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Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
(Chapel)

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

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Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

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Second Sunday of LENT

March 17, 2019



Peter said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Luke 9:33

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2019 Bishop's Appeal Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as St. Francis of Assisi responded to your call to "Rebuild My Church," may we also respond as you call us to rebuild your Church today in the Diocese of Oakland. It is the Church you built through the gift of your own Body and Blood. We come before you humbly today, grateful for that gift and for all the blessings you continually bestow upon us. All of us, laity, religious brothers and sisters, deacons and priests, understand the challenges ahead in building and renewing your kingdom in our Diocese. We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, calling forth within us the same courage and passion St. Francis felt when he heard Your call at San Damiano. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi, whom you blessed with a deep love for you and your people and a humble attitude of self-sacrifice. We thank you for raising up those same gifts within us as we discern our commitment to offer you our time, talents and treasure in response to this annual Bishop's Appeal. Grant us compassionate hearts to touch our brothers and sisters in need, grateful hearts to provide care for our retired priests, hopeful hearts to support those You have called to serve You in the priesthood, and zealous hearts to support the works of evangelization in our parishes and schools. Under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World, we entrust all our humble efforts to You, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

For further information on this year's Bishop's Appeal and how to help, contact Giles Miller, Office for Mission Advancement, at 510-628-2156 or gmliller@oakdiocese.org.



**REBUILD
MY CHURCH
2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL**



Our lives sometimes have competing noises calling for our attention. When there is so much going on around us, it is difficult for us to focus on any one thing. When this happens, we can miss important things that are going on around us. During Lent, we slow down and seek out time for quiet prayer. In silence we can be more attentive to Jesus who wants us to follow his word and example. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to listen and follow Jesus more faithfully.

In Youth Ministry we look at the different ways we meet the challenge Lent presents to us – time to slow down and refresh ourselves from the inside out. This coming week teens gather twice:

- Sunday, March 17 Confirmation Candidates gather for an evening on the Church in the church.
- Tuesday, March 19 Youth Group gathers for an evening on Lent

Giving something up during Lent is not only about denial. Sacrifice helps us to prepare our hearts to be transformed by clearing away bad habits and negative actions so that our hearts can be ready to receive God's love. During Lent we try to turn away from idols we have put in God's place and restore God to his rightful position above everything else in our lives. Teens join us as we take this path this Lenten season. *Gary*

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 or Lk 2:41-51a
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Operation Rice Bowl: ENCOUNTER ANNET



In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the

stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more information.

Social Justice Committee

The newly formed Social Justice committee has been meeting for a few months now. After time spent discussing various Social Justice issues, 12 active members decided to focus on 3 areas - Housing (homeless), Health care and Immigration. Look for more info about these issues in the upcoming weeks and months. We're meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. We hope you'll join us or contact Christoph for more information.

HOMELESS CRISIS IN CONTRA COSTA

A new video has been produced here in Contra Costa about poverty and homelessness in our own county. Here is a link to view it <https://vimeo.com/320428162>.

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Sacred Conversations

Second Sunday of Lent

Don't you wonder what Peter, James, and John were thinking that day up on Mount Tabor? Just one chapter earlier in Luke they were the ones Jesus selected to go with him into the room of a young girl who had died. Everyone was wailing and crying, and Jesus beckoned those three to go into the house with him.

How terrifying! True, that very day they had seen him cure the hemorrhaging woman. They had witnessed several miracles, but this was different. This was a dead child.

But they took courage and entered the house, and because of that grace they witnessed the raising of a child from death. Even that, though, couldn't prepare them for what was coming next. Up on that mountain, while he was praying (and they were, as usual, sleeping) their Teacher was suddenly changed.

Their traveling clothes were dusty and dirty; his were dazzling white. They were talking with each other; Jesus was talking with the Law and the Prophets. And that conversation wasn't just idle chatter. Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus about his *exodus*. What a thoroughly Jewish way of saying they were talking about his death.

I would have begged to build some tents too. Having heard the heavens talking about the terrible events that lay ahead, I would have begged to stay put on the mountain.

And, wouldn't you know, it was those three who were called away one last time, to pray with Jesus in Gethsemane the night of his arrest. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We have three stunning Sundays to go before we come together for that terrible Passion. Stay tuned. The greatest stories ever told await.

*Have you ever been the one called upon
to do something brave?*

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This Week at St. Perpetua March 17—March 24, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am
Confirmation, 6:30 pm, Church/RRC

Monday

Children's Choir, 3:30 pm, RRC
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel
Women Walking With Purpose, 7:30 pm, RRC
Finance Council, 7:30 pm, Parish Office

Tuesday

First Reconciliation, 7:00 pm, Church
Lenten Prayer Group, 7:00 pm, Dining Room
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Conference Room
Youth Group, 7:30 pm, RRC

Wednesday

Bible Study, 9:30 am & 7:00 pm, Chapel

Thursday

Social Justice Cmte., 7:00 pm Conference Room

Friday

Women Walking With Purpose, 9:30 am, RRC

Saturday

Silent Saturdays, 9:00 am, Chapel

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
Faith Formation Class & Team, 10:30 am, School
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, Church
Confirmation, 6:30 pm, RRC
Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Church

Rite of Election

At 2:00 on Saturday, March 16 our catechumens and candidates celebrated the Rite of Election and Recognition with Bishop Barber at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Please keep the following adults in your prayers as they begin the final stages of preparation for full communion with the Church: **Troy & Jessica Schmedding, Sabrina Bea, Matt Kramer and Amy Cocotis**. You can learn more about each one of them in the foyer, where their pictures and intros are posted.

Mass Intentions March 16—March 24, 2018

Sunday	8:00 am	For the Community
	9:30 am	Rob O'Rourke ☩
	11:30 am	Ed Stokes ☩
Wednesday	8:30 am	Thomas Bond ☩
Saturday	5:00 pm	Vita Hofmann ☩
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Community
	9:30 am	Doug McAuliffe ☩
	11:30 am	Diane Mathers ☩



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The following passage is from St. Bonaventure's *The Life of Francis*:

“One day when Francis went out to meditate in the fields he was passing by the church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of extreme age. Inspired by the Spirit, he went inside to pray.

Kneeling before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with great fervor and consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord's cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from the cross, telling him three times: “Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin.”

Trembling with fear, Francis was amazed at the sound of this astonishing voice, since he was alone in the church; and as he received in his heart the power of the divine words, he fell into a state of ecstasy. Returning finally to his senses, he prepared to put his whole heart into obeying the command he had received. He began zealously to repair the church materially, although the principle intention of the words referred to that Church which Christ purchased with his own blood, as the Holy Spirit afterward made him realize...”

Bishop Barber's thoughts:

“Rebuild My Church” was the message Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ once spoke to St. Francis. At first, Francis took the assignment literally, physically restoring the abandoned chapel at San Damiano. Later, he came to understand his mission in a more spiritual sense: to return the church to the radical simplicity of the gospel, the spirit of poverty, and the image of Christ in the poor. Before long, other people joined him in his life of poverty, dedicating their lives to the teachings of Christ and by doing so, **“Rebuilding Christ's Church”**

As your shepherd for almost six years, it has been my mission to build up Christ's Church in the Diocese of Oakland. Most recently, I have spoken to you regarding my three pillars: the Sunday Mass experience; practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy; and forming ourselves into missionary disciples. I call on you today to assist me in strengthening these pillars as we work together to Rebuild Christ's Church!

