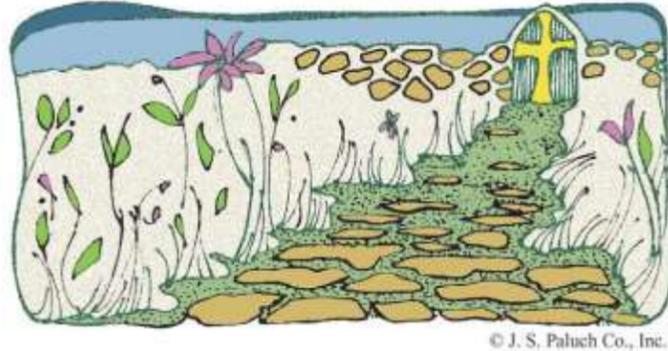


First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4



PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 19th in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

Monday

8:00 am

Tuesday

8:00 am

Wednesday

8:00 am

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am

Friday

8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

February 19

† Minviluz B. Nacor

February 20

† Jane Scerri

February 21

Communal Service

† Minviluz Nacor

† Rita and † Stan Tanner

† Leonardo Lazo

† William Dela Cruz

† John Gerodias

February 22

† Gaudiosa T. Gatmaitan

February 23

† Leonardo Lazo

February 24

† Cena Mizzi

† Manuel Scerri

February 25

People of the Parish

† Rosenda Fernandez

Italian Catholic Federation

† Josephine DiModica

† Joseph I. Bosso

Sunday Collection February 11, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,809.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,191.00
Archdiocesan Appeal	\$ 812.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

ICF CHAMPAGNE BINGO

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Champagne Bingo on Sunday, March 11th in Cantwell Hall. Doors open at 12 noon. Lunch will consist of Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$25.00 and includes one bingo packet. Please call Mary Perata 415-239-5936 or Florence Mangion 415-468-1764 for reservations. Deadline for reservations is March 8th.

Supporting our Archdiocesan Family

Appeal Sunday for the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal will be held shortly. At that time each of us will be asked to support the work of the Church by contributing to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Please be generous. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$50,615.00. Through the generous donations from our parishioners we not only met but exceeded our 2017 goal. \$ 1,197.00 was returned to the parish.



Reconciliation Service

First Reconciliation February 10, 2018

Paul Altamirano
Kaley Nancy Arreola
Sofia Beltran
Nathaniel Daguman
Larissa Dalisay
Santiago Gonzalez
Josef Henderson
Kristelle Mateu
May Mon
Gianna Orozco
Raul Xavier Padilla
Thant Paing
Ellyzzah Marie Ramos
Kate Ramos
Ysabelle Rae Ramos
Christopher Reynoso Ramos
Alex Villanueva-Castillo

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY Deanery 2 Lent Recollection and Reconciliation

**OBEDIENCE:
Listening to the Word of God
and Putting into Deeds & Practice**

"Blessed...are those who hear the word of God
and obey it" (Lk 11:28)

Church of the Epiphany March 3, 2018 Sat.
O'Keefe Hall 9:00am to 12 Noon

9:00 am Registration & Breakfast (Pastries & Coffee)
9:30 -10:30 am Presentation Fr. Cameron Faller
10:35-10:50 am Break
11:00 am Church...Penitential Rite & Confessions
12:00 noon Lunch and Dismissal

Sponsored by Epiphany Council 11033 Knights of Columbus