |
| 10:30 am | Ray Pereira † |
| 12:30 pm | Alejandra Avila Perez † |

**LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM**

**WHO ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE**

**John Vargas †** — February 29th, 2016

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 7**

**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2; 4-6; 11-13b; John 4:43-54
**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9; 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30
**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm106:19-23; John 5:31-47
**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-21, 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm7:2-3, 9bc-12; John 7:40-53
**Sunday:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A): Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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**Before you go to bed next Saturday Night, Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016

Events for Today

No Children’s Liturgy of the Word Today
8:30 a.m. until Noon—Pancake Breakfast in the Gym
Hosted by the Youth Ministry Confirmation Candidates

Faith Formation—K to 6th Grade
9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the School

Second Collection
This Week: Maintenance
Next Week: Catholic Relief Services

Events for the Week March 7, 2016

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Parish Act of Mercy — Month of March

Next weekend, March 12th and 13th the Parish will be conducting a COAT DRIVE. Please bring your new or gently used clean coats to church. There will be barrels at the entrance to the Church to place the coats in. These coats will be distributed to the needy in our community. — THANK YOU

FINANCIAL CORNER

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Stewardship Report
Stewardship for February 28th of $437.33 went to the

Thank you for your continued generosity
Año Jubilar de la Misericordia
6 de marzo de 2016

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Este es el domingo Laetare, nos alegramos así como Jesús que en el Evangelio de Lucas proclama que Dios es infinitamente misericordioso. La parábola del hijo prodigio que regresa a casa, no propiamente arrepentido sino desesperado, después de haber gastado en prostitutas (como lo dice su hermano mayor) su herencia que equivocadamente pidió a su padre aún vivo. Este hijo egoísta solo piensa en un ritual seguro de “vergüenza” cuando su padre se “demerita” así mismo al correr a abrazarlo, interrumpiendo su “acto de contrición” ya preparado. Desafiando a confesores y a todos nosotros, para ser signos de, dice el Papa Francisco, “ser siempre, en todas partes, en cada situación y a pesar de todo, el signo del primado de la misericordia”. Al evitar la dureza del hijo mayor, el Papa Francisco nos advierte, “que se quedó afuera, incapaz de alegrarse, para explicarle que su juicio severo es injusto y no tiene ningún sentido delante de la misericordia del Padre que no conoce confines” (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). En caso que se proclame el Evangelio de Juan el pueblo “religiosamente obediente” en ese texto sirve como ejemplo para advertir de juzgar con dureza a los demás, el hombre ciego que recobró la vista es expulsado de la sinagoga mientras que en ellos su propia ceguera de corazón permanece.


Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Josué 5:9, 10—12 / Salmo 33:2—3, 4—5, 6—7 (R/. 9a) / 2 Corintios 5:17—21 / Lucas 15:1—3, 11—32

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Cuando Israel, el pueblo escogido de Dios, hizo sus pocas maletas y salió corriendo de Egipto, comenzó su camino para convertirse en una nueva creación; de ser una nación de esclavos pasaron a ser un pueblo de hombres y mujeres libres; de estar bajo la opresión de Egipto a estar unidos a Dios por la alianza; de ser una comunidad que comió el maná (que textualmente significa “¿Qué es esto?”) a comer los frutos agrícolas de la tierra prometida. Este viaje duró cuarenta años y no fue fácil.

Cuando el hijo pródigo por fin reaccionó y cayó en cuenta de que si regresaba al hogar, aunque fuera de jornalero, estaría mejor que robándose el alimento de los cerdos, comenzó su camino; de haber estado perdido a ser encontrado, de estar muerto a volver a la vida. Ese viaje no duró cuarenta años pero, ¿cómo se puede medir con las horas del reloj un viaje que transforma el corazón? Ese viaje tampoco fue fácil.

El camino hacia convertirse en una nueva creación puede tomar cuarenta años, cuarenta días, cuarenta minutos o cuarenta segundos. Algunas veces requerirá un viaje exterior, pero siempre habrá un viaje interior. Es difícil, pues morir a sí mismo siempre lo es. Lo importante es que lo hagamos, porque el resultado será la refugencia de un pueblo, de un hijo o una hija, que por fin ha llegado a donde pertenece, a una fiesta donde el Padre lo recibe con un abrazo y Jesús, el hermano mayor, que realizó esa salvación por su muerte, está esperando junto al Padre en unión del Espíritu Santo, que aletea sobre todos sus hijos e hijas.

—James A. Wallace, c.s.s.r.
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— THANK YOU

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.

POPE FRANCIS: The Face of Mercy (No. 15), 2015

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