



FROM THE DESK OF MALENY QUIROZ

Lent is associated with the idea of giving something up... but why? So that we can create space to let Christ enter into our hearts. When we get rid of what we don't need, of the distractions that cloud our view, we're better able to see the beauty of what God wants us to experience. More than just giving something up, we also have to learn three things:

how to give up, how to give, and how to receive.

How to give up? Aren't we supposed to keep trying and not quit? Yes, we must persist and keep practicing our faith, as practicing Catholics, so that we can grow. After all, a saint is just a sinner that keeps trying. But we also have to give up, how to surrender our will to that of our Father. We often get so caught up on what we want, that we forget that what God wants for us is infinitely better than anything we could've ever planned. It can be painful to forgo our plans and desires, but we must trust that the promises that God made will be fulfilled if we allow Him.

How to give? Every time we give, we allow another being and ourselves to thrive. Sometimes we have so many clothes we don't use, withholding them from those who truly need them. Sometimes we eat and waste so much food, making ourselves overweight, sick, and even dead, instead of sharing it with the hungry. What if we were to extend the minimum of no meat on Fridays to the entirety of Lent and beyond? While we would give up some of the pleasure of our taste buds, we would give sentient beings the opportunity to live, while contributing less to the deforestation, water contamination, and food waste that it takes to manufacture animal products. It's not that we don't have enough food in the world to feed the 795 million people in hunger—it's that there are too many of us who are greedy, who buy more than we need, eat more than our bodies ask for, and contribute to industries that damage our common home and take away food and water from the poor to feed the animals we eat.

How to receive? After ridding ourselves of the distractions and privileges that our greedy selves want but don't need, we must learn how to receive the spirit of God. We must fill our lives with prayer, service, joy, and silence to be able to hear the voice of God in the marginalized, in our everyday experiences, in the scriptures, and in our vocations. God wants to give us so much; He never stops pursuing us. As paradoxical as it sounds, we have to let go and share many things before we can receive what we truly need. This Lent, make space for God in your heart.

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This Weekend's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reading II

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Next Weekend's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel

John 4:5-42



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Monday, March 9, 8:30am

Yen Pham+

Sam Passion Jr.+

Nancy Mueller+

Tuesday, March 10, 8:30am

Anthony Doan Tran (Birthday)

Michael Subhash-SI (Health)

Krishnan Valsan+

Aurora Sison-Miranda+

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Yen Pham+

Juanita Pagatpatan+

Wallie Simbulan+

Thursday, March 12, 8:30am

Ignatius "Bud" Lomonaco+

Remedios Soriano (BIRTHDAY)

Sue Harada+

Friday, March 13, 8:30am

Anna Theralynne's Tran (Birthday)

Anna Therabelle Tran (Birthday)

Cat Cecilio+

Saturday, March 14, 8:30am

Yen Pham+

Pedro Velasquez+

Edward Hahn+

Saturday/Sunday, March 14-15

5:00 Vigil, Chapel

Owen Juinio

Sharon Simpson+

Dominic Norcia+

8:15am Villages

8:30am Chapel

Joseph Sunthorn R. Van+

Joseph Po Cheng Sae Sang+

Francisca Sunan R. Van+

9:00am Gathering Hall

Vidal Dizon+

Lita+

Grace Kim (thanksgiving - newborn)

9:30am Grange Hall

10:30am Chapel

Putt Kauinana Mat+

John Bui+

Bill Marsella+

Jose Salame+

11:00am Gathering Hall

Michael Horning+

Silverio E. Ignacio+

Brian Tetrault+

12:30pm Chapel

Eliazar Visenio+

Silvia & Eustolio Cuevas +

Guadalupe & Amparo Cuevas +

2:00pm Spanish Mass

Luis Flores+

4:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Yen Pham+

Teresa Nguyen Xuan Huong+

6:00pm Chapel

Mary and Harry Martinez+

**"Go forth from the land of
your kinsfolk and from
your father's house to a
land that I will show you."
(Genesis 12:1)**

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."



