February 28, 2016



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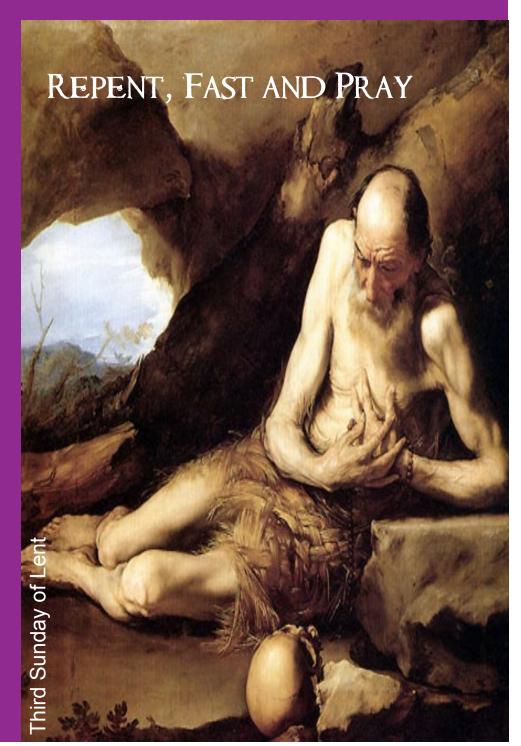
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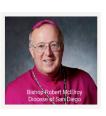






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Masses for the Week of February 28, 2016

Date for Mass request Requested by

Saturday February 27 5:30 am Anna Brunetto † **Sunday February 28** 7:30 am Antonino Aliota †

9:00 am **People of the Parish** 10:30 am Carlo Sanfilippo †

12:00 pm Rosalia Alioto Mitrisachis †

Monday February 29 7:30 am Johnny Stueben †

12:00 pm Our deceased relatives and friends †

Tuesday March 1

7:30 am Amelia Moreno Ackerman † 12:00 pm Joseph Brecka † Wednesday March 2

7:30 am Joseph Swider † 12:00 pm Joe D'Acquisto †

Thursday March 3 7:30 am Italo Vattuone †

12:00 pm Maria & Jim DiAnna † Crisanto Magaliag †

Friday March 4

7:30 am John J. Ravana † 12:00 pm Antoinette Cotton

Saturday March 5

7:30 am **Perpetual Membership**

12:00 pm Andrew & Dorothy Castagnola †

5:30 pm Leo Trinca Carini/LoCoco Families

Sunday March 6

7:30 am **People of the Parish** 9:00 am Andrew DeMaria † 10:30 am Rev. William Stevenson

12:00 pm Madonna del Paradiso

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Pastor's Corner

Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

We usually separate clean things from dirty ones. We don't mix our dirty clothes with newly washed, ironed or clean clothes. We wash our dirty clothes when they need to be cleaned again. So likewise, we cannot join together the holiness of God and the sinfulness of people.

Yet God welcomes us into his presence if we come closer to him like Moses. He welcomes us if we want Him to be with us in our life. His invitation is simple we just have to remove our sandals (i.e. to repent of our lifestyle and our attitudes that are contrary to the gospel). Jesus clearly gives emphasis in our gospel this Sunday on the necessity to repent and he says "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" We will be cleansed and become worthy to come into God's presence if we repent from all our sins.

Detach from sinfulness and cling to holiness!!!

Prayer Intentions

Starting this month, we are listing this column with names of those who are sick, and need prayers.

Remember in your prayers **George Hogan Gary Dozila**

To submit a name of a relative or friend, you may call the office with the name, or send an e-mail to parish@olrsd.org. Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless otherwise requested.



A big thank you to the Maria SS Addolorata Society for hosting the first Supper & Stations. It was a night of delicious fish and community. This year's profits are designated to help Fr. Joe's Villages.

Easter Tree of Mercy

During this, the Jubilee Year of Mercy, our Holy Father is asking us to give of ourselves in extraordinary ways. So, in addition to what you are "giving up" for Lent, may you also think about what you can "GIVE" during the season in the following ways relating to "Mercy" in action:



The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, pray for the living & the dead.

During Lent, visit the tree station in the back of OLR church. Write out an "Easter Tree of Mercy" intention card, submitting your personal note of intention(s) from the above list. Do NOT sign your name...your pledge is strictly between you and God. Seal it in the white envelope and place it into the gold vase.

For every envelope received, we will hang another egg ornament on our "Easter Tree" up to Easter Sunday. Our clergy will also bless your intention pledges throughout the season.

Optional: For those who would also like to donate money towards the 2016 Easter Tree of Mercy Fund, please do so by placing funds in the Sunday offertory basket payable to OLR, marked "Easter Tree" and your church member number, or through our on-line giving option at www.olrsd.org under Easter Tree of Mercy donations. Our intention is to use these funds to continue our mission to help Father Joe's Villages in support of the poor and needy in our community, and which covers four (4) of the Corporal Works of Mercy above!

Thank you for your participation and may God bless you for your gifts of "Mercy".

