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FEBRUARY 10/11, 2024 - THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ash Wednesday Mass with Distribution of Ashes
Wednesday, February 14, 2024



8:30am*, 12:10pm, 6:30pm in the Church
(* 8:30am Mass is with our school)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BE MADE
CLEAN.

MARK 1:41



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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024:

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-4
Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



FRANCISFEST APRIL 28, 2024

Save the Dates:

Donation Days - February 10-11
Before and after each mass in
the church/school parking lot

THE FRANCISFEST COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR
DONATIONS OF NEW AND GENTLY USED
ITEMS FOR OUR RETAIL BOOTHS AND
AUCTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Treasure Chest

Objets d'Art
Religious Icons
Jewelry
Home Décor/Furniture (small)
Kitchen/Tableware/Table Linens
Seasonal Décor
Working Bicycles/Tricycles/Wagons
Sports Equipment
Board Games/Puzzles

Bake Sale

Contact Francine Freitas in advance to arrange your donation
of fresh baked goodies on April 27 and 28:
francine2b@comcast.net

Book Nook

Fiction – Non-fiction – Juvenile
Travel – Mystery – Gardening Spiritual – Religious
Sci-fi – Music – Craft – Sports
Romance – History – Biography
(NO cookbooks or coffee table books)

Pathways for Justice – Seeds for Change

Contact Karen Shepard or Jane Potter regarding your
donation of labeled plants to be collected closer to the event:
karenshepard@pacbell.net or jlp102ster@gmail.com
Also seeking donations of Gardening Implements
Outdoor statuary/Garden Art Pots/Planters

Wine Cellar

Seeking bottles/cases of wine with a minimum
retail value of \$20/bottle or more

Complete a Donation Form to receive acknowledgment of your tax deductible gift.

Please contact **Marcia Rooney** at ribney@att.net or
Mike Falasco at mikefalasco1@gmail.com to make arrange-
ments to donate items at another time or with questions.
**WE ALSO SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
APRIL 27 AND 28!**

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS



Please join us from
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
(after 7:30am Mass)
on
Sunday,
February 11, 2024
in front of the church.

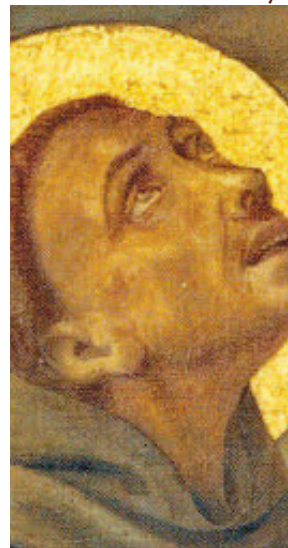
Join your fellow parishioners
as we huddle around
enjoy fun fellowship.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

*While this prayer has always
been attributed to St. Francis,
the author is actually unknown.
The prayer does wonderfully
represent the spirit of St. Francis
and the Franciscan Orders.*

Amen.

Together as Catholics...



“The real presence of the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist compels us to bring his healing presence to the world around us. The Appeal helps us ensure that the saving mercy of Christ reaches our brothers and sisters.”

+JAIME SOTO
Bishop of Sacramento

...kids can reach their full potential

Izabel is devoted to ensuring a positive support system for foster kids now and for their future. As a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a program administered with compassion and dedication by **NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE**, Izabel gives kids the voice they need in court to have a positive path in life.

Once in foster care herself, the severe trauma a child goes through is all too familiar. Today she’s reunited with her parents, has a family of her own and is focused on becoming a lawyer. NVCSS gives her the opportunity to advocate in court for children with stories like hers.



“Foster youth have been my heartstring in the service that I do. We have to make sure these kids are well taken care of, happy and have a family connection.”

KAREN SCHAEFER
CASA Regional Manager
Northern Valley Catholic
Social Service

“We are a testament to what financial donations can do.”

Izabel had a rough time overcoming past traumas. I just want to thank NVCSS for helping us with rent, helping us with housing, helping us with finances at certain times. Once we had those necessities we could think about reunifying with our children.”

JESSICA
Izabel’s mom
Works today as a
substance-abuse counselor

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Helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters - **25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.**

FEBRUARY 24/25

We will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as companions to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone’s life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our parish receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Prayer of the Faithful:

For our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Sacramento...may the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary help us to embrace the charity of Christ as we consider our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal Lord, hear our prayer

COUNTDOWN TO LENT...

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEB 14

OLD PALMS INTO ASHES ... NOW THROUGH FEB 18

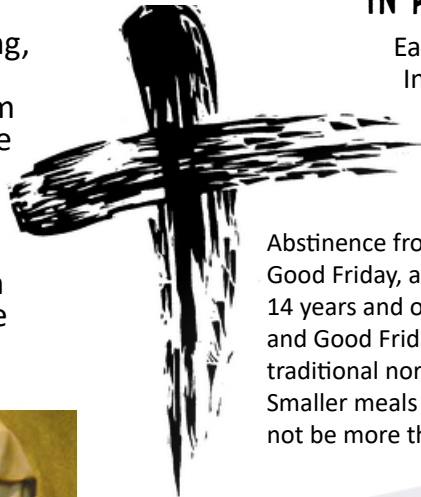
Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, and we invite you to bring in your palms from a previous year's Palm Sunday. We will burn them and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Please deposit your old palms by **Sunday, February 18** in the basket located at the front door of the church (after Feb 14 palms may be used in the future).



