Every tree is known by its own fruit; a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.
PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH LOCATION:
1125 Ferry Street,
Martinez, CA 94553-1720

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-1PM & 2 PM-5 PM

BAPTISMS: Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class before reception of the Sacrament.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at least eight months prior to the wedding.

FUNERALS: We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.

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All items must be submitted by Fri, Mar 8 by noon for Mar 17.

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CHURCH LOCATION:
604 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 3, 2019

THE CHURCH IS ONE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Over the next few weeks, we will be discussing the Four Marks of the Church and their meaning. If you are not familiar with the Four Marks, they are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. What does this mean? What is “One”?

If you are like me, you became familiar growing up with the Four Marks as you recited by rote the Nicene Creed every Sunday during Mass. As I recited it when I was younger, it may have sounded something like, “...one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church...”. As I grew older, and my understanding of the Church deepened, it sounded a little better, “one, holy, catholic and apostolic church”. Today, as a parent, an active member of this parish, and a striving role model to the youth in my life, it sounds more like this, “ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC and APOSTOLIC CHURCH!!”. So, what does this mean? This week, let us start with ONE.

We are ONE Church. Just as God is one in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so also is the Church one. The founder of the Church is Jesus Christ, who brought us back to God and made us into the family of God. The Church is one in the Holy Spirit, who dwells in those who believe. (Loyola Press)

One is joyful. I come to Church, to my Parish and see friends and familiar faces, members of my community that are happy to see me and whom I am happy to see. We come together weekly as one to celebrate our Lord and give thanks for all the many gifts He has bestowed upon us. We share in the lives of one another making us one community bound together by the love of one God and one faith.

There is solace in One. I reflect on the family members that I have lost, who have gone before me and because of whom I look forward to the resurrection, when I know we will be together again as One, basking in God’s love. I hold dear to my heart the ritual of the Mass and what it meant to my father. And when I stand, or kneel, or beat my heart, “My Lord and My God”, during the transubstantiation; these are the rituals I practice that keep me connected with my father, though he has passed, and I recall what mass meant to him. And how through the ritual of the Mass he and I are still connected, as one.

There is invitation in One. It means that I can go anywhere in this world and participate in the celebration of the same, unchanged ritual of the Holy Eucharist. I know that at that Mass I will be sharing a deep belief and faith with the brothers and sisters participating with me, even if I have never met them before nor may ever see them again. We come together as one every week, no matter where we are in the world, to share in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. I enjoy seeing the visitors that come to our Parish who may be visiting family or who may have randomly found our St. Catherine’s during their travels. Their trust in being able to participate and practice their faith with strangers is refreshing and encouraging. One is inspiring and thought provoking. We come together as one body of the Church, we share in the same ideas and beliefs that form the basis of this religion. That the faith we share as one Church is set in three entities of the same God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. This is a concept so profound, yet so inspiring that it has motivated hundreds of thousands of believers for generation after generation.

One has endless layers and facets that we may never fully understand it. Knowing that we do not know, understanding that there is so much we may never understand is what drives our faith and makes us strive for deeper understanding. When you go home today, or when you are sitting in your car during your morning commute or letting your mind wander while working in your yard, stop to ask yourself, what does One mean to you? Is it your family? Your parish and community? Is it God and your relationship with Him? Or can you grasp how it may be all of it, wrapped up in one. And it has been given with love to you and for you by One Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

—Carlos M. Melendez
February 18, 2019

Dear parishioners and friends of the Oakland Diocese,

With a heavy heart, I am publishing the names of 20 diocesan priests, 22 religious order priests, deacons and brothers, and three priests from other dioceses who have worked in the Diocese of Oakland and have had credible accusations of sexual abuse of minors. The only acceptable number is “zero.” However, there are right now more than 120 faithful, active and dedicated priests serving our 500,000 Catholics in our two-county diocese. We are on duty daily to serve you.

There has been no credible incident of abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon of the Diocese of Oakland since 1988. I can assure that today, no priest or deacon who is in active ministry in the Diocese of Oakland has a credible allegation of abuse of a minor.

My first reaction in seeing the list of names of priests who have abused is one of deep shame. These are monstrous crimes, committed by priests who are supposed to model virtue and grace, not sin and harm. By publishing this list, I am making an “Act of Contrition” on behalf of my Church.

