



The Message of Bishop Oscar Cantú for Lent 2021

February 17, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The entire world has been through a difficult, if not devastating, year!

We would do well to take the advice Pope Francis offers us for Lent this year. He says, “[in] Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with ‘speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation, and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn’ (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to **be kind**, to be ‘willing to set everything else aside to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference’ (ibid., 224)” (Lenten Message, 2).

Wise advice from our Holy Father! Be kind to one another. We have all been through a lot, and, as the experts remind us, this pandemic is not over. It has been a difficult journey, one in which we have all encountered rough seas. While some have weathered the storm in the safety of a large, sturdy ship, others have roughed the seas in dinghies and rafts. Acts of kindness, large and small, shine the light of hope through the darkness and reassure us that we are not on this journey alone.

And that is what Lent offers us in this year of continued pandemic: **Hope**. It is Christ Jesus who is our hope (cf. 1Tm 1:1). In Jesus Christ risen, we gain strength and hope in a difficult journey. In Lent, we are invited to journey ever more closely with Christ, who is always with us. We do so through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

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☞ The Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Baptisms are every first Saturday of the month at 10am, or every third Sunday of the month within the celebration of the Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more information on the Baptismal process.

EUCCHARIST

The Eucharist, or Mass, is celebrated every day. For those who wish to receive it for the first time, please contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for more information on the catechetical process.

CONFIRMATION

Receiving this sacrament completes the Initiation in the Church. It is celebrated with the Bishop once a year. Contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for information on the catechetical process.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is every Saturday at 3pm, or by appointment. This celebration of God's merciful love must be an incessant celebration for us.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointings are every second Saturday of the even months at 8am, or by appointment. Contact the Parish Office for information on receiving the sacrament.

HOLY ORDERS

This gift of vocation to the priesthood and religious life is nourished in the family and sustained by the parish community. Contact the Parish priests for inquiries.

MARRIAGE

This gift of vocation in creating the domestic Church is a life long process. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date and for information on the wedding process.

MASS SCHEDULE

Please visit the Parish website, www.qofa.org, to reserve a seat.

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday: 7:30am (livestreamed on YouTube)

9am, and 11am

Weekday Masses: 9:00am; Saturday 8:00am

Kindly wear a mask, sanitize hands, and maintain social distancing.

VIGILS & FUNERALS

Contact the Parish Office upon the death of a loved one to arrange a funeral liturgy.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This ancient process of accepting someone into the faith is done through the guidance of the Faith Formation Office. Contact the Parish Office to inquire.



✠ WE LOVINGLY PRAY FOR ✠

Those in our parish who are sick,

Rocca Guido, Grant Moy, Jr. Richard L. Moy,

Carol Meridick, Ryan Pansoy, Salli Spoon, Teresa Nguyen,

Ann Nola, Frances Maisano

All the front-liners and our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world and we remember them in our hearts today and everyday.



MASS INTENTIONS †

Mass Intention Online Request Form at www.qofa.org,

All intentions are offered at every Mass.

SUNDAY ■ February 21 ■ 7:30am / 9am / 11am

Missa Pro Populo

Elvira Castro Pallen

Joel Joseph (Special Intentions)

Teresa Nguyen (Healing)

Molly Ryan †

Marge Hatfield †

MONDAY ■ February 22 ■ 9:00am

Robert Stuart †

Joseph Sagan † (Birthday)

TUESDAY ■ February 23 ■ 9:00am

John Carlo † (1st Death Anniversary)

Ricardo Sr. †

Nishita George (20th Birthday)

Joseph Family (Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY ■ February 24 ■ 9:00am

Vincent Oddo † (Birthday)

Linda Hernando † (10th Anniversary)

Joshua Joseph (Special Intention)

THURSDAY ■ February 25 ■ 9:00am

Joseph Phung Vu †

Uyen Vu †

Hays' Family (Guidance)

FRIDAY ■ February 26 ■ 9:00am

Poor Souls in Purgatory †

Angelita Morris

Carol Eikanas

SATURDAY ■ February 27 ■ 8:00am / 4:00pm

Joan Mibach (Healing)

Marge Hatfield † (Memorial)

SUNDAY ■ February 28 ■ 7:30am / 9am / 11am

Missa Pro Populo

Thakkar Family (Special Intentions)

Kimcuc Nguyen (Birthday)

Michelle Mac Kenzie (Healing)

Molly Ryan †

Hoa Tran †

David Muniz †



CALENDAR & FEASTS ∞

SUNDAY ■ February 21

First Sunday of Lent (Rite of Election)

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2021

Faith Formation Classes

MONDAY ■ February 22

Feast of Chair of St. Peter the Apostles

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

(QofA.Spirituality@gmail.com for more info)