Join Fr. Rey on Fridays at 7:00pm in the church, following Lenten Soup Dinner. Each Friday of Lent. Not livestreamed.

The Franciscans have been closely identified with this devotion since 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land.

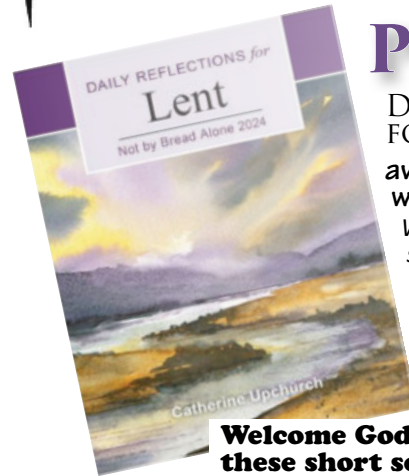


TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE IN PERSON OR LIVESTREAMED

Each Wed during Lent at 6:00 pm
In the church, or via YouTube at
<https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from Meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all of the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 18 to 59 years old. The traditional norm for fasting is to eat only one full meal. Smaller meals throughout the day, if all added up, should not be more than one full meal.



PRAY

DAILY REFLECTIONS
FOR LENT

available after each
weekend Mass

We will again be offering a small booklet prayer opportunity for our Lenten Journey! The will be available for \$1.00 in the church starting this weekend, or at the Parish Center from 9am-12:00pm.

Welcome God daily into your life with these short scripture reflections.

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

February 10-11, 2024

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

Now As We Gather

Eugene Castillo

Now as we gather, God's chosen people, into one body into one place;
Here we shall tell of our own salvation, here we shall see our God face to face. **(Refrain)**

REFRAIN

God be a-mong us as we draw near, shar-ing the sign of love and of prom-ise.
Wine of our sor-row, bread of our joy,— Lord, God, be here a-mong us now...

The musical notation is for a 3/8 time signature, key of G major. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Now as we sing our song of salvation, there are no strangers in this holy place;
Here we shall welcome all with compassion, here we shall see our God face to face. **(Refrain)**
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Kyrie:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Cantor then All

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son... Chri - ste, e - le - i - son... Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

The musical notation is for a 3/4 time signature, key of G major. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Gloria:

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.*

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Psalm: Psalm 32: "I turn to you, Lord"

Scott Soper

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trou-ble, and you
fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

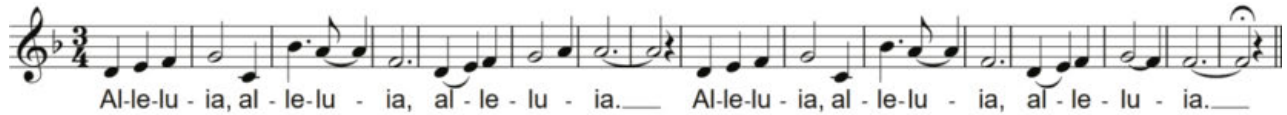
The musical notation is for a 4/4 time signature, key of G major. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan



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Dismissal of Catechumens (9:30):

Blessing of St. Clare

Cathy Tisel Nelson

May you always be with God wherever you may be and may God be with you always.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts :

Christ Before Us

SUO GÂN/Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to guide us all our days.

He to carry all our sorrows, he to bear us perfect grace.

Jesus, Savior, Friend and Brother, Intercessor, Son of God,
save your people in your dying, and in rising, conquer death.

May we be for one another all that you would have us be.

May we live your law of kindness, love, compassion, charity.

May we climb your holy mountain; may we see your holy face!

Visit now this humble dwelling; dwell within this holy place.

God before us through the ages; Christ beside us here today.

Spirit, lead us forth forever; guide and help us all our days.

Christ the Savior, God the Living, Great Creator, Spirit blest!

Holy Three-in-One Immortal, come and be our welcome guest.

O Redeemer, fill your servants with your words of lasting life.

Give to those with hands of healing love transcending pain and strife.

Make us loving sons and daughters; make us holy, kind and true,

sent to labor for your Kingdom—restless till we rest in you.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion:

In the Footprints of Jesus

Cathy Tisel Nelson

REFRAIN

May we fol - low in the foot - prints of Je - sus Christ as we make our
way_ to You. In - ward - ly cleansed and en - light - ened, on fire with the
Spir - it, may we fol - low in the foot - prints of Je - sus.

Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, setting the prisoner free.
Bringing Your justice to all the earth, to all the earth, O God. **(Refrain)**

Friend to the stranger, hope for the hopeless, caring for all those in need.
Bringing Your justice to all the earth, to all the earth, O God. **(Refrain)**

Simple our living, few our possessions, trusting in You for our needs.
May we remember how we are called to serve You all our days. **(Refrain)**

With living waters, You have refreshed us; now we are filled with Your fire.
May we have courage, wisdom and grace, to do Your will, O God. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson, James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Least our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath the hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

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