

REFLECTION

Disciples Together

Today’s readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to “speak to the whole Israelite community” and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God’s people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed, God’s holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.



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FEBRUARY 22, ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. (English) and 8:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Special bi-lingual service for children at 4:00 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed at all these services

Day of Fasting and Abstinence (no meat, chicken products...)

There will be No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confession.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays – March 2, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. (First Friday 3/2 – 7:30 p.m.)

Fridays – March 2, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m. led by our school children.

Fridays – day of Abstinence (no meat, chicken products...)

SPECIAL DAY - Fr. Seamus, our beloved pastor and friend will soon be celebrating a milestone birthday! We all appreciate Fr. Seamus for so many reasons. On Sunday, February 26, 2023 we invite you all to join us in honoring our faithful shepherd, Fr. Seamus, as we celebrate his birthday. After the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses, we welcome all to come together in the Small Gym. We kindly ask that each family please bring a potluck dish to share for 10-15 people. If you have any questions or would like to help with planning this memorable event, please contact Linda Montoya at the rectory at 510-782-2171.

NEWS UPDATE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ. -Pope John Paul II- Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. Confession available from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH - is Observance of Presidents Day, a Federal Holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. Morning Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

ALTAR SERVERS - NEEDED FOR 5 pm Saturday, 7:30 AM Sunday and special Eucharistic celebrations. Children who are in 4th grade and older and have received First Holy Communion, are eligible. If you are an adult who is also interested in serving, we have opportunities for you as well. Please download the application form from the Parish website: **Altar Servers Intent to Volunteer** form from the parish website, and drop off at the Rectory Office. <https://stbedechurchhay.org/application-form>

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Family and Friends

Loving God, hear this prayer,
which I offer on behalf of my family and friends.
Keep them safe in your care.

When they are in trouble, be with them.

When they despair, bring them hope.

When they are joyful, help them share their happiness.

Help us all to realize that we are your sons and daughters
and that you love us more than we can imagine. Amen.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK (Read prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit)

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29; **Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37;

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18; **Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;

Lk 9:22-25; **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15; **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32; **Sunday:**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Guia Lopez, Stan Lucas, Aquiles Wences, Pet Alviljar, Francisco Medina, and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY, Jonathan Ramirez, Casey Rodriguez, Clarence Thomas III, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – February 11/12 Sunday Collection - \$11,516.30 - Thank you and God Bless



MORE NEWS UPDATE

SCHOOL NEWS – Our 6th and 8th grade Girls Volleyball team and Boys Basketball team made it to playoffs! Way to persevere Hornets! Congratulations to our St. Bede Catholic School students on receiving their First Reconciliation on Thursday evening. We pray for you as you grow in God's love and mercy. St. Bede Catholic School is now accepting applications for next school year. Click on the link below to apply now:

English: <https://registration.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=34098&culture=en>

Spanish: <https://registration.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=34098&culture=es>

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONGRESS – The Diocese of Oakland will be celebrating Eucharistic Revival Congress on September 8-9 and 15-16, we are looking forward to a time of prayer, talks, Mass, confessions, adoration, and a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament! For more information, visit www.oakdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival2023, or email revival2023@oakdiocese.org. Our Secretariat will be excited to assist you in your desire to help make this Eucharistic Revival Congress in the Diocese of Oakland not only successful, but fruitful and faithful! All parishes are encouraged to provide opportunities for Adoration. We as a parish provide many opportunities for Adoration. This gives us time to encounter Jesus. Spending time with Jesus leads us to know, love, and serve him. For the month of February, we will have the privilege of displaying the 110 Eucharistic Miracles in the small gym. Please take the time to visit. These miracles show us how Jesus hears our prayers and blesses us when we spend time with him. It will be opened Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FIRST ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE & HOLY MASS – is being hosted by St. Joseph Parish/Old Mission San Jose on Saturday, March 18, 2023. This premier event will include continental breakfast, presentations in English and Vietnamese, Eucharistic Adoration and private reconciliation, and faith-based activities for children. Bishop Michael Barber, SJ will preside at the Eucharistic Celebration and blessing of the statue of Sleeping St. Joseph. Lunch followed by discounted access to the Mission San Jose's Museum and Gift Shop for conference participants until 4:30 p.m. For more information and registration: www.saintjosephphmsj.org/conference or call parish office 510-656-2364
