

Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
— Psalm 103:6



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MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:

1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	March 25 † Joseph I. Bosso
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 26 † Purificacion Santos
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	March 27 Communal Service † Joseph Busuttill † Carmen Pullicino
Thursday 8:00 am	March 28 † Daisy Ramos Daulat
Friday 8:00 am	March 22 † Maria Rebagliati
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	March 23 † Manuel Scerri
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	March 24 People of the Parish † Geri Renteria † Josie and † Louis Camilleri

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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

Sunday Collection March 17, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,728.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,272.00
Church Project	\$ 1,160.00

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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.

The 2020 Mass book currently is **not available**. We are **not** accepting requests at this time. Any 2020 Mass requests we receive now will be returned to you. We will notify you in the bulletin when the book becomes available. **Please be sure your 2019 Masses have been paid before requesting additional Masses.**

The Holy Week / Easter schedule have been mailed to your homes. If you did not receive a copy please call the office and we will be happy to email or mail you a copy.

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The Archdiocese of San Francisco has launched **FORMED**, partnering with Ignatius Press is now available at St. Elizabeth Parish. Registration is free,

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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.

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.

