March 08, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Abram places trust in God’s promise (Ps) of making his name and descendants great on earth (1). In Jesus’s transfigured glory (3) is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power (2).

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.

Treasures From Our Tradition
Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don’t just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can’t be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God’s bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!

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Join the Success
If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Appeal, we ask you to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God’s blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. Every gift is greatly appreciated and very beneficial. We hope for 100% participation from our parish family this year. Thank you for your support of Archdiocesan ministries and the people who need and depend on our programs and services.

Lenten Confessions
In response to the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s Lenten program, “The Light Is On for You”, we are encouraging a greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received the sacrament recently. And so aside from our regular schedule of confessions every Tuesday and Saturday, there will be confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all Fridays of Lent.

True Friendship
A true friend can hear a tear drop.

Anonymous

Sharing
It’s easy to halve the potato where there’s love.

Irish saying

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for March
Pope’s Intention: Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.
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).

Winter Cold and Flu Season

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

Know the facts. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
Take everyday actions to stay healthy.
Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.
Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
Get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov)

Liturgy and Illness

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

Ministers Schedule

March 14 - 15, 2020
Saturday, 5:15 p.m.
Presider - Fr. Linh Nguyen
Readers - Cristin Salangsang, Amy Mohler
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Barbara Villanueva, Amy Mohler, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue, Jeannette Chafe
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Presider - Fr. Obet Andrey
Readers - Vida Ventura, Julius Vedasto
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Therese Gintu, Cathy Bohol, Julius Vedasto, Vida Ventura, Albert Chin, Tessie Gallardo
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Presider - Fr. Raphael Laizer
Readers - Julie Santos, Renniel Santos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Ligaya Gementera, Celso Mangoba, Rose Mangoba, Miguel Herrera, Ben Banatao, Malou Pulanco, Rufina Oviedo
Sunday, 12:00 p.m.
Presider - Fr. Obet Andrey
Readers - Fred Nangca, Belinda Rodrigues
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sandra Cea, Mary Josue, Fe Macatangay, Carlito Pantig, Trini Raymundo, Judy Labaria, Jeannette Bird
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. (Charismatic Mass)
Presider - Fr. Linh Nguyen
Reader - Evelyn Bird
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Aliw Bandelaria, Jeannette Bird, Frazier Ataide
Sunday, 5:15 p.m.
Presider - Fr. Linh Nguyen
Readers - Zachary Duldulao, JM Valencia
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Zachary Duldulao, Teng Sullivan, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue

Novena to St. Patrick

We will pray the Novena to St. Patrick 15 minutes before every Mass through Monday, March 16th. We will also celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick on Tuesday, March 17th during the 5:15 p.m. Mass followed by fellowship in the parish hall. Join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of our parish as well as the Principal Co-Patron of our City and Archdiocese.

Filipino Breakfast

Join us in Bitanga Hall for our first Filipino Breakfast of 2020 next Sunday, March 15th, from 8:30 a.m. until... See you there!!
St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440)

March 09

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Spring Weather

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~Mark Twain

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Éireann go Brách!!

Christ shield me this day
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,

Parish Meeting Schedule

Adult Choir……………………………… Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Altar Servers ................................. 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Charismatic Prayer Group............. Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Forever Young Ministry............. Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
Legion of Mary ~ Patrician Meeting........... 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
Liturgical Lay Ministers....................... Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Fatima Devotees........ Our Lady of Fatima Devotees.
Parish Pastoral Council.............. 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion..... 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Society......... 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)............. Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

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 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

Welcome to St. Patrick!!
Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
Thank you for worshipping with us!!

Communion in the Home

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the office at 415-421-3730 for more information.

Relevant Radio

Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.

Mass Intentions for Mar 08 - 14

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Saints & Special Observances

Monday: optional memorial ~ St. Frances of Rome, Religious
SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Mt 20:17-28
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday: Mt 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
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Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8;

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