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MARCH 03, 2024 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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March 04 - St. Casimir



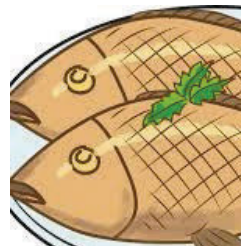
March 7 -
Sts. Perpetua and
Felicity



March 08 -
St. John of God



March 09 - St. Frances of Rome;
Abstinence from meat



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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of March 03, 2024:

Sun: 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
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thu: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

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The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Stewardship	\$ 37,003
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
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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.

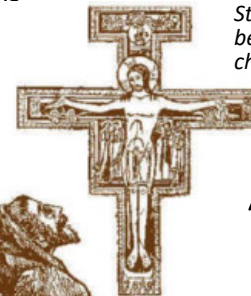
Wednesday, March 6
Brunsmann Hall
7:15 PM (following Taize)

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 our 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

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YOU
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LORD JESUS
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THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, WRITTEN SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH.



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>



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Fr. Rey on Fridays at 7:00pm in the church for Stations of the Cross, following 6:00pm Lenten Soup dinner. Each Friday of Lent.

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.



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



IL POVERELLO FOR LENT

Let every creature in heaven, on earth, in the sea and in the depths, give praise, glory, honor, and blessing, to Him - Who suffered so much for us, who has given so many good things, and who will continue to do so for the future. For He is our power and strength, He Who alone is good, who is most high, who is all powerful, admirable, and glorious; who alone is holy, praiseworthy, and blessed throughout endless ages.

- St. Francis of Assisi, from "The Second Version of the Letter to The Faithful" (1219-1221)



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.



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JOIN WITH US
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EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS**

SATURDAY MARCH 09, 2024 FROM 2:00-6:00PM : THREE SIMULTANEOUS EVENTS IN SACRAMENTO

1 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (Spanish) - 711 T Street, Sacramento

- Priscilla Garza , Pedro de Acevedo, Kairy Marques, Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR

2 - St. Francis of Assisi Parish (English) - 1066 26th Street, Sacramento, CA

- Priscilla Garza, The Revival Band

3 - Immaculate Conception Parish (English-Youth) - 3263 1st Ave, Sacramento

- Rhyan Ramirez, Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, Gospel Chior



**6:00-7:00 PROCESSION TO THE
CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
1019 11TH STREET, SACRAMENTO**

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The Third Sunday of Lent



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
March 2-3, 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 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)**

We open our ears to the weary and hear the cry of the poor.

To the voices that echo the song of despair, we will show our compassion and care. **(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 19: "Lord, you have the words..."

Jeff Thomas

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

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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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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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The Third Sunday of Lent



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:

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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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. (x2)

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

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Communion:

Pan de Vida

Bob Hurd, Pia Moriarty

REFRAIN:

Pan de Vi - da, _____ cuer po del Se - ñor, _____ cup of bless -
ing, _____ blood of Christ the Lord. _____ At this ta - ble _____ the
last shall be first, _____ po - der es ser -
vir, _____ por - que Dios es a - mor. _____

We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God. **(Refrain)**

You call me Teacher and Lord; I, who have washed your feet.
So you must do as I do, so the greatest must become the least. **(Refrain)**

There is no Jew of Greek, there is no slave or free:
There is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God. **(Refrain)**

Somos el templo de Dios, frágiles seres humanos.
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo, llamados a ser compasivos. **(Refrain)**

Ustedes me llaman "Señor". Me inclino a lavarles los pies.
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros. **(Refrain)**

No hay esclavos ni libres, no hay mujeres ni hombres,
sólo aquellos que heredan el reino que Dios prometió. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Save Your People

Jim Farrell

REFRAIN:

Save your peo-ple, O Lord. _____ Show us the way to come home. _____
We have been wan-der-ing far from your love. Save your peo-ple, O Lord. _____

One thing I ask, O Lord, this I seek: to dwell forever in your house,
that I may gaze on your loveliness all the days of my life. **(Refrain)**

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