

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019**

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44



THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	March 4 †Maria and †Giuseppe Moretto
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 5 † Joseph Spiteri
Wednesday 8:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	March 6 Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday
Thursday 8:00 am	March 7 † Paul Galea
Friday 8:00 am	March 8 † Irene Iniguez
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	March 9 † Paul and † Theresa Vella
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	March 10 People of the Parish † Richard Walsh † Josephine and †John O'Connell

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection February 24, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,377.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,623.00
Church Project	\$ 823.00

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.

Ash Wednesday is March 6th
First Sunday of Lent is March 10th



Construction has begun and is in full swing (weather permitting) on our Grotto project. Please avoid using the chapel entrance if at all possible, if not please use extreme caution due to uneven surfaces (at your own risk) in the construction area.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BINGO

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Champagne Bingo on Sunday, March 10th in Cantwell Hall at 12:00 noon. Parking in school yard. Menu will consist of: Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread/Butter, Dessert/Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$25.00 which includes one bingo packet. Please call: Mary Perata at 415-239-5936 or Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764. Deadline for reservations is March 7th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to help out on Saturdays with our catechism program for our youth. We meet every Saturday from 9:00 -10:30 am in Cantwell Hall. If you are interested in helping out with our youth, please email Tessie Alano at t_alano@yahoo.com or call 415-601-0310.



Mark your calendars: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 10th .