



Quinquagesima Sunday

Traditionally we marked 50 days before Easter this Sunday. This is the Final Sunday in the pre Lenten preparations in the old liturgical calendar. I have asked this year we voluntarily enter into this pre-Lent time of fasting and Penance in response to the Summit on Clergy Sexual Abuse. This evil has been brought to light revealing the damage to individuals and the credibility of the Church leadership.

Now may contrition for these sins lead to concrete actions to bring accountability, healing, and changes that will not allow this evil to continue in our church. While sin is committed by individuals, the effects of sin hurts the whole of the body of Christ. We voluntarily offer sacrifices for the salvation of souls. We pray for the conversion of sinners, the healing of souls, and the purification of the church. Our Blessed Mother told the Children at Fatima the souls were falling into hell and ask the children to pray and offer sacrifices for these lost souls. May our actions and sacrifices bring healing and save souls.

For many early Christians it was the beginning of the fast before Easter. For some, Quinquagesima marked the time after which meat was forbidden and was therefore called *carnis privium, ad carnes tollendas, carnevala*; by the Poles, *Ned. zapustna*. Since these regulations affected mainly the clergy, we find the name *carnis privium sacerdotum*.

As the days before Lent were frequently spent in merry-making, Benedict XIV by the Constitution "Inter Cetera" (1 Jan., 1748) introduced a kind of Forty Hours' Devotion to keep the faithful from dangerous amusements and to make some reparation for sins committed.

Lent Begins

Come to Mass and receive ashes to begin our Lenten Journey. Mass and ash distribution on Ash Wednesday will be at 7am at the Chapel on Redwood Road and at our church at 8:15am, Noon, and 6pm followed by a soup meal.

Forgiven Lenten series on Wednesday's at 7:15PM

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession provides the Church's teaching about the sacrament of Confession, including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition and God's passionate desire to be with you. Join Fr. Tom as we begin with Session 1: Where are you? On Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Scripture Study on the Gospel of John by Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv.

On Tuesdays at 7pm.

Mass for the Deceased

Since we only have 2 priests assigned to Our Lady of Grace we can only offer 2 intentions during our weekend Masses beginning this Lent.

The Friars will offer private Masses for your faithful departed and loved ones to offer you another option for Masses prayed. If you have an intention and you want the friars to offer Mass for your loved ones please contact the office to schedule your Mass and offer your Donation to Conventual Franciscans. Occasionally we will take a Gregorian Mass.

St. Michael Prayer

A cardinal at the time who knew the pope's private secretary explains that "Pope Leo XIII truly had a vision of demonic spirits, who were gathering on the Eternal City (Rome). From that experience ... comes the prayer which he wanted the whole Church to recite."

Ever since Pope Leo XIII composed it, the **St. Michael Prayer** has continued to be a staple of Catholic prayer and is a prayer many exorcists recommend to anyone who needs to combat the presence of evil in their lives. During Lent we will end Mass with this prayer to purify the Church from all evil.

Saint Michael Archangel,

defend us in battle,

be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;

may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,

by the power of God, cast into hell

Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Taking time daily to reflect on the word of God is part of every day at our school. We begin our day with prayer and then say the Pledge of Allegiance together with parents, teachers, and staff. It saddened me to tell the school community of the death of one of our graduates as each and every child is a child of God. Our school's philosophy says that we "work together to develop individuals who are filled with a Christ-like approach to others." During the month of February, students had opportunities to reflect on great people in our country, leaders who enriched our country by their dedication to all mankind, people with solid moral fiber. These individuals such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, understood the importance of serving the needs of others. Our Student Council members serve the student body with the clear understanding of what it says on the back of their sweatshirts - *to lead is to serve*. May we all work together to imbue this sense of self-worth and love of helping each other.

-Susan Anderson

PREPARE FOR LENT WITH FORMED.ORG

Lent begins next month. Exploring what FORMED has to offer is a wonderful way to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season. Take advantage of the many free movies and ebooks at your disposal which can be shared and discussed with family and friends. You will also find many choices which are educational and entertaining for the youngest members of your family. **If you don't have an account yet, just follow the instructions below for free access to FORMED!**

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LENTEN SOUP MEAL

Please plan on joining us for a simple meal of soup and bread on Wednesdays during Lent. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our Soup Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. Thank you to our Faith Formation for sponsoring the Soup Meal on Ash Wednesday. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



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**ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6th**

The schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 7:00am at the Friary on Redwood Road, 8:15am All School Mass with Ashes, 12:00Noon Mass with Ashes, 6:00pm Mass with Ashes followed by a Soup Meal in Stack Center.

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAM!

