

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

MASS TIMES

10pm

Monday to Friday 9:00 am Saturday: 9 AM Mass; 4:30 PM Mass, 6 PM (Spanish) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM First Friday: 7:30pm Mass adoration until

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm PRIEST & DEACON & PARISH STAFF

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- Baptism Marriage
- Rites of Initiation of Adults Contact the Parish Center

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Pastor's Message

My dear friends in Christ,

OUR LENTEN THEME: BEING WITH JESUS IN THE DESERT!

We are now in the second week of Lent ---- and the invitation "to repent and to turn to God "continues.

In my homily last Sunday, I reminded you about the many temptations that all of us will face during our Lenten journey. Some of us will give in to the temptations and many of us will be victorious. We all know that our goal during this journey is to get to the waters of life at Easter. It will not be easy! That is why last Sunday I proposed that we need to be committed to practicing the characters of holiness: fasting, almsgiving and prayer. And we can do this through the spirit of LENT---which is to LOVE through ALMSGIVING, to be EMPTIED from selfish desires, then come to that moment of NOTHINGNESS to be freed from darkness and hurts through FASTING and be TRASNFORMED through PRAYER!

Be the BEST version of what God has created you to be, and not A BEAST! We are much better than BEING a BEAST! As I said last Sunday that if you want to be the BEST version of yourself, remove the A from the BEAST and you will see the transforming presence of who you are. The A stands for those attitudes that have hurt and destroyed relationship with God and with one another!

We all know that God loves us. Everything that we see, and experience is a sign of his love and blessings. In the history of humanity even when have strayed away from him through our sinful ways, our loving God continues to send messengers to tell us to come home. We know that he sent his Son our Lord Jesus Christ to be the sign of his love. Many listened to him, and many ignored him. Those who listened were blessed and those who did not they were cursed. For many of us who have been stubborn in listening to him and continue to be filled with pride and arrogance, I believe that it is time for us to remember what God has done to the people of Nineveh who were given the grace of forgiveness when they decided to repent and turn to God.

In the Gospel this weekend on this second Sunday of Lent, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the high mountains. During this mountain top experience, Jesus was transfigured before the three disciples to give them a glimpse of the glory and peace of the kingdom. It was a moment of peace and serenity. It was a moment of blessing for them.

Every time we gather around the table of the Lord, the high altar of gathering, we too have a glimpse of the glory of the kingdom. But we know that we are not going to stay here. Just like James, John, and Peter, we are asked to come down from this mountain top experience to go with Jesus to the Jerusalem. This is the mission of the Church, and we are part of this experience.

May our Lenten journey, BEING WITH JESUS IN THE DESERT: A Call to Conversion, be a sign of our commitment to repent and turn to our God!

I would like to thank you all for your gift of stewardship. It has been a very trying one for many of us, but you continue to make a difference in the life of this community through your generosity and commitment. I know that during this time, our hearts and minds continue to be with the people of Ukraine and to those who are in the middle of conflict in Holy Land! We have seen deaths and destruction all over and here we are so helpless. All we can do for now, amidst the darkness of their situation, is to continue to pray for a peaceful solution to

the conflict. The people of Ukraine, in the Holy Land, and of the world deserve a "better tomorrow!"

Your friend and servant Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION; PARISH EVENTS



FAITH FORMATION **CORNER**

Feb.21.2024 No class for Presidents Day Holiday

Feb. 28, 2024 Seder Meal for all First Communions students of

Ms. Reyna, Ms. Leticia

Ms. Louanne, Ms. Kit & Ms. Cecilia 6:00pm-7:15pm in the Parish Hall behind the church. Please drop off and pick your kids at the Parish Hall.

No classes for the other grade levels.

Mar. 2, 2024: First Communions Students Mandatory 1st Saturday Meeting with Fr. Geoffrey & Christine Suarez at 10:00-11:00am in church.

Mar. 6,2024: Tour of the Church, Bilingual at 4:45PM, and English at 6:30pm in church.

