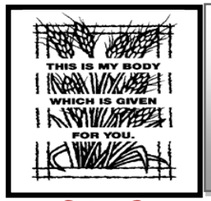

"I wish to know Christ and the power flowing from his resurrection"

Phillipians 3:10

MARCH 18, 2018
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE March 19 through April 1, 2018

Monday (Mar. 19th) - 8:00 am Mass (Church) for Lent
Tuesday (Mar. 20th) - 7:00 am Daily Mass (Church)
7:00 pm Penance Service (Church)
Wednesday (Mar. 21st) - 7:00 am Daily Mass (Church)
Thursday (Mar. 22nd) - 7:00 am Daily Mass (Church)
Friday (Mar. 23rd) - 8:30 am School Mass (Gym)
Saturday (Mar. 24th) - 5:30 pm Mass (Church) - for Palm Sunday
Sunday (Mar. 25th) - 9:00 and 11:00 am, and 4:30 pm Masses (Church) - Palm Sunday
Monday (Mar. 26th) - 8 am Mass (Church) for Lent
Tuesday & Wednesday (Mar. 27th & 28th) - 7:00 am Mass (Church)
Holy Thursday (Mar. 29th) - 7:00 pm Mass (Church) for "The Lord's Supper"
Good Friday (Mar. 30th) - 2:00 pm Mass (Church) for "Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord"
7:00 pm (Church) for Stations of the Cross followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Holy Saturday (Mar. 31st) - 8:00 pm Mass (Church) for Easter Vigil "Triumph of Jesus"
Easter Sunday (Apr. 1st) - 9 and 11 am Masses (Church); no 4:30 pm Mass

March 23, 2018 at 7 pm: Women's Council
March 30, 2018 at 7 pm: Father Mathew (Good Friday)

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR LENT

Join us in serving the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, which provides shelter, education and resources to assist mothers in crisis pregnancies. Please fill a baby bottle with any change you can spare then return filled bottles to the church. Let's continue to build a culture of life through prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. God Bless You All...

For LENT, Fr. Mathew invites all to use media for spiritual growth and to watch videos or listen to spiritual talks. If you are unable to come to the church for the study of the Bible and Sacraments on Thursdays, please do this at home. Go to Stpaulcenter.com, and click on Lent 2018 then follow the instructions.
Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - 2SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22; PS 84:5; MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A
TUESDAY - NM 21:4-9; PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; JN 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY - DN 3:14-20, 91-81, 95; DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; See LK 8:15; JN 8:31-42
THURSDAY - GN 17:3-9; PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; PS 95:8; JN 8:51-59
FRIDAY - JER 20:10-13; PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7; See JN 6:63C, 68C; JN 10:31-42
SATURDAY - EZ 37:21-28; JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13; EZ 18:31; JN 11:45-56
SUNDAY - MK 11:1-10; JN 12:12-16; IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; PHIL 2:6-11

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

Pastor's Corner

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3–4, 7–8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14–15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus didn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offered himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9). Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts.

Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology (Stpaulcenter.com)

Please Pray for our Military: **Thomas Burkstrand, Shelby DeLamora, Jason Enjambre, Nash Bulaong, Wesley Paige, Diana Jacinto, Lawrence Hermosa Angelo Garcia, Mikayla George, Austin Mora, Renald Rivera, Christian Watson, Brian Chrisman, Andrew Sawitzky, Terrin Vilhauer, Zachary Evans; Anthony Higgins,** their families, the Chaplains who serve them, and all first responders, police and firefighters who protect and serve. ***Bless and Protect Them, O Lord.***

WEBSITE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS HTTPS://OLGWESTSAC.EJOINME.ORG/AUCTION2018

Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to add /remove a name.

SHIRLEY CHING ANA RAMIREZ-PALMER ERNESTO ALIPIO HONORATA CUARESMA
TIM WILLIAMS JOAN ROSALIE TAMBURO DOROTHY & WARREN NICHOLS
GREGORY MA WILLIAM CHUA JOHN ROSS LEWIS CLAIRE ROSE

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 17th at 5:30 pm	For Duyet Nguyen ++
SUNDAY, March 18th at 9:00 am	For William Lloyd ++
at 11:00	For All Parishioners
at 4:30 pm	For Filisina Ustare ++
MONDAY, March 19th at 8:00 am	For private intentions
TUESDAY, March 20th at 7:00 am	For Faustina Garcia ++
WEDNESDAY, March 21st at 7:00 am	For Ralph Daigle and Janice Richard ++
THURSDAY, March 22nd at 7:00 am	For Elizer Bartolome & Rose Bartolome ++
FRIDAY, March 23rd at 8:30 am	School Mass (Gym)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24th
5:30 p.m. -- Amelia Centers, Trudy Connolly, Eileen Mosley
Sunday, March 25th
9:00 a.m. -- Bonnie Sue Barrow, Anna Beall, Michael Beall, Ellie Luna
11:00 a.m. -- Claire Guidry, Rodney Guidry, Celine Lawrence, Frances Villanueva
4:30 p.m. -- Angelarose Quemel, Anita Sargent, Isabella Zink

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24th
5:30 p.m. -- Maureen Girard, Carolyn Tagupa, Carolyn Tagupa
Sunday, March 25th
9:00 a.m. -- Rose Lloyd, Ernie Guerra, Fay Landry
11:00 a.m. -- Cindy Fabonan, Rachel Machado, Charles Shunk
4:30 p.m. -- Annie Hoang, Dennison Ocampo, Dennison Ocampo

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24th
5:30 p.m. -- Joe Henning, Zuriel Joven, Kara Joven
Sunday, March 25th
9:00 a.m. -- Steven Barrow, Catherine Barrow, Andrew Yuzon
11:00 a.m. -- Eric Houdeshell, Ben Houdeshell, Matthew Moyer
4:30 p.m. -- Molly Southard, Ava Hawkinson, Francisco Giordano

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25th
9:00 am - Ellie 11:00 am - Cyndi/Theresa 4:30 pm - Cara

Collections: Weekly Budget Goal = $4,271.00; March 11, 2018 Collection = **$3,566.00**

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday; Rosary & Novena at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at the Church.

Bereavement Ministry: Please call the Parish Office as needed.
Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center, covering "Revelation".
Catholic Faith Formation: Every Tuesday at 5:30—6:45 pm (from Sept 5, 2017 thru May 22, 2018); for K-5 and Confirmation Prep for 6th - 8th at the School.
Graced Youth Ministry - Every other Sunday at 6 pm in the School Gym.
Moms Ministry: Every 3rd Sunday at 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.
Moms Ministry Bible Study: Call the Parish Office for session times.
OLG Prayer Meeting: 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month at 7 pm in the OLG School Chapel.
RCIA: Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the School Chapel.
Respect Life Ministry: Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Church Rectory.
St. Vincent de Paul: The 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Church Rectory.
Women's Council: The 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the School Parish Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SERVING BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (MARCH 18TH FROM 8 AM – 1 PM). COME ENJOY SOME DELICIOUS FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY. COST: $6 / ADULTS & $3 / KIDS.

OBLATES OF ST. JOSEPH HOLY SPOUSES PROVINCE presents "VOCATION RETREAT"
When: March 23-25, 2018 (9 AM TO 3PM) Who: Single Men (ages 18-40)
Where: Mount St. Joseph Seminary (6530 Wells Ave., Loomis)
Contact: Fr. Sergio Perez, OSJ (916) 652-6336, ext. 207 or visit **vocations@osjusa.org**
Come & See…..Serve Jesus...Imitate St. Joseph