First Sunday in Lent
March 17th, 2019 Cycle C

March Mass Intentions

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**Schedule of the Week:**
Mon through Friday

- 8:00am Mass/
- 8:30am-4pm Silent Adoration
- every Tues., 8:15am Mass with School

**40 Days for Life**

3212 Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco
Department of Human Life and Dignity
415-614-5571 Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone will celebrate a special “40 Days for Life” Mass at St. Anthony Parish in San Francisco. Mass will be followed by a procession of prayer. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan office of Human Life & Dignity, above. 40 Days for Life is coordinating vigils for life from March 5th to April 14th. Volunteers are welcome.

**Feast Day Sunday**
March 17th

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

**St. Finn Barr Men’s Club**

present.

The Annual

FATHER
Daughter
DANCE

(including Grandpa’s, Uncle’s, Big Brother’s...)
Join us for dinner, refreshments, music & games!

Goode Hall
415 Edna St.
March 30th, 2019
Saturday 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Donation: $25/couple
$15/for additional daughter

Save the date on Saturday, April 6th, for St. Finn Barr School’s annual walk-a-thon, SFB CONNECTS at Ruth Asawa SF School of the Arts (SOTA) Track from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This fundraiser will help expand the tech curriculum for students by providing them with new and challenging learning opportunities. Thanks for your support!
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Needed Deacon R. Christoph Sandoval, St. Mary’s Cathedral Res 7777@comcast.net
Are you a lay Catholic in good standing? Would you be interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Please consider this inspiring opportunity to offer service to others as a disciple of Jesus Christ. One block from St. Mary’s Cathedral, the California Pacific Medical Center Van Ness Campus, a large new hospital, opened March 2. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be needed to administer Communion to the sick and give the sacrament as Viaticum to the Dying. There can be opportunities also for further training in hospital ministry. If you are interested but are not already a trained Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion certified by the Archdiocese, please contact Laura Bertone, Director of the Office of Worship, at bertone@sfarch.org about training and certification.

Casting Call for Live Stations of the Cross

in San Francisco

Amanda George, Youth Ministry Coordinator
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Director/actor Stuart Mast of Los Angeles and playwright/teacher Angie Lorang of Ann Arbor studied theatre together in a Catholic college and are reuniting to produce a contemporary passion play in San Francisco. They want actors and dancers (18 years and older) for a live “Stations of the Cross” at Ghirardelli Square. Roles include Jesus, Mary, John, Simon, Veronica, Soldiers, and multiple dancers. Minimum dialogue, but actors should be comfortable with dance and movement. If interested, e-mail a headshot, resume, and reason for wanting to participate to director Stuart Mast at stuartmast92@gmail.com with “Stations of the Cross 2019” as the subject.
5 Ways St. Patrick's Life Shows the Power of Prayer

Every year on March 17th, people worldwide celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, inspired by the life of Ireland’s patron saint (385-461 AD). Many people have heard about Patrick as a man who boldly overcame all sorts of dangers to bring the Christian faith to the Irish, and he is often hailed as a legendary hero. But Patrick was just an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life because God’s power was at work through him. Why? Patrick loved to pray – and he prayed with great faith.

**Here are five ways that this beloved saint’s life shows the power of prayer:**

1. **Love for God is the best motivation to pray.**
   Patrick devoted himself to prayer because of his love for God. He once wrote: “The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same... I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain.”
   It was love that fueled Patrick’s prayer life – not a desire to convince God to give him something, not a sense of obligation to fulfill, not an attempt to earn good standing with God, and not a plan to impress other people. Patrick simply wanted to spend time communicating with God because he loved being in God’s company.

2. **It’s always a good time to pray.**
   Patrick incorporated prayer into every part of his life, praying in all sorts of situations. Since God is always with us, we can always connect with him through prayer. Taking advantage of that great gift is wise at all times.

3. **Prayer empowers us to win spiritual warfare.**
   When Patrick courageously moved forward with his work for God’s kingdom, he was hit by intense opposition from evil. Patrick wrote eloquently about spiritual warfare in “Saint Patrick’s Breastplate”: “I arise today/Through God’s strength to pilot me/God’s might to uphold me,/God’s wisdom to guide me,/God’s eye to look before me,/God’s ear to hear me,/God’s word to speak for me,/God’s hand to guard me,/God’s way to lie before me,/God’s shield to protect me,/God’s host to save me/From snares of demons/From temptations of vices/From everyone who shall wish me ill/Afar and near/Alone and in multitude.”

4. **We can expect God to really answer our prayers.**
   When Patrick prayed, he didn’t just recite a list of requests and hope that maybe something good would happen afterward. Patrick really expected God to answer his prayers, so he prayed with real trust and excited anticipation. Sometimes God answered quietly in the midst of everyday life. At other times, God answered dramatically.

5. **We should be open to God’s answers, even if they’re surprising.**
   Patrick made a habit of searching for and listening to God’s messages, however they came to him. He opened his mind up to be alert and receptive to whatever God wanted to communicate. One of the ways Patrick heard from God was through dreams. In one key dream Patrick had, he wrote of hearing the voices of Irish people “crying as if with one voice: ‘We beg you, holy youth, that you shall come and shall walk again among us.’ And I was stung intensely in my heart...” Patrick was surprised that God was calling him to go back to Ireland – the place he had finally broken free from, after years of slavery. Yet, after God challenged Patrick to choose faith over fear, Patrick said “yes” to presenting the Gospel message to the Irish. By Whitney Hopler