March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent



CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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MASS INTENTIONS

| <u>Monday</u> | March 9 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 8:00 am | † Joseph I. and |
| | † Michelina Bosso |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | March 10 |
| 8:00 am | † Charley Borg |
| Wednesday | March 11 |
| 8:00 am | Communal Service |
| 7:00 pm | † Annie Cruz |
| Thursday | March 12 |
| 8:00 am | † Assunta Sant |
| <u>Friday</u> | March 13 |
| 8:00 am | † Giovanni Rebagliati |
| <u>Saturday</u> | March 14 |
| 8:00 am | † Tessie, † Joseph and |
| | † Saviour Schembri |
| 10:00 am | † Flora Suan |
| 4:30 pm | † Lupe Velasco |
| <u>Sunday</u> | March 15 |
| 7:30 am | People of the Parish |
| | † George Falzon |
| 9:30 am | † Jessie Borg |
| 11:30 am | Maltese Society |
| †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 1,2020 | | | |
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| Weekly Need: | \$ 5,000.00 | | |
| Sunday Collection | \$ 4 | <u>119.00</u> | |
| Over/Under | \$ | 881.00 | |
| Religious Education | \$ | 866.00 | |
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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.)

MEMORIAL MASS

On Saturday March 14th there will be a Memorial Mass for Father Suan's mother, Flora Suan at 10am at St. Elizabeth Church. All are invited to attend.



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

During Lent, every Friday the 8:00 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Please note: Baptisms do not take place during Lent.

Volunteers Needed

Do you love the Lord and are you willing to share His message? Do you believe you can make a difference? Our Parish Family Needs You! School of Religious Education needs teachers/teacher aides for the 2019-2020 school year. Please consider volunteering to be a teacher at our weekly Religious Education classes. Classes began September 7, 2019 and will end on May 2020. Classes are 1.5 hours a week. Jesus needs you to share His love for his children! Our students need you. For more information, please Lily Codd at 650-771-3176.

The Maltese Society will have their next meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 pm in Cantwell Hall.



April 2nd - Thursday

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 5:30 pm Everyone is invited to attend. April 3rd – Friday Stations of the Cross in various languages St. Elizabeth Church 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to participate.

Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday – April 9th

8:00 am Morning Prayer and Meditation 7:30 p.m.Mass of the Last Supper Adoration at the Altar of Repose Until 11:00 pm Good Friday- April 10th

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service/Individual Meditation 12:00 noon-3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Seven Last Words, Lord's Passion, Communion and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 11th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Reflection. Confession 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm Easter Sunday – April 12th Masses:

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will be closed on Monday, April 13th for the Easter Holiday.

Good Friday Parking

Please note that parking <u>WILL</u> be available on Good Friday in Alta Vista Schoolyard.