All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross every Friday at &:00pm

At this time of Lent we are urged to pray often, fast & abstain, not just from food, but from bad habits as well and help the needy. For all our Faith Formation kids, do a good deed every week of lent

COMING UP ... for Grades 7th to 12th:

** EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY Shadow oppor-

tunity: We are now inviting former and current Youth Ministry students, ages high school, college or young adults, to participate in our peer ministry shadowing opportunity. Arrange a one month commitment ahead of time and come help peer ministers in small groups on Mondays. This volunteer opportunity ends in mid April since our last classes are in May. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or send an email to tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th) -

We do not have class on February 28 (announced on Feb. 7.) Reminder - the mandatory day retreat is on Sunday March 3. It starts at 11:00 AM, ends at 4:30 PM and includes families going to the 5:00 PM Mass. Our next class is Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM - check the location for this date. Contact your teacher with questions or about attendance. Bring your book bag to every class. ** FCYOUTH (7th & up) - *** Location and time change for 2/28. Ms. Cecilia's class meets on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 PM in the PARISH HALL for the Seder Meal with the First Communion classes. The hall is next to the church. Reminder - the mandatory day retreat is on Sunday March 3. It starts at 11:00 AM, ends at 4:30 PM and includes families going to the 5:00 PM Mass. Contact your teacher with questions or about at-

tendance. Bring your book bag to every class.

** YOUTH MINISTRY (9th to 12th, 1st year) - We meet at the St. Joseph gym on Monday February 26, from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. Questions or for attendance, contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director, please use Remind with code @sjymc; call her at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or send an email to tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** CONFIRMATION (10th to 12th, 2nd year) - **

Update - We have class on Sunday February 25 at the school at 2:15 PM with the 5:00 PM Mass to follow. Please look over the assigned chapter and updates for class. All required reflections are to be printed, brought in and presented at our next class on Sunday, March 10 for your two projects AND your Confirmation name. Please

contact your teachers for attendance or questions.

RCIA:



The next session is on Fec. 25,2024. Mass begins at 8:00am and session at the Parish Center office after mass. It is important that everyone be present at all the sessions following the Rite of

Mar. 3, 2024 First Scrutiny: Mandatory attendance. Sponsors must be present as well at the 8:00am mass, Sunday. After the mass we will have our "Seder Meal" at the Parish Hall

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECT AND CANDIDATES WHO WERE ACKNOWLEDGED AND WELCOMED AT THE "RITE OF ELEC-TION" BY BISHOP MICHAEL BARBER, THIS PAST SUNDAY FEB.18 AT THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND.

Remembrance Candles

November is the traditional month of remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us. Candles can be renewed for the next yearly period (November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024) by visiting the Parish Center and submitting your dedication.



Today's Readings

First Reading: "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading: He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)
Gospel: Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Prayers for our Military Service Members & Families

Air Force- Gino Dela Rosa, Niko Dela Rosa, Jenna Keomany, Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian Trias, Fr. Peter Son Vo

· Army- Angel Caliz, Shawn Bets Chart, Matthew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack Moneymaker, Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin Serrano, Army Branch, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

- · Navy-Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Carlo Evangelista, Dean Trias, Jasmin Trias
- · National Guard- Rebecca Sabatini,
- Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Richard Antonucci, Joseph Belman, Julian Chan, Carlo Spampinato, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis

Prayers for the Sick

Ron Acuna, Sally Aguilera, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, Larry Burkhart, Diane Butson, Dee Calbeck, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Tomas Citagawa, Kevin Coughlin, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Jack Lam, Mary Louise Duhart, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Wayne Geiss, Rich Gill, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman, Bill Harper, Rowen Hutchinson, Dianna Jiminian, Fran Jones, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Fumiko Leamy, Stephen Lew, Paulette Lemmon, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Melina Peters, Leticia F. Poblete, Patricia Rangel, Rogelio Ramos, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Efren Rogue, Lee Rondeau, Ligaya Santos, Lolita Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Abraham Trinidad, Bernard F. Trinidad, Roberto S. Villeda, Susan Word

MASS INTENTION

Saturday February 24, 2024

9:00am Raul Sanchez

Felix Gomez 🕈

4:30pm Domenica Yonke 🕏

6:00pm Carlos Sagastume 🕏

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00am Joseph A. Calim 🕏

10:00am Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:00pm Stan J. Wilson (B-D)

5:00pm Sr. Carmelita Fernandez (B-D)

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00am Rowena Millado 🕆

Anthony Nghia 🕈

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00am Maria Ban 🕏

Elizabeth Guong 🕈

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

9:00am Victoria Carmen Villanueva 🕏

Francisco Diestro

Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:00am Dominic Hao 🕏

Antonio Calixto 🕈

Friday March 1, 2024

9:00am Virginia Lubiano 🕈

7:30pm Sixto & Carline Santos 🕈

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00am Lolita Saflor Simmons 🕆

James & Jozsef Kraynik(Jan. B-D)

4:30pm Shirley Cortez Antonio 🕈

6:00pm Javier Mendoza 🕈

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00am Eugene Bryne 🕏

10:00am Ronald Shaw 🕈

12:00pm Parishioners of St. Joseph

5:00pm Heminihildo Atencion ♥

PARISH EVENTS & FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



What is going on at St. Joseph School

Each Friday during Lent, the school performs the Stations of the Cross where each class interprets and performs the stations for the entire school and families. The school also continues to honor and celebrate significant Black figures and Asian Americans influencing our current society and those in history of whom we have built our communities.

