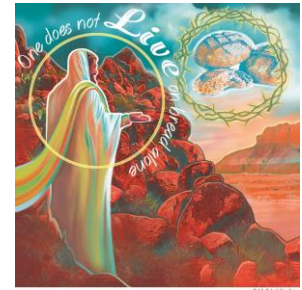


REFLECTION

Who We Are and Whose We Are

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew’s Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father’s hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.



Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Fridays – March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m. led by our school children.

Friday – March 31st at 11:00 am. – Special Living Stations Re-enactment by our 8th graders.

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



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- 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.

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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – In the month of January, your SVDP assisted 38 families with Food from our Pantry. In today’s Gospel, Jesus defeats the devil through humility. He refuses to do things anyway but His Father’s way. As servants of God’s Poor, we look to surrender all to Him, allowing us to do His will. The simplicity of our ministry allows us to understand that the most important thing that we are to do is in front of us, now, living and serving the present moment. Do you know an individual or family that needs assistance? Please call us at 510-246-0784, so that together, we can help the Suffering and the Poor. – *Blessing, prayers, and love, Your SVDP*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES EAST BAY – helps people in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Our mission is to support children, youth, families, and seniors from crisis to stability to well-being. Our lines of service include rental assistance to prevent eviction; youth and mental health services that disrupt cycles of violence and help young people succeed in life; and immigration legal services. Free Citizenship and Interview Preparation Courses are available both in-person and online. We welcome all and serve everyone through living Catholic Social Teaching as a faith-based agency. For more information, call 510-768-3100 and visit www.cceb.org

HOLY SEPCULCHRE CEMENTERY AND FUNERAL CENTER – is hosting a Lunch and Learn on Saturday, March 11th from 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – 1051 Harder Rd., Hayward, CA 94542. Enjoy tacos on us and learn about our new cemetery sections, funeral plans and our Mission Programs. Our Family Service Advisors are happy to meet with you and assist with your questions. For more information, please call Maria Serratos at 510-537-6600 ext. 135 or visit cfcsoakland.org

First Sunday in Lent



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer during Lent

Holy God,

now is the acceptable time to return to you.
As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46; **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15;

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32; **Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt

7:7-12; **Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26; **Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48;

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Fr. George Crespin, Carlos Garcia Plata, Salvador Jimenes Navarro, Carmen Lopez Navarro, Maria Luisa Garcia, Jaime Ojeda, and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY, Manuel Gonzalez, Antonio Navarro Jr., Peter Toussainte, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – February 18/19 - Sunday Collection - \$13,003.06 - 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>

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.

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

PILGRIMAGE - to Holy Places including Marian Shrines – Portugal, France & Medjugorje May 11 – 25, 2023. 15 Days Pilgrimage with Daily Masses. "Holy Places include Marian Shrines" Pilgrimage in Portugal, France and Medjugorje visiting Fatima, Lourdes, La Salette, Nevers, Ars, Paray Le Monial, Paris, Medjugorje. The Pilgrimage cost is \$4,799 from San Francisco (RT) - includes air, hotels, meals, entrance fees & local taxes, tour guide, motor coach. Flyers are available at the Vestibule or St. Bede's Office. For more information and reservation, contact the Group Leader, Linfa Belisario @ (510) 599-4210. Chaplain, Fr. Bento Tamang. Due to high demand, please make your reservation early!
