

## February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, February 22

9:00am *Mary Lou Lascari (hlng)*  
4:30pm *Patricia Olmedo (hlng)*

#### Sunday, February 23

8:00am *Albert Dy (hlng)*  
10:00am † *Terri Ann Elias*  
12:00pm † *Valentina Gaona*

#### Monday, February 24

9:00am † *Ananias Falcon*

#### Tuesday, February 25

9:00am † *Michael Kearney*

#### Wednesday, February 26

~ Ash Wednesday ~

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*  
6:30pm *St. John Volunteers*

#### Thursday, February 27

9:00am † *Stewart Cook*

#### Friday, February 28

9:00am *Ada Cayabyab (bdy)*

#### Saturday, February 29

9:00am † *Francis Bertoluzzo*  
4:30pm *YMI Brothers & families*



### What is Ash Wednesday & Why Christians Celebrate It

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where He fasted and where Satan tempted Him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

#### COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

February 10<sup>th</sup> - February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....\$ 128.00  
Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00  
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,490.40  
Weekend On-line giving...\$ 459.00

### From the Desk of the Pastor ....

Late one night, a truck driver pulled up to a roadside restaurant for some food and drink and a little relaxation. As he was eating, three tough looking, hard-as-nails motorcyclists roared up to the restaurant and then roared inside and up to the bar. The place grew quiet. One could feel the tension in the cold night air. For some reason they spotted the truck driver and used him as the target for their meanness. One man shook salt and pepper on his head; the other took his piece of apple pie and dropped it on the floor where he crushed it under his boot. The third managed to knock over his coffee causing it to spill on the man's trousers. The truck driver got up, said nothing, walked to the cashier, paid his bill and made his exit.

"That dude sure isn't much of a fighter" sneered one of the three motorcyclists. The waiter behind the counter peered out the window onto the dark parking lot and replied, "He's not much of a driver either. He just ran over three motorcycles.

"What goes through your mind now? Do you feel like smiling and think, "Ah sweet revenge?" However, today's Gospel turns the 'sweet taste of revenge, sour'. Jesus would not want us run over motorcycles or people. He says. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". – a radically different approach.

Jesus reminds us how our ancestors were taught, 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' He goes beyond the eye and tooth examples:

He outlines new terms of engagement: 'turning the other cheek, giving our shirt, going the extra mile. These measures are calculated and directed to disarm and dismantle, overcome and conquer villains known as VIOLENCE, HATRED, arrogance, revenge, pride etc.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### ASH WEDNESDAY- MASS SCHEDULE:

**February 26:** Masses are at 9:00am (English), & 6:30pm (Bilingual: English & Spanish)  
Ashes will be distributed at these masses.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This devotional prayerful exercise will be held in the Church on all Fridays during the season of Lent. All are invited.

- after the 9am Mass in English and
- 6:30pm in Spanish

### Complete Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Information for Lent 2020

- **Abstinence:** Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday**, all the **Fridays** of Lent and **Good Friday**.
- **Fast:** Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- It is highly recommended that Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed penitential practices.

### SCHEDULE OF LENTEN DEVOTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

#### February

**28<sup>th</sup>** Friday, after Ash Wednesday: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English;  
6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

#### March

**6<sup>th</sup>** First Friday, 1st Week of Lent: 9:30 am 9:30 am: after Mass,  

- Stations of the Cross (English)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.
- 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

**13<sup>th</sup>** Friday, 2nd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

**20<sup>th</sup>** Friday, 3rd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

**27<sup>th</sup>** Friday, 4th Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

#### April

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Friday, 5th Week of Lent: 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English & Spanish with Soup Supper

**5<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: We commemorate the glorious entry of Jesus in Jerusalem.  
Regular weekend Masses' schedule: Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass.