



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 16

9:00am *YMI*
4:30pm † *Bea Primacio*

Sunday, March 17

7:30am † *Bill Sacramento*
9:30am *Gloria Pedro (thnksging)*
11:00am *Elmer Gamoning Sr. (healing)*
12:30pm † *Mario Pineda*

Monday, March 18

9:00am † *Henry & Theresa Thran & Michael & Albert Gragnani*

Tuesday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

9:00am † *John C. Brennan*

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am † *Aura Josefina Zamora*

Thursday, March 21

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Friday, March 22

9:00am † *Concesa Pedro*

Saturday, March 23

9:00am † *Guido & Marie Guinasso & family*
4:30pm *SJE Volunteers*



ST. JOSEPH WAS A JUST MAN, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. **MAY HE ALWAYS** guard, protect, and enlighten families. — ST. JP II

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

Feb 19th - Feb 24th, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$ 107.00
Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday coll.\$ 1,062.00
Ash Wed. On-line giving...\$ 95.00
Weekend Offering\$ 3,359.00
Weekend On-line giving...\$ 290.00
AAA Offering\$ 1,447.00
AAA On-line giving.....\$ 95.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

Our readings today recount two awe filled scenes. Abraham encounters God amid smoke and flames. God establishes a covenant with Abraham, promising him descendants as numerous as the stars in the firmament of heavens. The Gospel recounts the event on Mount Tabor, where Peter, James and John witness the stunning power of God, as Jesus is transfigured before their eyes. God's voice thunders forth: "This is my Chosen Son, Listen to Him.

On Mount Tabor, the sky was clear. They saw Jesus (was) praying to the Father. As he prayed, his face shone and his clothes dazzled. On one side of him was Moses – the great lawgiver. On the other side was Elijah – the greatest of all the prophets. And as if that was not enough, there was the voice of the Father. No wonder Peter exclaimed: 'It is wonderful for us to be here!'

Now fast forward: Then there would be another day and another Hill. "**The Hill of Calvary**" This time the sky was dark. The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood. His clothes did not dazzle – they had been taken away from him. For companions he had two thieves. There was apparently, no voice from heaven, only scoffers were heard. The disciples were broken-hearted, their 'will power' evaporated, their dreams shattered, a nightmare they could not see coming and wanted no part of it.

The only thing in common was that once again Jesus was praying. What sustained Him in bright and dark moments alike, was his special relationship with the Father.

This special relationship is now open to us. It will sustain us through all our dark moments until the glory of Easter shines fully on us.

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. Everyone is invited.

9:30am (after the 9:00am mass) in English

Complete Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Information for Lent 2019

- **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.

2019 SCHEDULE OF LENTEN DEVOTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

March

22nd Friday, 2nd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

29th Friday, 3rd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

April

5th First Friday, 4th Week of Lent: 9:30 am: after Mass, Stations of the Cross (English) with the

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.
- 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis; 7:00 pm Reflexión (en Español)

12th Friday, 5th Week of Lent: 9:00 am mass in English;

- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross in English and Spanish & "Soup Supper".

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION...By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway. What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: What are you taking on for Easter?!