

## March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 - First Sunday in Lent



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, February 29**

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

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00am  
10:00am † *Brandy Sanchez*  
12:00pm † *William Mitchell*

**Monday, March 2**

9:00am † *Eloise Morales*

**Tuesday, March 3**

9:00am † *Michael Kearney*

**Wednesday, March 4**

9:00am *Ruben Zamora (bday)*

**Thursday, March 5**

9:00am † *Michael & Albert Gragnani*

**Friday, March 6**

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

**Saturday, March 7**

9:00am † *Pascual Sanchez*  
4:30pm † *Luis & Tranquilina Baron*

### CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

Fifteen Young men and women registered in the Confirmation Class 2020 in our Parish, are preparing to receive the Sacrament. They will be enrolled into the Program this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

These candidates will be presented into the Enrollment ceremony and will be declared "Confirmands".

They look forward to receive the Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco on May 9, 2020 at 10am.

Please keep them, their sponsors and families in your prayers.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the **Reserve Fund** of St. John the Evangelist. This account was established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish of St. John. Thank you for your continued generous support.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA February 10<sup>th</sup> - February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....\$ 111.00  
Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00  
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,784.40  
Weekend On-line giving...\$ 390.00

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

Adam and Eve could not resist the seduction of the serpent. They were tested and they failed. On the other hand, despite three appealing circumstances (food for the hungry, sensationalism, and power), Jesus resisted Satan's tempting challenges. Jesus' obedience freed us from sin and death.

The serpent is clearly employed to awaken Eve's desire to eat. Neither she nor Adam could resist the fruit of the forbidden tree.

It was Satan, not just any evil creature, who presented Jesus with three tests. First of all, Jesus had to have been starving. He hadn't eaten for forty days, so the temptation of food probably seemed like a sure bet to Satan. But Jesus resisted.

'Okay, if you're not hungry, let's try something spectacular. Throw yourself from the temple roof and show everyone how God will save you.' Again, Jesus refused.

If all else fails, go for greed. Offer Jesus all the power and wealth of the world. When Jesus manifested his unshakable fidelity and devotion to God the Father, Satan could do no more. He left Jesus alone.

Satan, like the serpent with Adam and Eve, made it sound like no big deal. "If you're the son of God, just do it." And the serpent to Adam and Eve, "Just take a little bite; everybody is doing it."

Two thousand years later, we are still being tempted to just do it because everyone else is. We lower our standards, the standards Jesus showed us, for ourselves, our children, our loved ones. Why? ..... For all kinds of reasons.....and temptations today:

Instant gratification and personal pleasure are not only acceptable but expected.. right?

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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

#### 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.

**6<sup>th</sup>** Monday of the Holy Week: 9:00 am - Mass

**7<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday of the Holy Week: 9:00 am - Mass

- Parish Penance and Reconciliation Liturgy: 6:30 pm (English & Spanish)

**8<sup>th</sup>** Wednesday of the Holy Week: 9:00 am - Mass