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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

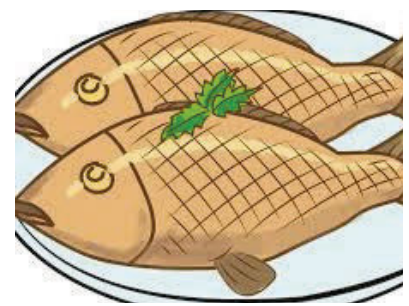
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Feb 25 -
First Sunday of Lent



Feb 27 - St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church



March 01 - Abstinence from meat,
First Friday

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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024:

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Stewardship	\$ 37,003
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
Building Fund	\$ 1,730
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 937

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ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

HOPE IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE

By. Rev. Tom Bonacci

Those who look to God are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

The poor ones call out to God,
and God hears them;
saving them out of all their troubles.

- Psalm 34: 5-6

Our evening reflection will offer some perspectives as to hope we might discern in the midst of the conflict and division in our World today. We will recall the words and strategy of Pope Joh the XXIII who confronted the "prophets of doom" at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. The Council itself offered us hope by emphasizing the presence and expectation of the Kingdom of God as something greater than the Church itself. This "Kingdom of God" is unfolding in our time by a restored understanding of the Church as the people of God living in the World as a source of that justice which gives birth to peace. The developing sense of the Church as a Synodal people of discernment continues and implements the work of Vatican II. Finally, we will confront some of the issues of our day with the intent to discern a sense of direction based on hope and not a false sense of optimism.

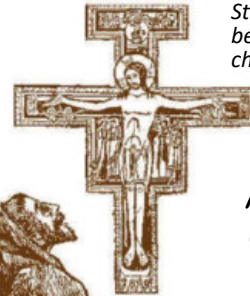
Wednesday, March 6
Brunsmann Hall
7:15 PM (following Taize)



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.

Prayer Before the Crucifix



St. Francis prayed this prayer
before the crucifix in the little
church of San Damiano in
1205/1206, in the early
days of his conversion:

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of
my heart and give me true
faith, certain hope, and
perfect charity, sense and
knowledge, Lord, that
I may carry out Your holy
and true command.

Amen

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Women in Conversation



Lent and Holy Week for Grownups

Join us in person! Please come to our next gathering at 8:45 AM on Saturday, March 9th. We will feature song, prayer, storytelling, and small group discussions (tables of 6). Masks are optional and light refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend and no RSVP necessary. We'd love to see you for coffee and conversation.

Saturday, March 9, 2024
8:45 – 11:00 AM
Brunsmann Hall

LOOK, I SAY, AT THE POVERTY OF HIM WHO WAS PLACED IN A MANGER AND WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES. THEN REFLECT UPON THE HOLY HUMILITY, THE BLESSED POVERTY, THE UNTOLD LABORS AND PUNISHMENTS THAT HE ENDURED FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI, FOURTH LETTER TO AGNES OF PRAGUE



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join Fr. Rey on Fridays at 7:00pm in the church, following 6:00pm 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.



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.



Looking for a way to deepen your prayer life in response to the Lenten call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Check out our weekly Taizé prayer service, an hour of song, scripture, intercession, and silence.

We meet weekly in the church on Wednesday at 6:00 pm, or pray along any time at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3> - YouTube. Listen here to a new chant we will use during Lent: Your Word, O Lord, is a Light (C'est toi ma lampe) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbpRL1kULQQ> (YouTube.com)



PRAY

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT available after each weekend Mass

We will again be offering a small booklet prayer opportunity for our Lenten Journey! They 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.

A
MOMENT
WITH



ST. CLARE
FOR LENT

"I see, too, that by humility, the virtue of faith, and the strong arms of poverty, you have taken hold of that incomparable treasure hidden in the field of the world and in the hearts of men. **Therefore, dearly beloved, may you too always rejoice in the Lord. And may neither bitterness nor a cloud of sadness overwhelm you, O dearly beloved.** – St. Clare of Assisi (Third Letter to the Blessed Agnes of Prague, after May 11, 1238)"

Together as Catholics...



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Sacramento



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FEBRUARY 24/25

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We may not all be social workers or work on the front lines of charity, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities...and our own parish...to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty. The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 465,000 people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works.

Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone’s life. Prayer of the Faithful For all who depend on our generosity through the Annual Catholic Appeal: those who need assistance and all those who work tirelessly in the charitable organizations and parish outreach ministries that serve them...

For our sisters and brothers we pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

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The Second Sunday of Lent



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
February 24-25, 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:

In These Days of Lenten Journey

Ricky Manalo, CSP

REFRAIN

In these days of Len - ten jour - ney we have seen and we have
heard the call to sow jus - tice in the lives of those we serve.

We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth.
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams; we will clothe them in mercy and peace. **(Refrain)**

We open our eyes to the hungry, and see the faces of Christ.

As we nourish all people who hunger for food, may their faith in our God be renewed. **(Refrain)**

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Confiteor:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

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

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Psalm: Psalm 116: "I will walk before the Lord..."

Casey McKinley

I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephen

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
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The Second Sunday of Lent



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:

Transfigure Us, O God

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN

Trans-fig-ure us, O Lord, trans-fig-ure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us;—
speak your healing word, and where you lead we'll follow. Trans-fig-ure us, O Lord.

VERSES

1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the
2. Light for those in dark - ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad
3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, a
4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your
1. love of God self - emp - tied, the love of God to show.____ You
2. tid - ings for the hum - ble, the heal - ing of all ills;____ in
3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek,____ and
4. face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne.____
1. light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.
2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.
3. feast - ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pas - chal road?

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

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.

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free, you have set us free.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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

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

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

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The Second Sunday of Lent



Rory Cooney

Communion:

As We Remember

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As we re-mem-ber, we are be-com-ing; what we see bro-ken,
we hope to be. Show us your mer-cy, show us your
mer-cy, your mer-cy, harsh and love-ly as the sea.

Windfall of waybread scattered on sand, lavished by love we cannot understand. **(Refrain)**

Passover Lamb, slain and consumed, that we be slaves not to tempter nor tomb. **(Refrain)**

Here are our hearts marked with blood of the lamb: death will pass over God's people again. **(Refrain)**

No one rejoices, or suffers alone; meal of the spirit brings many to one. **(Refrain)**

Each has been washed, each is anointed, servant and healer and prophet appointed. **(Refrain)**

Temple not built by muscle and bone: house of the heart that God's people call home. **(Refrain)**

Cup of forgiveness, bread of our peace; children, come home to a parent's embrace. **(Refrain)**

Feast of belonging, feast for the lost; banquet eternal where Christ is the host. **(Refrain)**

Christ in the meal to which we are called points toward the cross and beyond, into God. **(Refrain)**

Love of our Abba, Spirit of Christ, filling your own with the gift of your life. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Lead Me, Lord

John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

REFRAIN

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
seek and to find the nar-row way. Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to-day.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.

Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. **(Refrain)**

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