Recently, there have been fraudulent emails being sent to parishioners, supposedly from Fr. Tom's gmail account. **Fr. Tom would never solicit funds through an email!** These emails are fake and have nothing to do with Our Lady of Grace Church. Please report any of these kinds of emails to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

Join Fr. Tom each Wednesday evening as we prepare for Lent by watching a video series called "Forgiven". Fr. Tom will lead a discussion after each video presentation. We begin on **March 6th, Ash Wednesday. Join us for Mass in the Church at 6:00pm, followed by a Lenten Soup & Bread Meal at 6:30pm. The video presentations begin at 7:15pm.**



**OLG SPRING AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE--MAY 18TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18th**. This year's theme is *Tiki Tiki Luau*. We look forward to seeing you there!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Stations of the Cross in English, led by our school students are offered at Our Lady of Grace, Fridays at 2:30pm during Lent in the Church. Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be offered on Good Friday at 6:00pm in the Church.

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION

During the Lenten season, Confession will be available every Thursday at 7:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays at 8:45am & 3:30pm. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 10th** at 7:15pm



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles. We ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors for the month will be recognized in the first bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial:

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**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **March 6th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.



**FREE ONLINE RESOURCES
FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS**

Formed.org: Dubbed a "Catholic Netflix", discover a plethora of engaging videos and audio designed for children. Register at www.olgcv.formed.org Use our parish code: **M2RBFP**. Find STUDY tab under WATCH. Scroll down to "YOUTH", watch the Brother Francis video series as well as animated Jesus stories, the saints, and much more.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of February 24th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,503.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [535.00]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,649.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Glen Alcorn | Mona Mulvaney |
| Maureen Boeh | Angela Schaaphok |
| Ana Cochran | Florence Sharp |
| Claudia Dobbs | Rosemary Slater |
| Lynn Franks | Howard Songey |
| Anna Friedeberg | Lurdes Sousa |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Cher Jones | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Maxine Kruzel | Bishop |
| Laura Martell | Denyse Verhaegen |
| Rose Montalban | Marylou Vincent |

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

**AARON ALCORN
VIOLETA SALAZAR**

COME GET YOUR SCRIP ORDER FORMS!

SCRIP CARDS are now available for purchase at Our Lady of Grace. You can purchase the gift cards and spend it at local stores where you already shop. This is a great fundraiser for the church and at NO extra expense to you. You can place your order starting **March 2019**. Orders placed on the 1st & 3rd week of the month will be ready for pick-up on the 2nd & 4th week of the month. Payment is due at the time of your order. An order form is available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Thanks for shopping!

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence and Fasting:

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige.

Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

Lenten Observance:

Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

Easter Duty:

All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God's Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet at Transfiguration Church
Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **March 7th**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Jan Stegner

Topic: "The Journey to Emmaus"

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3rd:

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

1st Holy Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center

Tuesday, March 5th:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Women's Evening Bible Study
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, March 6th:

Ash Wednesday Masses
8:15am, 12 noon & 6:00pm--Church

Lenten Soup Meal
Following the 6:00pm Mass--Stack Center

"Forgiven" Video Series
7:15pm--Stack Center

Baptism Class
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Ichthus
7:00pm--Stack Center, Resource Room

Thursday, March 7th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

RCIA
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, March 8th:

Stations of the Cross
2:30pm--Church

Saturday, March 9th:

Holy Land Sale
After 5:00pm Mass--Rear Entrance

Sunday, March 10th:

The First Sunday of Lent

Holy Land Sale
After All Masses--Rear Entrance

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, March 3rd

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Janine Pohorski--D
- 9:30am Claudia Dobbs--L
- 1:30pm Elias Gallegos--L

MONDAY, March 4th

St. Casimir

- 8:15am Evelyn & Raymond Trezza--D

TUESDAY, March 5th

- 8:15am Larry La Brie--D

WEDNESDAY, March 6th

- 8:15am Mass with Ashes (School Liturgy)
- Noon Mass with Ashes
- 6:00pm Mass with Ashes

THURSDAY, March 7th

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

- 8:15am Lou Maravella--D

FRIDAY, March 8th

St. John of God, Religious

- 8:15am Dona Teresita Ventura Cabrera--D

SATURDAY, March 9th

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

- 8:15am Tom Silva--L
- 5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

SUNDAY, March 10th

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D
- 9:30am Helen Maes--D
- 1:30pm Rafael Heredia--D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, March 10th:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- New Parishioner Registration
10:00am--Stack Center
- Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center
- Youth Ministry/Confirmation
6:00pm--Stack Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 4th through March 10th

- Monday: Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
- Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32
- Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13;
Luke 4:1-13



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **March**:

- March 8th Timothy Jacoby Pennsylvania
- March 28th Patrick Murphy Texas

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The Rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:15 am Mass each Wednesday in the Church. Please join us.

SINGERS WANTED!

The Choir invites new members to sing at the 11:30 Mass. No experience needed, however, rehearsals are required every Thursday from 7:30-9:00pm. See Bonnie Ricketts or chat with any choir member.

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