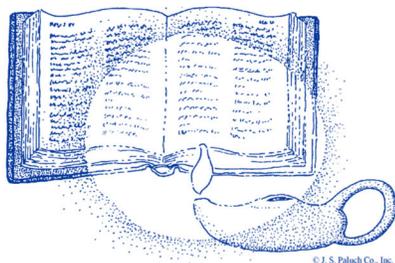


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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on “giving up.” Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community’s way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion.

Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.

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Rite of Election (RCIA)

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of preparing adults for the reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. On the First Sunday of Lent, RCIA candidates, their families and team members gather at cathedrals around the world to celebrate this rite.

Due to the pandemic, the Rite of Election of candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes will be held at St. Matthias during the 9:45 a.m. Mass today. The communities of both parishes are invited to participate in this Mass. If you are unable to attend, please keep our catechumens and candidates and their sponsors in your prayers.

The purpose of the Rite of Election is described in the introduction to the rite:

Thus the Church makes its “election,” that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation.

This choice is made by the Church as an outward expression of the choice already made by God. God, through the Church, is choosing those who listen to God’s call and choose to undertake a spiritual journey to be disciples of Jesus.

We celebrate and pray for the following catechumens and candidates:

Ken Purdy (St. Charles)

sponsor John Warner

Joey Latham (St. Matthias)

sponsor Sheerin Latham

James Babcock (St. Matthias)

sponsor Ed Cox

Many thanks to the RCIA team members who support our candidates: Dorothy Farkas, Christina Jerrold, Marc Aquino along with Deacon David Rolandelli and Deacon Rich Foley.

Dr. King Revisited - An Anti-Racism Series for Lent

St. Matthias' Justice and Charity Commission is organizing an anti-racism series for Lent. Entitled *Dr. King Revisited*, this series will draw on Dr. King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. Designed through collaboration between the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Christian Churches Together (CCT), biblical teachings will guide small-group discussions and create opportunities for reflection and dialogue.

Formed in 2007, CCT is one of the largest ecumenical organizations in the United States and comprises a fellowship of thirty-six national communions including African American, Catholic, Evangelical, Historic Protestant, Pentecostal, and Orthodox. All materials for the program will be provided in advance. Technical support will be provided for all participants.

When: February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Where: Google Meet, 7:00-8:30 pm

All are welcome. Please invite your friends! For questions or to register, contact St. Matthias parish office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Pray for Vocations

"Christ suffered for sins once for all." Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? For more information contact the Vocation Office at (415) 614-5684 or email: vocations@sfarch.org.

Church is Open for Mass

Weekday Masses

5:00pm – Indoor Mass (open to public) also livestreamed

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00pm – Indoor Mass (open to public) also livestreamed

Sunday, 8:30am – Outdoor Mass (open to public) also livestreamed

Sunday, 11:00am – Indoor Mass (open to public) – NOT livestreamed

Please pray for the faithful departed
of our Parish Community.†



Remember in your prayers...the people of our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound: Lynn Yap, Linda Corrales, Hugh Francis, Melissa Sanchez, Jim King, Marti Rojas, Charlene Vigh, Jill Leader, Christine Klups, Barbara Peters, Bill Eppler, Peggy Saunders... and for all that are impaired by Covid19.

40 Days in the Desert First Sunday of Lent

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.
Mark 1:12-13.

Let Us Fast

While fasting with the body, brothers and sisters, let us also fast in spirit.
Let us lose every bond of iniquity;
let us undo the knots of every contact made by violence;
let us tear up all unjust agreements;
let us give bread to the hungry
and welcome to our house
the poor who have no roof to cover them,
that we may receive mercy from Christ our God.
- Byzantine Vespers

Helpers Needed!

Attending Mass in Person? We need YOU!

The parish must record Mass attendees for pandemic purposes.

The recorder duty is simple. Record family last name and number of attendees. **That's it!**

Arrive 20 minutes before Mass, sit at the check-in table, and record attendees. When Mass starts, you're done.

You will find the link to sign-up on our website!

This weekly sign-up renews every Thursday.

Let's help Father Dave, Father Samuel, and Father Malachy with mandated pandemic protocols. The parish is grateful for YOUR help!

"The Light is on for You"

Reconciliation every
Wednesday evening during Lent

6:30pm to 7:30pm
and

Saturday afternoon
3:30 to 4:00pm



Coming Soon to our Website
Virtual
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1st Reading*Gn 9:8-15*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

*The word of the Lord.***R. Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**2nd Reading***1 Pt 3:18-22*

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

*The word of the Lord.***R. Thanks be to God.****Gospel***Mk 1:12-15*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

St. Charles Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm
Outdoor, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 5:00pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, 9:45am
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Office Hours Mon - Fri., 9:00am - 4:30pm

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00pm, or anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday, 8:30am - 9:30pm - Church