I promised to publish a list, not to reopen the wounds of survivors, but to declare, “We have nothing to hide.” It is a “living list,” and will be updated as needed. I hope this will help bring healing to those who have suffered. I renew our offer of counseling, therapy, support, and outreach to survivors. The Diocese has worked with survivors of sexual abuse since the 1990s. In 2008, a healing garden was dedicated by Bishop Allen Vigneron on a plaza of the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

I have met with survivors personally. I have seen and heard their pain. I have witnessed the damage abusers have committed. A priest is supposed to be a man who leads people to God. But, like some physicians who use their skills to take away life through abortion or assisted suicide, so some priests have used their position of trust to take away faith and destroy a child’s innocence. This is so very wrong. At the heart of this is SIN. Sin is real. It is a moral calamity. We as a Church, and as priests, need to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to listen to Him, not the Evil One. Sin is not the last word. We believe in Christ’s power to heal.

I pray the public acknowledgement of the sinful actions on the part of some priests will help many of us to find healing and hope, to restore our trust in the Church, and to repair the damage caused to the reputation of so many good priests. The needs of victims and survivors, and the protection of children and vulnerable adults is our first priority. Visit oakdiocese.org.

Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS: A LUMEN CHRISTI ACADEMY SCHOOL

February Student Learning Expectation (SLE) was Service to the Community. After Mass, our dedicated teachers presented the award to students who were model citizens for serving each other and their school community.

At right, pictured left to right: Jeffrey Marks, Armaan Sidhu, Paige Ludwig, Tyler Mallo, Tillie Miller, Gia Mallo, Daniel Seder, and Selena Alvarado with their teachers standing close by.

Third grade students enjoyed off-campus learning with a field trip to the Black Diamond Mines and Rose Hill Cemetery. While there, they learned about the difficult lives of young miners in the mid-1800’s. At left, pictured left to right: Owen Briley, Roman Gadek, Xander Becker, Ava Nygard, Katie Salazar and Gia Mallo.

—Diana Corsetti
St. Catherine of Siena Teacher Contributor
**WORSHIP**
To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION WITH CLERGY**
**MONDAYS 6:30 PM**
Parish Center
St. Gabriel Room

**IGNITE 3-DAY EVENT**
_Beneath His Cross Apostolate_  
“Praying for Priests—A Time for Healing”  
**THU. MAR 7, 6:30 PM** in St. Catherine Church  
Speaker: Yolanda Rodriguez

_Lenten Soup Supper_ in the parish hall;  
**FRI. MAR 8, 6 PM** followed by  
“Stations of the Cross for Priests” led by Yolanda Rodriguez @ 7 PM in Church

_Dinner_ in the Parish Center Library  
**SAT. MAR 9, 5:30 PM** followed by @ 6:30 PM  
“Do Not Waste Your Sufferings” in the Church  
Speaker: Yolanda Rodriguez

**RSVP @ 925-787-8396**  
Contact Cindy Buscaglia or email: IGNITE3CS@GMAIL.COM

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND**  
24 HOURS FOR THE LORD  
All are invited to spend time with Our Lord in Adoration & Confessions during a 24 hour opportunity  
Beginning 5:00 PM March 8 through 5:00 PM March 9  
During the 24 hours visit one of these churches near you:  
_Holy Spirit—Fremont_  
_Immaculate Heart of Mary—Brentwood_  
_St. Bonaventure—Concord_  
_St. Catherine of Siena—Martinez_  
_St. Joan of Arc—San Ramon_  
_St. John Vianney—Walnut Creek_  
_St. Mark—Richmond_  
_St. Michael—Livermore_  
_St. Patrick—Rodeo_  
Opening Mass with Bishop Barber  
**FRI. MAR 8 @ 7:30 PM**  
_Holy Spirit Church_  
37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont  
Closing Mass  **SAT. MAR 9 @ 5:30 PM** St. Joan of Arc Church  
2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon

QUESTIONS?  
info@DivineMercyOak.org

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish & School**

**LENT 2019**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**
Wednesday Mar 6  
8 AM, 12:10 PM, 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM

**LET OUR ADORATION NEVER CEASE!**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Fridays at 7 PM in the Church and at 8 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

**EXPERIENCE FORGIVENESS**

**COMMUNAL CELEBRATION**
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
**Tuesday, April 2 at 7 PM**

**PRAY AND WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**
Beginning Good Friday, April 19, 5PM & continuing daily until April 27  
Mercy Sunday, April 28, 12:30 PM Mass

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday—Passion of the Lord**
**APRIL 13: 4:30 PM**  
**APRIL 14: 7 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM**

**Holy Thursday**
**APRIL 18**  
8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
7:00 PM—BILINGUAL MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**Good Friday**
**APRIL 19: 8:00 AM—Morning Prayer**  
12:10 PM—Lord’s Passion and Veneration of the Cross  
9 PM—Tenebrae with Communion

**Holy Saturday**
**APRIL 20: 8:00 AM—Morning Prayer**  
Easter Vigil—time TBD

**Easter Sunday**
**APRIL 21**  
7 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM
SCS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION  
Sat, March 30  
Holy Mass @ 4:30 pm  
followed by Reception  
@ 5:30 pm in Parish Hall  
JOIN US!

DISCIPLESHIP  
To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.

the BASIC fund  
Tuition assistance is available for the next school year at St. Catherine of Siena Lumen Christi Academy! Visit our website for more information:  
http://stcatherinemartinez.com/admissions/tuition

The BASIC Fund provides scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis to families in financial need. Awards are based on household size and income and cover up to $2,000 of the tuition per child each school year.

VISIT WEBSITE TO ACCESS THE APPLICATION  
WWW.BASICFUND.ORG/APPLY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE  
This vigil corresponds with Lent, starting beginning on ASH WED, MARCH 6 through SAT, APRIL 13. It is sometimes burdensome & uncomfortable to stand on the sidewalk to peacefully pray & fast for an end to abortion. Thus, participating in this vigil is a great way to personally sacrifice to Jesus during Lent.

KICK-OFF: MARDI GRAS, TUE, MARCH 5 @ 7 PM  
St. Mary Parish Gymnasium, Walnut Creek  
Speaker Sue Thayer, Former Planned Parenthood Mgr.  
Vigil will start the next morning, 7 AM through 7 PM  
Please sign up for hours: 40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek or email: friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com or 925-212-7938.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE  
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The 40 days of Lent are set aside by the church to do penance in preparation for Easter. Refraining from food can help us bring our bodies under the control of our souls, but it is also a way of doing penance for past excesses. The age of fasting is from the completion of the 18th year to the beginning of the 60th. Canon Law states that “parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.” U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all the Fridays of the year. The USCCB prescribe: everyone 14 years or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Welcome to the 146th year of faith and thank you for your support over the years! Celebrating the 70th anniversary of our School, our Parish, and our community, the students can’t wait to welcome everyone for this special weekend – May 3-4, 2019.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION  
St. Catherine of Siena Parish & School  
1949  
2019  
1873  
2019

Commemorating 146 Years of Faith  
Celebrating 70th Anniversary of Our School  

Friday, May 3, 2019 & Saturday, May 4, 2019

Just some of St. Catherine of Siena’s newly trained Mass Coordinators who gathered before beginning in their ministry. Coordinators are responsible for preparing the church and the altar half an hour prior to start of Mass, as well as ensuring there are a sufficient number of ministers and lectors prepared to serve. They are: front row: Esther Concepcion, Sandy Williams, Joy Belleza, Andrea Watkins, Carlos Melendez, Yolly Dizon; middle: Mary Cook, Carolyn Susin, Paul Holland, Fernando Nunez, Deacon Albert Dizon; top: Marc Susin, Anne Crisp, Bob McCorkle, Dennis Koller, Sarah Koller, and Troy Killorn.
stanbul: Judge not and you shall not be judged. Condemn not and you shall not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37-42

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Sunday Collection $5,784.00
K of C December Crab Feed $ TBA
K of C February Crab Feed $ TBA

Thank you for your continued generosity!

REMEMBER ST. CATHERINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

GOOD FRI APR 19 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
HOLY SAT APR 20 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
EASTER SUN APR 21 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
MON APR 22 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
TUE APR 23 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
WED APR 24 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
THU APR 25 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
FRI APR 26 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
SAT APR 27 @ 5:30 PM CHURCH

SUN APR 28 @ 12:30 PM DIVINE MERCY MASS FOLLOED BY RECEPTION IN THE HALL

After Mass, a procession of the Divine Mercy image will take place to the parish hall where there will be a light dinner. All are invited. Questions? Contact Esther Concepcion

