January 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. ~ Isaiah 49:6b

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January 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Jesus, the Lamb of God (3), is th light off nations (1) who came to do the Father’s will (Ps). In Christ we have been called to be a holy people (2).

Called to Be Holy
With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

Treasures From Our Tradition
By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ’s coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year’s paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine’s biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was “transformed into the brilliance of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight.”

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian’s call to bear Christ’s light into the world’s darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to “be the light of the world.”

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Wanted: Parish Secretary
Saint Patrick Church in San Francisco is looking for a full-time Parish Secretary who is people-oriented and has administrative and organizational skills. Ability to multitask is needed and must have excellent communication skills, written and spoken. General computer knowledge and other office functions like record-keeping, filing and organizing are required. For a more detailed job description go to the parish website: www.stpatricksf.org.

Send resume to:
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
We will have our regular weekday schedule of Masses (7:30 a.m., 12:10 and 5:15 p.m.) here at St. Patrick on Monday, January 20th, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, observed. The office will be closed all day. Please pray for an end to racial discrimination.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for January
Pope’s Intention (January): Promotion of World Peace. That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
Today’s Readings

First Reading — The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).


Bend, Don’t Break

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

— St. Francis de Sales

Forgiveness

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

~ Søren Kierkegaard

Discernment Weekend Retreat

Is God calling you to a vocation as a priest? One way to find out if you have a true calling is by attending a free weekend discernment retreat at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park Feb. 21-23.

The retreat, hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s Office of Vocations is open to all single men 21 years or older and includes lodging and meals. Attendance does not imply further obligation.

Spokane, Washington, Bishop Thomas A. Daly will lead retreat conferences at the retreat this year.

The Office of Vocations also hosts shorter discernment gatherings each month at two local parishes. In San Mateo County, Fr. Tom Martin leads the meetings at St. Pius Parish at 1100 Woodside Road in Redwood City on the first Monday of each month from 6:15-8:30 p.m. In San Francisco, Fr. Cameron Faller leads meetings at Star of the Sea Parish, 4420 Geary Blvd., on the first Thursday of each month.

To register for the weekend discernment retreat, contact Fr. Cameron Faller at faller.cameron@sfarch.org, or (415) 614-5683.
For general information about vocations, visit sfpriest.org.
Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: “This is a virgin’s birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr’s heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!” Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: “to make holy,” to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers’ hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church’s only Eucharistic Prayer.

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God Knows Best

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

~ Anonymous
Schedule of Sacraments

**Eucharistic Celebrations**
- Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 5:15 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. ~ 5:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)**
- Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
- Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
- You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
- Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 1:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Parish Meeting Schedule

- Adult Choir
- Altar Servers
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Forever Young Ministry
- Legion of Mary ~ Patrician Meeting
- Liturgical Lay Ministers
- Our Lady of Fatima Devotees
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)

**Devotions**
- Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 5:15 p.m. Mass
- Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
- Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

Vision

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

Welcome to St. Patrick!!

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors, especially the delegates from The Winter Fancy Food Show

Thank you for worshipping with us!!

Mass Intentions for Jan 19 - 25

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Saints & Special Observances

**Monday:** optional memorial ~ St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr
optional memorial ~ St. Sebastian, Martyr
**Tuesday:** Memorial ~ St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
**Thursday:** optional memorial ~ St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
optional memorial ~ St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
**Friday:** Memorial ~ St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
**Saturday:** FEAST ~
**Sunday:** THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
**SATURDAY:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17;
- Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17