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Sunday, March 17, 2019 | Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

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2380 Belmont Avenue
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Open Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 8:30am | 12:00pm (Both English)

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass - English)

Sunday: 8:30am (English) | 9:30am (Spanish)

11:00am (Italian) | 12:15pm (English)

1:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday: 8:30am / 12:00pm / 6:30pm (All English)

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or any time by calling the Parish Office.

RITE OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm

3rd Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm

Attendance at Pre-Baptism Class is required.

Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.

RITE OF MATRIMONY

Wedding dates may be scheduled after initial meeting with a priest.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would be served by a pastoral visit by a Priest, Religious Sister or a lay Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Center.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information please call Sr. Edna at the Parish Center.

OLMC SCHOOL: 2465 BATHGATE AVENUE

Please contact the School Office at (718) 295-6080.

ANNOUNCED MASSES**Sunday, March 17th Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30am John Joseph Ambrose
 9:30am Para la Comunidad de Monte Carmelo
 11:00am Angela e Filomena Salvatore
 12:15pm Peter Gaine
 1:30pm Iris Hernandez

Monday, March 18th | Lenten Weekday; St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am Sylvia Madonna Macera
 12:00pm Luisa & Joseph Spedalieri; Mario Campanelli
 6:30pm Salvatore Marano

Tuesday, March 19th | St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

8:30am Giuseppe & Luisa Settembre
 12:00pm Joseph Zinzi
 6:30pm Alphonse & Lena Manna

Wednesday, March 20th | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Ida Sacco
 12:00pm Francesco, Luisa & Casimiro Cibelli
 6:30pm Lisandro (Junior) Guzman Feliz

Thursday, March 21st | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Carmine Pistocco
 12:00pm Deceased Parents & Benefactors of the Sisters
 6:30pm Raffaele Merolla

Friday, March 22nd | Lenten Weekday

8:30am Joseph G. Cea
 12:00pm Costanzo Spedalieri & Mario Campanelli
 6:30pm Edgar Manipon

Saturday, March 23rd | Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30am Lisandro (Junior) Guzman Feliz
 12:00pm Maria Michela & Vincenzo Malafronte
 5:00pm Michael & Jane Verini

Sunday, March 24th Third Sunday of Lent

8:30am Mario & Erma Borgatti
 9:30am Para la Comunidad de Monte Carmelo
 11:00am Defunti della Famiglia Navarra
 12:15pm Kay Muton
 1:30pm Ernesto Sancho Bonet

+REST IN PEACE+

Please pray for *Louis Gagliano*,
 and all the faithful departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 3/10/19

Collection\$3,475.82
 Last year's Collection\$4,699.62

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 3/10/19

Adults: 711 Children: 258 Total: 969

From the Desk of Father José Félix Ortega

"The spiritual battle of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer." (Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 2725). Lent is about changing, and all the changes in life are not easy. When we change jobs, when we move to a different city or apartment... we experience uncertainty and stress. We feel that we are losing something and not getting immediately what we were expecting. That is why it is a battle.

To be a Catholic, to live as a Catholic, in our world today, is not easy. Many of our values and traditions are in a continuous clash with the world and the current culture. It is a battle. But the battle is not only outside, it is also inside of us. During Lent the Church recommends us to increase our prayer, and prayer is a battle. Against whom? Firstly, against the evil one that does all he can to turn us away from God. Secondly, against ourselves. Even when we decided to pray and to give it a try during Lent, we need to fight the distractions, the discouragement, the apparent lack of time for prayer.

The good news is that while fighting, we are already praying. Prayer is not about saying nice words to God, or about repeating some prayers multiple times. Prayer is about accepting that I need God in my life, prayer is staying in relationship to God. If I start to pray and a thousand times I am distracted, but a thousand times I come back to my decision to pray... I just said to God a thousand times that I want Him be part of my life. Is that not a beautiful prayer and act of love? I bet that a couple that says to each other a thousand times that they love each other... are really in love.

But prayer is not only a battle, but it is also a gift of the Holy Spirit, that prays in us. Let's not be discouraged, and not cease to pray: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love!"