TUESDAY ■ February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)

Bible Study, 10am and 7:30pm on Zoom

(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)

WEDNESDAY ■ February 24

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

THURSDAY ■ February 25

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

FRIDAY ■ February 26

Stations of the Cross, church at 7pm

SATURDAY ■ February 27

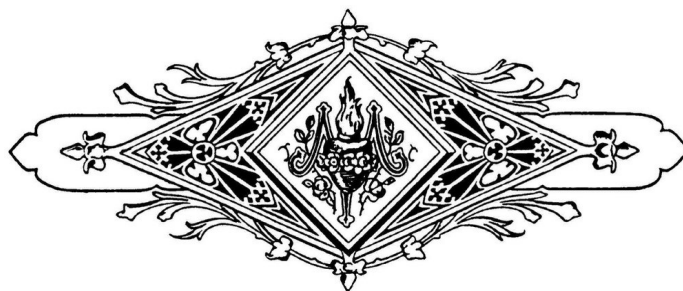
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

SUNDAY ■ February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2021

Faith Formation Classes



The Announcements



OUR A.D.A. PARISH GOAL: \$ 110,120

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal helps support our witness and faith in action through Catholic Marriage Preparation, Detention Ministry, Respect Life Promotion, Faith Formation and Youth and Young Adults ministry which provides minister formation, retreats, mentorship training, programming, and resources. No matter the size of your gift, we pray that you will participate in this important campaign. For more information on the work of the Diocese of San Jose or to make a gift online, visit www.dsjo.org/ADA. #TogetherinHope #DSJADA21

We are now at 55% of our goal.

Our total pledge to date is \$51,950 with 85 donors. The average pledge is \$600.

Thank you for your generous support!



IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program looks a little different this year due to the pandemic, but don't worry, you can still support our local Girl Scouts. Each Troop has its own on-line store with contactless payment and delivery. When you buy or donate delicious Girl Scout Cookies, you're helping girls fund life-changing programs, experiences, and learning for themselves and their troops all year long.

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<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop62068-636>.

For **Troop 62967**, shop online at
<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop62967-636>.

All of our Girl Scouts thank you, in advance,
for your support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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In **prayer**, we dialogue with Jesus: we pour out our heart to him, and we listen to his words of comfort. We are consoled by his presence. **Fasting** makes our relationship with Jesus quite real and helps us be in solidarity with those who are in need. As a pastor, I have encountered so many parents who sacrifice quietly for their children as a matter of course. They do so, not because we Christians like to suffer. Rather, when we love someone, we don't think twice about making sacrifices for them. Likewise, it is essential that our love for Christ not remain simply an idea, but that it be concrete, symbolically sharing what we give up with others. This is **almsgiving** ! Something that genuinely pleases God: when we reach out to those in need— acting in kindness and giving hope!

In this Lent, as Pope Francis encourages us, let us bring hope to others through simple gestures of kindness, “words of comfort,” and through our daily practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As we journey with Jesus through the desert these 40 days of Lent, we do so as a community of faith. Thus, we will “journey together in hope!”

With my prayers for you this Lent!

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José

QUEEN OF APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS

Over the past few weeks, students have been blessed with special events and opportunities.

Valentine's mail was the way many of our students exchanged their Valentine's cards with classmates this year. Some added a “guess who sent it” message with several clues which they used to guess who sent it during their Valentine's party. Students also received a special appreciation recording from each of their teachers on Student Appreciation Day. It is clear our students are supported and so very appreciated.

Third graders had an author visit from a local children's author, Christine Evans. She shared her *Emily's Idea* book with the students and encouraged them to read a lot and write, and inspired them to make paper chain kids like the story showed.

Fourth grade students had a special parent reader, Dr. Ross, who read a couple of stories with the students to celebrate Black History Month and then led a discussion where she encouraged students to learn and talk about Black History and about what is happening in the world.

If you are interested in applying for Queen of Apostles School for the 2021-2022 school year and learning about our school, please visit our website, QoFA.school.





LENT: A TIME TO LISTEN

We are now being advised to **DOUBLE MASK** for additional safety for ourselves and others. That means TWO masks to cover our mouths. Might there be a Lenten message in this? My good friend Ed often says, “God gave us two ears, but just one mouth. Maybe God’s giving me a message to **LISTEN** more than I speak.”