**"Vete de la tierra de tus
parientes y de la casa de
tu padre a una tierra que
te mostraré".
(GÉNESIS 12:1)**

Dios nos llama a todos a dejar atrás nuestras viejas costumbres y a seguirlo, confiando completamente en Él. Algunas de las viejas costumbres que tendremos que luchar por dejar atrás podrían ser el materialismo, el egoísmo y la codicia. Sin embargo, Dios promete mostrarnos una nueva tierra y una mejor manera de vivir. Recuerda lo que dijo Santa Teresa de Calcuta: "Dios no nos llama a tener éxito, Dios nos llama a ser fieles".

stewardship

February 22-23 (361 envelopes)

Offertory	\$16,645.54
Mortgage	\$ 350.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 185.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 40.00
40 Days	\$ 627.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 53.00
Misc	\$ 211.00

Online Giving

February 18-24	\$ 2,583.00
February 11-17	\$ 3,248.00

If you are interested in donating on-line, please visit our webpage at www.sfoasj.com and click on

Online Giving

Or scan



to get started with this convenient giving option.

**Thank you in advance
for your generous giving.**

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent Chapel

5:00pm – Msgr. Mitchell

8:30am – Fr. Weisbeck

10:30am – Fr. Syjueco

12:30pm – Fr. Syjueco

2:00pm (Spanish) – Bishop Sevilla

4:00pm (Vietnamese) – Fr. Vu

6:00pm – Fr. Syjueco

Gathering Hall

9:00am – Fr. Stanley

11:00am – Fr. Stanley

Ecclesial Communities

8:15am (Villages) – Fr. Vu

9:30am (Grange) – Fr. Vu



HAPPY 58TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR PASTOR – MARCH 8, 2020

SCRUTINIES WITH THE ELECT

Over the next three weekends, the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent at both the 8:30am & 6:00pm Masses, we will celebrate the rites of penance and purification with our elect who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. The purpose of these rites is to uncover all that would lead them away from Christ, so that they might be able to come to a full Christian life. The support of a parish community is vital to this process. At the same time, these brief rites call us, the baptized, to uproot the sin in our lives to be more faithful to our own baptism.



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Last weekend, we provided a legal-size purple flyer with a description of the many Lenten devotions and activities taking place in our parish. There are extra copies available. Please post it in a place in your home where you can refer to it over the next 40 days. You can also visit our parish website for more information.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO & OUR LADY GUADALUPE

Our Pastor, Fr. Matt, is leading a parish pilgrimage from May 25 - 30,

2020. We have only a few spaces left.

We begin in Mexico City, journey to the Shire of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and an excursion to Puebla. Cost is \$1,998 which includes round trip airfare; 5 nights of hotel accommodations; most meals and transportation by motor coach. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Jacqueline Nguyen at Classique Travel (408) 859-4411 or email classiquetravel@gmail.com



CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS – PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY: Deacon Robain
Lamba & Families

MONDAY: Angelbert Chikere &

Retired priests

TUESDAY: Tony Famave & Active priests

WEDNESDAY: Manuel Barrios, Joseph Nguyen & Seminarians

THURSDAY: Robert Lamorena, Ryan Mau & Bishops

FRIDAY: Duy Nguyen, Thanh Ho & Deceased priests

SATURDAY: Joseph Tran & Discerning men
Prayer for Vocations and Weekly Calendar can also be found at www.dsj.org/Vocations

GIFT SHOP MANAGER NEEDED

The St. Francis of Assisi Garden Gift Shop is looking for a volunteer to manage our gift shop. If you have retail experience and have a few hours a month to volunteer, please contact Victor Espinoza at 408.223.1770 x302 or email him at vespinoza@dsj.org

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



We will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room to discuss **The**

57 Bus' by Dashka Slater.

For info, Donna 408 238 6681.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes & Paybee Electronic Giving

As good stewards of the treasure you entrust to us, we are taking steps to "clean-up" our envelope mailing and distribution list. For all those who currently are receiving envelopes and did not use them in 2019, we will be removing you from our mailing list. This will reduce our expenses significantly.