God bless,
Father José Félix

**ST. JOSEPH PASTA SOCIAL**

Next Sunday, March 24th
 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Fatima Hall
Tickets: \$20; \$18 (Seniors 62+)
\$10 (Youth 6-16); Under 5 years - free

TODAY'S READINGS

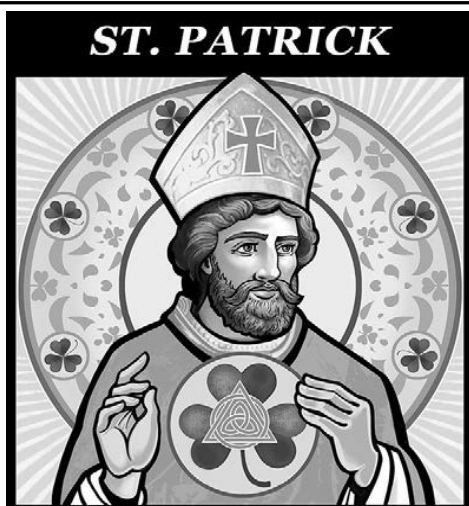
First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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**Lenten Retreat**

Led by Fr. Henry

**Every Sunday - 3pm to 4:15pm
in the Parish Center**

+ Make the most of your Lent +

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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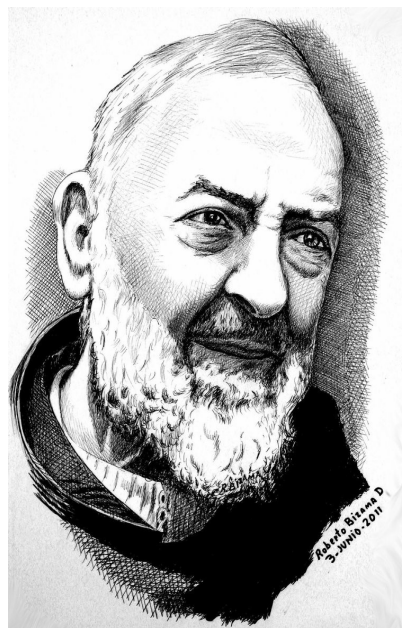
La Messa Oggi**Seconda Domenica della Quaresima**

Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!
Dalla nube luminosa, si udì la voce del Padre:
«Questi è il mio Figlio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!».

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Mc 9,7

**- VIA CRUCIS -****FRIDAYS + VENERDÌ + VIERNES**

11:15 a.m. - Italian

5:45 p.m. - English

7:00 p.m. - Spanish

**Cardinal's Annual
Stewardship Appeal
** 2019 ****

*Please make your pledge
during Mass next weekend*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — “A tu descendencia daré esta tierra” (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27 [26]).

Segunda lectura — Somos ciudadanos del cielo (Filipenses 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Evangelio — Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el monte (Lucas 9:28b-36).

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HORA SANTA



* **ESTE JUEVES** *

21 de marzo - 7:15 p.m.

¡Vengan a adorar el Señor!

REGLA PARA LA CONVERSACIÓN

Si alguien dice algo poco caritativo en tu presencia, debes, o hablar bien de la persona ausente, o alejarte o si es posible poner un alto a la conversación.

—San Juan Vianney



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La Cuaresma nos llama a la conversión, a la cual deberíamos estar dedicados todo el año. En muchas parroquias latinas la Cuaresma también es tiempo de misiones. De niño recuerdo haber participado cada año en las misiones de mi parroquia. Escuchábamos a los predicadores con curiosidad, ya que aparecían solo una vez al año y luego se regresaban a lugares lejanos y desconocidos. Nunca imagine que algún día yo también estuviera como predicador de misiones. Me gustaría darles un resumen del mensaje que he sembrado en varias parroquias.

Las misiones no son para repetir doctrina, sino para evangelizar a los bautizados. Con cinco temas se puede evangelizar a los bautizados recordándoles los cinco puntos claves del Evangelio cristiano: 1) Dios nos ama y nos hizo para él; 2) Nosotros hemos pecado y sufrimos las consecuencias; 3) Dios nos manda a su Hijo para librar-nos del mal; 4) Jesús desea formar parte de nuestras vidas personales, ¡invitémoslo! y 5) Jesús llena nuestro corazón con el poder y la presencia de su Espíritu. Este mensaje es uno de conversión y esperanza.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lectors for March 23rd & 24th

5:00 p.m. A. Hansen & C. Vera
8:30 a.m. N. Watson & B. Rivera
11:00 a.m. M. Gerbasi & N. Trombetta
12:15 p.m. V. Vera & F. Randazzo

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March 19th

In Loving Memory of
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From Margherita Cuomo

UPCOMING RETREATS

OLMC YOUTH GROUP - "ROOTED"

May 3 - 5
Don Bosco Retreat Center
Stony Point, New York

June 22 in Fatima Hall
HEAT Group

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bless and protect our youth +*



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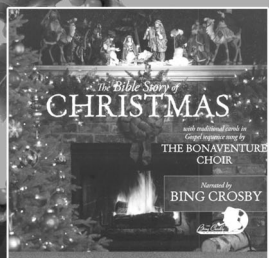
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