In Christ always, Rev. Joseph M. Tabigue, CRSP Feast of St. Joseph Sunday March 13, 2016

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Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 PM,
Thursday & Friday, March 10-11, 7:00 PM
Special Prayers in honor of St. Joseph
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Annual Lenten Collection

Next weekend, March 5th & 6th, has been designated for the **2016 Annual Lenten Collection**. Special envelopes will be available in the pew for the collection which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin



America. You will find the envelopes in the pews this weekend. On the envelope you may choose one or more of the three causes included in the collection. Please prepare to respond generously to this worthwhile collection.



Lenten Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Year of Mercy 2016

Wednesday, March 2

St. Joseph Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Church Holy Spirit Church 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 8

St. Didacus Church 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 8

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16

Our Lady of the Rosary Church 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 18

St. John the Evangelist 12 noon

Tuesday, March 22

Blessed Sacrament 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 26

St. Patrick 11:00 am

Fish Fry Thank You

Thank you to all who made our annual Fish Fry a success: the ICF, the volunteers, the donors, and all those who attended the event. Each year the ICF donates the proceeds to the parish. Thank you ICF for all the planning and hard work to make that night special. The ICF makes it better each year.

If you are still wanting a nice fish meal, come to Supper and Stations during Lent. See the advertisement above for more information.



Sanctuary Candle Dedication for the Week of February 28 Laurie L. Massa From Robert & Kathleen Gaddi

OLR Parish Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 19th: 10am - 5pm

Fr. Louis Solcia Hosts
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's
Lenten Reflections
Bring lunch and prepare to learn.

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

We keep the journey Of Lent this Sunday by contemplating the necessity of conversion and the requirement of letting go of any false sense of security regarding our spiritual lives.

In the first reading, Moses is startled by the call of the Lord to leave his comfortable life in order to carry out a sacred mission on behalf of the God of his Ancestors. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses tragic happenings of his day to point out just how deadly serious the matter of conversion really is.

The themes of the readings this Sunday challenge each one of us, whether old or new in the faith to continue the life-long journey of conversion. There will be no Easter in us without first embracing the Cross.

The first, reading from the First Sunday of Lent, taken from Deuteronomy 26, told the story of what the Israelites were to do after they had settled in the Promised Land: they were to offer the first fruits of the harvest to the Lord.

This annual ritual of gratitude would remind them that God had freed them from slavery in Egypt and gave them the land from which their produce comes. God intervened to save them from slavery, he nourished them along their journey, and he continues to bless them with the harvest every year. It is a firm reminder of their dependence on God to provide for their every need.

The reading from Genesis last Sunday told the story of God's covenant with Abraham, promising him a vast number of descendants and land that would provide for their continued existence.

Today's first reading from Exodus takes place in between the covenant with Abraham and the obligation of the Israelites in the Promised Land: it is the story of the call of Moses.

While in exile in the Sinai desert, Moses spends his days among the nomadic people. He adopts their way of life, marrying and having children. In startling fashion, God reveals himself to Moses through the vision of the burning bush.

Moses cannot help but be captivated by the spectacle and is drawn to investigate it. Upon approaching, God calls out to Moses and reveals that he is the: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He informs Moses that he has heard the cry of his people in Egypt and declares that he would save them from their suffering.

Moses is fearful, but God summons him to speak to the Israelites anyway. Knowing that the role of mediator between God and the Israelites would not be easy, Moses asks to have the power of God's name. God then gives his Name "YHWH," which is often translated: "I am who am," "He who is," or "He who causes what is." It derives from the verb "to be".

The power of a name is much more significant in the Middle Eastern cultures than our own. These people thought that if you had a person's name, you had power over them. When Adam named all the animals in the creation story, it signified his power and dominion over them. Moses apparently wanted the power of the Name of God to carry out his new mission in life.

But the Name given is one that cannot be fully understood; it remains mysterious even to Moses. This is a new name for the Israelites, one that eludes any attempt to control God by pronouncing the Name. Out of respect for the Divine Majesty, the mysterious Name was not to be mentioned by anyone except the High Priest when he entered the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur. Pronouncing the sacred Name on this occasion symbolized the forgiveness of all sins in the previous year. Now that is powerful!

Having already revealed himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, some have argued that God's new Name given to Moses means: "He who is always present to Israel" (see Lawrence Boadt, Reading the Old Testament).

God responds to the suffering of the Israelites by calling Moses to leave his former way of life in order to carry out a new mission to save the Israelites from their suffering. This intervention by God to save suffering Israel is a type of the saving act of God in Christ: Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God delivers us from our slavery to sin and brings us into the Kingdom of heaven.

The second reading from the first letter to the Corinthians corrects any notion that the sacraments automatically provide the fullness of salvation here and now. Paul illustrates this teaching by drawing a comparison between the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and the experience of the Israelites in the desert.

The children of Israel were "baptized" when they passed through the cloud and through the Red Sea; they were nourished with manna (Eucharist) and drink (gift of the Spirit) from the rock (Christ). Yet God was not pleased with most of them even though they were fed spiritual food and drank spiritual drink. Many were struck down in the desert.