We encourage our parishioners who don't use envelopes to consider electronic online giving. The parish has recently engaged the services of Paybee.io to facilitate this process. It is extremely easy to use. Please visit paybee.io to begin using this service. Please contact our Business Manager, Victor Espinoza at vespinoza@dsj.org or 408.223.1770 x302 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the programs and ministries of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



What's Happening

DAILY:

Rosary-Monday-Saturday, 8AM, Chapel

Divine Mercy-Monday-Saturday, 7:50AM Chapel

WEEKLY:

AA-Mondays, 7PM
Fireside Room

Adoration First Friday, Chapel, 9am-5pm, other Fridays in Garden Rooms, 9am-5pm

Legion of Mary (English) Wednesday, 8PM, EV 2-3

Legion of Mary (Español) Thursday, 7PM, Evergreen 3

Marian Intercessory

Prayer Group

Thursdays, 9:15AM, Chapel (Drop-ins WELCOME)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Mass

Wednesday, 7pm, Chapel

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thursdays, 4PM, Fireside Room

SFOA Lectio Divina

Wednesdays, 10AM, Chapel

Stations of the Cross after 8:30AM Mass (M-SA Only)

MONTHLY:

13th of Month Rosary Group

One complete Rosary after 8:30 AM Mass each month

Book Group, First Tuesday, 7:30PM Fireside Room

Filipino Ministry Team (FMT) Third Thursday, 6pm, Gathering Hall

Holy Family Institute

First Saturday, 2-4PM, EV1-EV2
Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement : Third Wednesday of the month at 3:30PM in EV1

Spanish Ministry : First Monday, 7PM, Gathering Hall

Social Justice:

Fourth Monday, 7PM, Garden Rooms

ENCOUNTERING
CHRIST - FAITH
IN ACTION.

ADA2020
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ADA 2020 Parish Goal: \$220,000

Pledged: \$83,020

Average Gift: \$483

Our thanks to the **172 parishioners** who turned in their gifts and pledges towards this year's ADA. 79 pledges made were equal with their 2019 pledge. 45 have increased their 2019 pledge, while 33 pledges were less than 2019. 14 people pledged in 2020 who were unable to pledge in 2018. With everyone's participation, we can meet and surpass our ADA goal; however, this will only be possible if every parish household participates according to their means. Anything raised above our ADA goal will directly benefit our parish.

Did You Know that your support of the ADA makes these ministries and events possible?

- Permanent Diaconate Formation
- Catholic Green Initiative
- Ongoing Priest Development
- Marriage Annulments
- Rite of Election

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Sunday, March 15 at 3PM
Gathering Hall
Adult tickets are \$25
Kids meals are \$10
Hotdog, Chips, Fruit Cup
Great Food and Irish Dancers
await you.
Tickets on sale after
all Masses and in
the Parish Office!

Faith FORMATION



Family Reflection

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." – Matt. 17:5

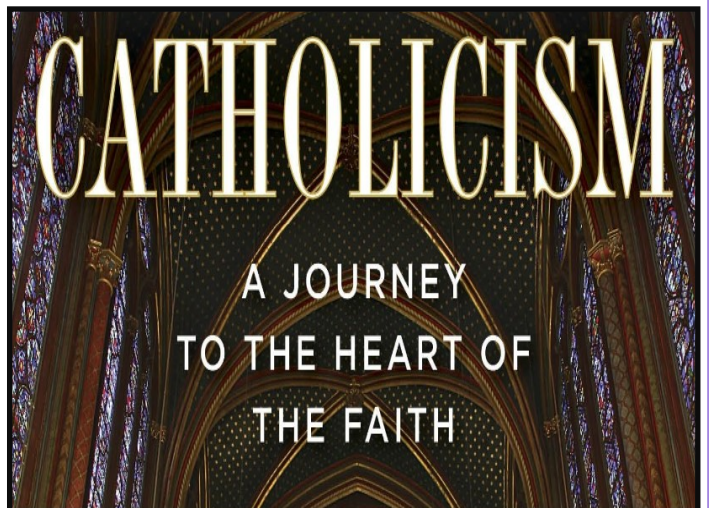
During the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals his true glory to his closest friends. Similar to his baptism in the Jordan, the Father speaks from heaven to announce that Jesus is his "beloved Son". Like a proud parent, God the Father is telling us that he is delighted by his son. He also tells us to "listen to him", so we can follow Jesus and live how he lived: paying attention to the poor and the outcast, fighting for what is right, and bringing comfort to those who are hurting. If we listen to Jesus and follow him our hearts will get bigger and we will grow into everything God wants us to be.