We are Now Testing and Enrolling for Preschool, 1st through 8th grades for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year! Our application is online on the left hand side of our website's Admission's page at www.stjosephpinole.org or click on https://www.stjosephpinole.org/admissions. We would love to welcome your child(ren) and your family to our community. If you have any questions, please phone the office at 510-724-0242.

Please Join Alumni and Friends at www.Facebook.com/groups/204136270336908

Check out our website for the latest happenings at the school at stjosephpinole.org and https://www.facebook.com/StJosephSchoolPinole/



SECOND WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily

on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services



program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope

February 10 & 11

Sunday \$ 12,156 Religious Faith Formation \$ 1,132



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GRIEF SUPPORT: AN EVENING WITH SANDY

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Repeats every Tuesday, Location: Virtual Event The grief support is called An Evening with Sandy. It is on Tuesday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00 PM. It is a peer ministry and drop in session. That means that we are group of people sharing our experience of grief along with each other. Sandy Heinisch is a grief trainer with the Diocese of Oakland who is also going through the grief process. Being a drop in session means you can come when you can if you are not able to make it one week that's okay. You can come the next week or when you can. Here is the link there is no password necessary. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978676350

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the is prescribed in the Roman Missal

Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 25 de febrero de 2024

Domingo: 2º Domingo de Cuaresma

Martes: San Gregorio de Narek, abad y doctor de la

Iglesia

Domingo siguiente: 3er Domingo de Cuaresma

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA (Live the Liturgy)

La Transfiguración dejó a los discípulos con más preguntas que respuestas. ¿Qué acababan de ver? ¿Qué acababan de oír? Estaban confundidos, pero confiaron en Jesús. Sigamos su ejemplo, confiando en el cuidado de Dios a medida que avanzamos en la Cuaresma.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Why Hold Hands?

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest.

The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within



our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

¿Por qué nos tomamos de las manos?

Pregunta:

¿Por qué nos tomamos de las manos durante el padrenuestro?

Respuesta:

La práctica de tomar de la mano mientras rezar el padrenuestro durante la misa es una costumbre que se desarrolló orgánicamente en los años setenta y ochenta. Aunque algunos comentaristas reconocen que la práctica varía de un lugar a otro, es una realidad bastante universal en las parroquias de todo Estados Unidos. Para algunos, esta acción simboliza la comunión de los cristianos, orando juntos como una familia de creyentes, honrando al Padre de todos. Los críticos de la práctica a veces expresan preocupación de que tomar de la mano puede ser una distracción de la unidad más significativa que se experimenta cuando procesamos al altar para recibir la comunión sacramental.

Entonces, preguntamos: ¿Cuál es la respuesta?

La Instrucción General del Misal Romano (el documento que ofrece instrucciones específicas para la celebración de la Misa) guarda silencio sobre la práctica, diciendo solo que "todos los fieles dicen la oración" con el sacerdote. El sitio web de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos simplemente observa que "No se prescribe ninguna posición en el Misal Romano para un gesto de asamblea durante la Oración del Señor". Y así, nos queda discernir dentro de nosotros mismos y dentro de nuestra parroquia y comunidades religiosas lo que es un auténtico gesto de alabanza durante este importante punto de la Misa. Para algunos, esto significa seguir tomándose de la mano, mientras para otros, esto puede significar adoptar otra postura de oración.

2024 PARISH LENTEN CALENDAR

OUR LENTEN THEME: BEING WITH JESUS IN THE DESERT!

Confessions during lent on Saturdays 2:30 to 4pm

Stations of the Cross with Taize Music 7pm

February 23 March 8, 15, 22 & 29

Feast of St. Joseph – March 19

Mass 9 am with hospitality in the Parish Hall

Palm Sunday March 23 & 24

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30, 6pm Sunday Masses 8 & 10AM, 12 & 5PM Chrism M

Triduum:

Chrism Mass March 26 @11am

Chrism Mass will be held at Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Holy Thursday March 28

Liturgy of the Hour 8am

Celebration of the Lords Supper 7:30pm

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday March 29

Liturgy of the Hour 8am
Stations of the Cross 10AM
7 Last Words 12PM

Celebration of the lord's Passion 3PM Spanish Service 6PM

Holy Saturday March 30

Liturgy of the Hour 8am

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday March 31

Masses 6, 8, & 10AM, 12PM (English) 2PM (Spanish)

No 5pm Mass







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