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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024:

Scrutiny (Sat 5:15): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

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(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
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Pathways for Justice presents Catholic Social Teaching in Action: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Pope Francis has said: "Not paying fairly, not giving a job because you are only looking at how to make a profit, that goes against God." Catholic Social Teaching tells us that the economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. And if the dignity of work is to be protected then the rights of workers must be respected.

This teaching forms the basis for discussion at the seventh St. Francis Pathways for Justice quarterly series on Catholic Social Teaching in Action. Our speakers will be:

- Monica Marcelli-Chu, Ph.D., Professor of Theological Ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University. Dr. Chu specializes in moral theology and the works of St. Thomas Aquinas; she will speak on the history of this teaching and how we can apply it in our lives.
- Jim Durst of Durst Organic Growers. Mr. Durst, a local farmer and worker advocate, will share what his company does to promote the rights and dignity of workers.

St. Francis Pathways for Justice ministry invites you to join in the discussion on this coming
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
in Brunsman Hall.

Please let us know if you can join us in person or on Zoom by emailing pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com.

THIS SATURDAY - ONLY -

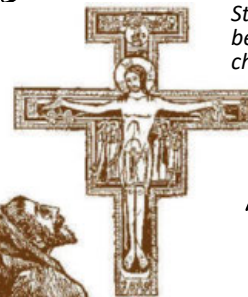
- The Second Scrutiny will be observed during Mass at 5:15.
- The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress starts at 2:00pm in the afternoon and continues until 5:15 Mass. After Mass, join us as we make a Procession with the Eucharistic to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration.



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



Calling all young voices!

Kids in grades 2-12 are invited
to sing for Easter Sunday
9:30 Mass. Rehearsals are on
Sunday March 17 and March
24 from 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. in the
Parish Center Chapel.

No experience necessary, just
enthusiasm! Contact Mrs. Stites at janetstites@earthlink.net
for more information.

CHRISTIANS MUST LEAN

ON THE

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FROM IT CAN THEY
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AND TRUTH.

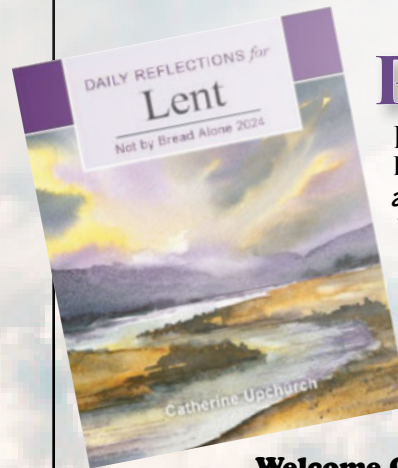
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.



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>

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MOMENT
WITH



ST. CLARE
FOR LENT

Love with your whole heart God and Jesus, his son, crucified for our sins, and never let his memory escape your mind; make yourself mediate continually on the mysteries of the cross and the anguish of the mother standing beneath the cross. Pray and be always vigilant.

- St. Clare of Assisi (Letter To Ermentrude)



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 ON SATURDAY
DIOCESAN
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 Fourth Sunday of Lent



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
March 10, 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 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)**

We call on the Spirit of Justice and pray for righteousness' sake.

We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed; we will loosen the bonds of distress. **(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 137: "Let my tongue be silenced..."

Rick Modlin

Let my tongue be si-lenced, if I ev - er for - get you if I ev - er for - get you.____

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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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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:

Open My Eyes

Jesse Manibusan

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O

1. face. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. voice. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. you. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. Love. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Bridge: And the first and will be last
And our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
And we'll see God's face
In places we've never known.

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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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Lori True

Communion:

Turn to the Living God

Turn, turn to the liv - ing God, the God of heal - ing and com - fort, and
with de - light God will turn to you. With de - light God will turn to you.

For now is the time of fulfillment. The reign of our God is at hand.
Reform your life, turn from sin and believe this glorious news. **(Refrain)**

Come and return to the Lord. All you weary, bring your grieving hearts.
With kindness and mercy God's compassion will fill your hearts with love. **(Refrain)**

Have mercy, O Lord, on your people. In your goodness wipe away our guilt.
Wash us clean, free us, to become your living song of praise. **(Refrain)**

Come, sing with joy to the Lord. Listen with an open heart.
Hear God's voice and follow; our good shepherd is guiding the way. **(Refrain)**

We are fed not only by bread, but on ev'ry word that comes from God.
With fasting, and praying, we place our hope in God. **(Refrain)**

This is God's beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased.
Rise up and fear not; it is good for us to be here. **(Refrain)**

Come, all you who thirst for salvation. Bring your burdens to the well of life.
All who drink this water will never be thirsty again. **(Refrain)**

Come and be healed of all darkness; be opened to the light of Christ.
Come now, and follow, believe and see the goodness of God. **(Refrain)**

We who believe in the Lord, though we die, we too shall live.
On that day we will rise with our Savior, Jesus the Christ. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

We Are the Light of the World

Jean Anthony Greif, Arr. Tom Tomaszek

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

REFRAIN

**We are the light of the world,
May our light shine before all,
That we may see the good that we do,
And give glory to God.**

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth.

Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **(Refrain)**

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