PRAYER: *Dear Lord, help us to walk in Jesus' footsteps, and to listen to him. Give us courage to follow him wherever he leads us!*

- ✠ How can you improve your listening skills to better hear God's voice?

Parents:

- ✠ What Mass did you attend this week?
- ✠ What was one new insight the HOMILY gave you?



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

**MONDAYS OF LENT BEGINNING MARCH 2
7:00-8:30PM | NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Questions? Contact Lisa Nakamura at
lisa.nakamura@dsj.org or in the Parish Office

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We begin each evening with prayer at 6:00pm in the Hall, followed by a simple meal of meatless soup and bread prepared by one of our parish ministry teams. At **6:15pm** we will introduce one of the **3 Pillars of Lent-Fasting, Prayer, Almsgiving**. Scripture and Reflection Questions will be provided for each table to contemplate and discuss from 6:30pm-7:00pm. Finally, at **7:15 pm** we will move to the chapel for the Stations of the Cross. March 13 we will have a children friendly Stations of the Cross. Plan to join **us March 13, 20, 27 and April 3.**



RETRouvaille

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



THE GRATEFUL GARMENT PROJECT

When a victim of sexual assault enters a SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) facility for an examination, they are often required to surrender their clothing for forensic evidence. This can leave victims with nothing to wear home but a paper hospital gown. The Grateful Garment Project (TGGP) provides **NEW** clothing, grooming items and snacks to victims of sexual assault of all ages. Our church is hosting a clothing drive to assist TGGP. Outside of church there will be boxes for your donations of **NEW** clothing, and grooming items. Don't feel like shopping? Financial contributions allow purchases of clothing in bulk at wholesale prices; this makes each dollar go farther. Please make your tax deductible donation payable to: **Grateful Garment**. On the tables outside you will find brochures about TGGP and a list of what items of clothing are needed. Donations will be accepted at all Masses on the weekends of **March 7-8**, and **March 14-15**. Please be generous in helping TGGP return dignity to victims of sexual assault.

NEW items Needed: *Sweatshirts (Adult and Youth – all sizes, Sweat Pants/Pajama Bottoms (Adult and Youth – all sizes, Sport Bras (all sizes), Underwear (for women, men and children) (all sizes), Socks/ Booties Flip Flops/Slippers or Slip-on Sandals (all sizes)*

(408) 674-5744 www.gratefulgarment.org



3GEN+ & POPE FRANCIS 3.14-15.20

In 2018 the California Bishops wrote *Hope and Healing: A Pastoral Letter on Caring for Those Who Suffer from Mental Illness Addressed to All Catholics and People of Goodwill*. Within our parish, several gathered in August 2019 to reflect on the letter. One mother said, "I wish I had read this when my son was younger." A teacher exclaimed, "This is so practical! It's not flowery!" At the 2020 ad limina meeting of our Bishops with Pope Francis, Bishop John Dolan of San Diego speaking from his lived experience of family members dying by suicide, stepped out and spoke up in bold faith about mental illness' stigma and shame.

In Bishop Dolan's family of nine siblings, one sister, one brother, one brother-in-law have died by suicide. Recently, another sister attempted suicide. Describing that Vatican moment, Bishop Dolan said that another Bishop had spoken about the increase in suicide, or "deaths by despair." Some mused that loss of faith contributed to the increase in deaths by suicide. Bishop Dolan asked to speak on the topic. From his own place of sorrow and grace, he told the story of the deaths by suicide of his family members. He spoke about their active involvement in the Church. "They were not lacking in faith or virtue. They had a mental disorder." Then Bishop Dolan invited Pope Francis to read *Hope and Healing* and to write a letter on mental illness. Pope Francis nodded and said that he needed to do so. Only God knows if Pope Francis will write on Mental Illness. Today, however, you can read the practical and faith-filled *Hope & Healing* at www.CACatholic.org.

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