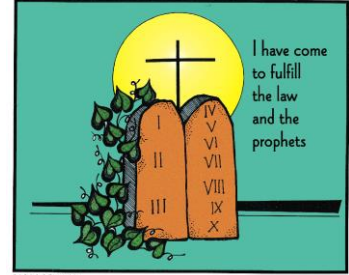


REFLECTION

The Glory of The Divine Way

Today’s readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God’s law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God’s commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God’s ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both “hidden” and “revealed.” God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew’s Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God’s law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.



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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.



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. St. Bede Catholic School would like to thank Fr. Seamus for his constant support of our school. He has blessed us for 38 years and has the title of the longest running Pastor to lead a Catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland! God is so good! 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 Parish Center/Big Gym. We kindly ask that each family please bring a potluck dish to share for 10-15 people. We look forward to celebrating Father and welcoming you all! If you have any questions or would like to help with planning this memorable event there will be a meeting on Saturday, February 18th at 12Noon or please contact Linda Montoya at the rectory at 510-782-2171. Peace and Blessings Always. Thank you! - Mrs. Durana '97

Principal of St. Bede Catholic School

NEWS UPDATE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Good friends find pleasure in one another’s company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, A friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament, we can talk to him straight from the heart. - St. Alphonsus de Liguori – Monday, 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 3-5 or July 7-9 in Danville or go to <https://wwme.org/apply/> to find the date that works for you!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Obey and teach
God's commandments*



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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God's commandments*



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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13; **Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21; **Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26;
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33; **Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13; **Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Jane Sanders, Xavier Mazan Ha, Inez Irizarry, Miriam Pantilinan, Petra Revuettas, Humberto Cerda, and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY, Manuel Perez, Bruce Hulbert, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – February 4/5 Sunday Collection - \$16,566.23 - Thank you and God Bless



MORE NEWS UPDATE

SCHOOL NEWS – 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>

Special Thanks to Cristiana Tovar Lorenzo for kindly donating lockers to our St. Bede Jr. High students. They are so excited to use them! Scholastic Book Fair: Come visit our school Scholastic Book Fair located in the front office from February 13-17 8:30 am-3:30 pm. See you there!

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.