Believe it or not, I am going to make double masking a Lenten reminder. As I put on the second mask, I will remind myself to **LISTEN** more than speak. **LISTEN** to the Lord speak to my heart. After praying or reading scripture or telling the Lord my fears, my sins, I will then pause for quiet, for silence. I am reminded of the story of the leper, “Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus touches him and replies, “I will do it. Be made clean.” This is what Lent is about. To be made clean. To trust that the Lord will do it. I will then ask him, “Lord, what do you ask of me today? How may I serve you? To whom should I go?” And then I will **LISTEN**. And **LISTEN** more...and **LISTEN** even more...trusting that God’s Holy Spirit will put ideas and answers on my heart.

In Ed’s reminder that God gave us only one mouth and two ears, I will also remember when I put on my second mask to intentionally **LISTEN** to others...to truly be present to their words, to respond to what they are saying, and not be distracted with what I will say.

Bishop Cantu told a story last week about being a son from a very large family. It was rare to get one –on-one time with his mother. But when he was sick and had to be home, he would go into the kitchen where she would prepare him homemade chicken soup. She would sit down at the table with him and ask him deeper questions about his life, about his relationships with his school friends. He said, “I remember the healing element of conversing with someone who cares.”

LENT...LISTEN...LEND A HAND. 3 ‘L’s. As you choose a personal sacrifice this Lent, be reminded of Fr. Jim Mifsud’s message, “Don’t give up chocolate! DO something positive for someone else. You carry Christ’s LIGHT within you. Go share it with others!

May you have a very special Lenten journey...growing closer to the Lord, asking for his mercy, his LIGHT. What will you do for the Lord this Lent? What will you do for others?



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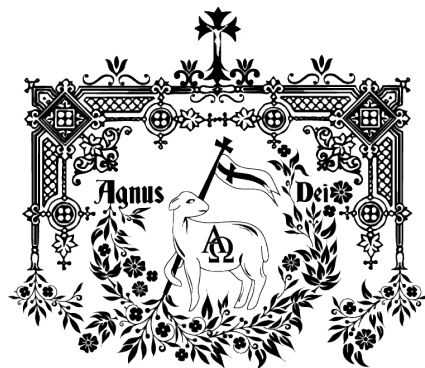
Extraordinary Ministers / *Bob Wedig*

Funeral / *Phan Nguyen*

Lectors / *Carolyn McDonald*

Musicians / *Teri Silvestri*

Sacristans / *JC Mercier*



☞From the Chancery

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Mass will be “drive-in” style at the Shrine of Our Lady of Peace Church on February 27th at 10:00am. Spots are limited so register today at bit.ly/dsjwa21.

YOUTH LENTEN SERIES, “ASHES TO GLORY”:

Wednesday nights during Lent. Starting February 24th. More information soon at bit.ly/dsjya21

REALOPTIONS

VIRTUAL WALK FOR LIFE 2021:

Walk or Run and celebrate the gift of life! Participate in the Virtual Walk for Life on Saturday, March 13th. We can't all walk together but we can UNITE for LIFE. This benefits the life-affirming ministry of RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics which serves thousands of mothers, fathers, families, students, and children in our community every year. Register online at www.friendsofrealoptions.net, form a team, get sponsors, and choose a location to walk or run. Together we can save lives! Share event [image](#) in social media.

CATECHESIS PART I COURSE OPENINGS:

The Institute for Leadership in Ministry is offering the Catechesis Part I course this spring. The Catechesis Part I and II is an intermediate level study of catechetical theory and practice. This course is part of the Advanced Catechist Certificate offered by the Diocese of San Jose. This course will be held online on Wednesdays, from February 24 to April 21, 2021, at 7 PM. Please click [here](#) for more information and the registration form. On-line registration can be found at bit.ly/ilm2021

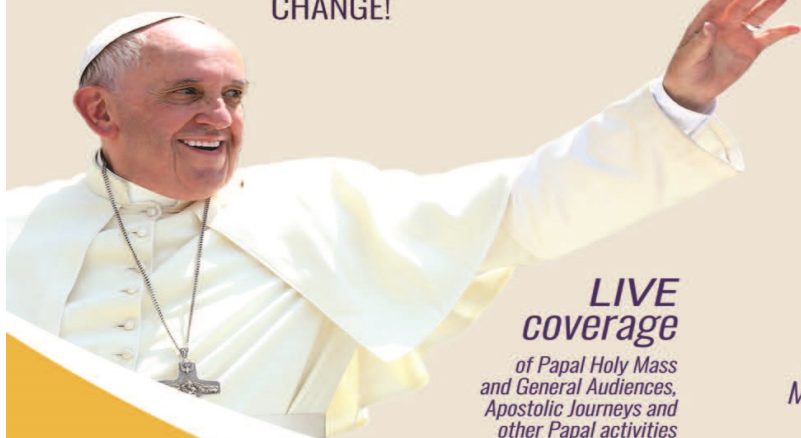
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