Paul asserts that these things happened as a warning to Christians. Just because you have been baptized, given Eucharist, and confirmed, do not think that you don't have to worry about how you live.

The sacraments, like the Kingdom, are "already but not yet". They initiate us into the reality of the Kingdom, but its fullness is yet to be manifested in our cooperation with God's grace. Paul warns: Woe to anyone who thinks he is already perfect, for surely he will fall. Conversion doesn't happen all at once, it is a life-long journey, and this is the reason why we celebrate the sacraments again and again.

In the gospel Jesus refers to two catastrophic events in order to point out the necessity of conversion. The first pertains to the evil of men in the vicious actions of Pilate. The second pertains to a natural disaster in which eighteen people were killed by a falling tower in Siloam.

While affirming his previous teaching that calamities can befall both the good and the bad alike, he also points to the tragedy of the unrepentant soul. Similar evils, Jesus says, await those who refuse to repent.

Altogether, the readings for today's Mass suggest the theme of taking seriously our obligation to cooperate with God's grace. Moses was taught to respect God's transcendence and power. We are to trust in God and his power to overcome evil in our lives, but not with the expectation of automatic conferrals of grace that assure our salvation regardless of our moral situation.

Paul sternly warned the Christians of his time with the example of the Israelites, who were lulled into a false sense of security while being taken care of by God in the desert. Unless you genuinely repent, you too will perish!

The Scrutiny

Today the first of the Scrutinies is celebrated at the principal Mass. In the Golden Age of Liturgy, there were seven Scrutinies, the most important of which was on Wednesday of the fourth week of Lent. In those days, the Scrutinies were examinations or tests of worthiness which the candidates had to pass before being admitted to baptism.

Nowadays, they are not tests, but are prayers of intercession for our Elect. The Church has reverted to the make ancient Roman custom of three Scrutinies, celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. When the Scrutinies are celebrated, it is recommended that the readings from "Year A" be used. This is not a requirement, however. For the sake of convenience, we give a few thoughts on those readings from "Year A."

In the Exodus, the Israelites were constant complainers. They complained that the pursuing Egyptians would overtake them and they would die. They complained that they had no food. They complained because Moses spent too much time on the mountain. They complained because they thought that the Promised Land was inhabited by giants who would destroy them. They complained because they were sick of the taste of manna.

In today's first reading their complaint is that they have

no water. God has Moses strike a rock, and water gushes forth. A rabbinical tradition says that the rock followed them throughout their desert wanderings to provide water. Symbolically, water is a sign of the Spirit.

The second reading emphasizes the gratuity of salvation. God sent his Son to save us when we were his enemies by sin. We can have hope in the loving kindness of God who has mercy on us even when we are sinners.

The gospel is the famous scene of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jews and Samaritans hated each other. Jews from Galilee would travel long distances on their way to get to Jerusalem just to avoid Samaritan country.

The famous well spoken of in the gospel is found in Genesis 33:18, 19, Joshua 24:32; and Genesis 48:22. The well was obviously a cistern for holding stagnant water. Jesus asks the woman for a drink. She complains that Jews, and especially male Jews, don't talk to Samaritans.

Jesus used a play on words to say that she should really be asking him for a drink. He would give her living water. She takes him to mean flowing water. Jesus is really speaking of the Spirit. She complains that Jesus is surely not greater than Jacob who gave them the well.

The woman then avoids the issue by calling him a prophet and deciding to enter into a theological discussion. She complains that the patriarch worshiped on that mountain, and yet the Jews want to worship in Jerusalem. Jesus says that the hour has come when true worshipers will worship in neither place, but in spirit and in truth. At the end of the story, many Samaritans believe in Jesus.

Liturgically, these stories are used because of the symbolism of baptism. The Elect look forward to baptism when their spiritual thirst will be quenched. Then the Spirit will be poured into their hearts. Then they will experience the mercy of Christ.

None of us deserves salvation, but God has mercy on us. He loves us with an everlasting love. Our response must be that we shall always live in the Spirit. We shall be so grateful to God that we shall lead holy lives.

Readings for the Week

Sun EX 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12; LK 13: 1-9 (30)

Mon 2 KGS 5:1-15ab; LK 4:24-30 Tues DN 3:25, 34-43; MT 18:21-35 Wed DT 4:1, 5-9; MT 5:17-19

Thurs JER 7:23-28; LK 11:14-23 **Fri** HOS 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34 **Sat** HOS 6:1-6; LK 18: 9-14

Next Sun JOS 5-9a, 10-12; 2 COR 5, 17-21; LK 15:

1-3, 11-32

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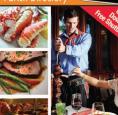


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Holy Days: 7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

2nd Sunday, Gregorian Chant Latin Mass: 4:00 pm

Devotions

Sacred Heart: 1st Friday at 7:30 am

Blessed Mother: 1st Saturday at 7:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help: Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Goretti Mass & Devotions: 1st Friday at 6:30 pm

St. Padre Pio: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Sacraments

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