Q: Do you want to fast this Lent?
A: In the words of Pope Francis:
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture in the parish rooted in gratitude and generosity.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT 3/2 4:30 John Delchini †
SUN 3/3 7:00 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
8:30 Thomas & Eva Hernandez & family †
10:30 Zenaida Austria †
12:30 Cardenas & Polina Families †
MON 3/4 8:00 Paul Delevati †
TUE 3/5 8:00 Patrocinio Nano †
WED 3/6 8:00 Int. St. Catherine of Siena School
FRI 3/8 8:00 Ann & Tom Thompson †
SAT 3/9 4:30 Santo J. Tavormina †
SUN 3/10 7:00 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
8:30 John DeVito †
10:30 Living & deceased members of SPRSI†
12:30 Catalina Torres †

WHO: St. Catherine of Siena 8th Graders
WHAT: Italian Catholic Federation Marina Ellis Eighth Grade Scholarship
WHEN: Applications must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2019
WHERE: Get an application from your eighth grade teacher or from the school principal or you can request one from icfbranch13martinez@gmail.com
WHY: An opportunity to receive a $200 scholarship
HOW: Send completed application to: ICF Scholarship Committee, C/O 4461 Alhambra Way, Mz, CA 94553

MOUNTAIN VIEW FAMILY SHELTER

provides temporary housing for about 30 homeless children and adults in Contra Costa County. St. Catherine parishioners are providing meals from Tue, Mar 26—Fri, Mar 29 and are donating ongoing supplies for operations.

If you would like to Volunteer
Contact Anne: annecrisp@yahoo.com, 925-787-0857

SAN LORENZO RUZ COMMUNITY together with the
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL FAMILY DINNER

SAT. APR. 6 . 5:30 PM

Family Meal Deal: 2 adults & 2 or 3 children = $ 30
Adults/Seniors 13 yrs & older = $ 12
Children 5 to 12 yrs old = $ 6
Proceeds benefit SCS Parish & Other Programs
Tickets on Sale after Masses or call Esther @ 381-1835 or Mary @ 229-2665

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS’ Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to take a Rice Bowl packet after Masses and join in this simple, yet powerful Lenten practice. CRS’ Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our others around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org. Please return Rice Bowls at Easter.
**SCS HOSPITALITY 2019**
bulletinsubmissions@gmail.com.

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To form a joyful family community that reaches out and receives one another as Christ reaches out and receives us.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Week-at-a-glance dates, times, and locations are taken from the web site calendar: www.stcmtz.org. If further clarification is needed, please contact the parish office at 925.228-2230 extension 0.

Sunday, 3/3 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM PH Hospitality—Conception Family hosts

Monday, 3/4 St. Casimir, pray for us.
5:00 PM PCL St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
6:00 PM CH/SC First Communion Parents Class #1
6:30 PM PC Scripture Reflection with Clergy
7:00 PM PCL Knights of Columbus Officers’ Mtg.

Tuesday, 3/5 St. John of the Cross, pray for us.
6:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM PH YLI Meeting
7:30 PM CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 3/6 St. Basil, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH Mass with Ashes
12:10 PM CH Mass with Ashes
6:00 PM CH Mass with Ashes—Faith Formation
6:30 PM PCL Legion of Mary Ministry Meeting
7:30 PM CH Mass with Ashes

Thursday, 3/7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, pray for us.
6:30 PM CH “Beneath His Cross” Apostolate
7:00 PM PCL Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, 3/8 St. John of God, pray for us.
12:00 PM CH Adoration for the Lord begins
6:00 PM PH Soup Supper—Religious Ed hosts
6:30 PM PCL Respect Life Ministry Meeting
7:00 PM CH Stations of the Cross—Seven Last Words of Christ and Benediction

Saturday, 3/9 St. Francis of Rome, pray for us.
9:30 AM PCL SVdP Food Distribution
3:00 PM CH Reconciliation
4:00 PM CH Adoration for Lord ends
5:30 PM PCL Lenten Retreat Dinner
6:30 PM CH Lenten Retreat “Do Not Waste Your Sufferings” with Yolanda Rodriguez
6:30 PM PH Early Bird Bingo
7:00 PM PH Bingo

Sunday, 3/10 First Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time—Move clocks ahead one hour
8:00 AM PH Hospitality—Belleza Family hosts

CH = Church  RC = Rectory  SC = School
PH = Parish Hall   YD = School Yard  YS: Youth Shack
PC = Parish Center PCL: Parish Center Library

St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families; and, the repose of the souls of

Lydia Flores
Rev. Paul Minnihan
who entered eternal life.
### READINGS & REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SUN, MAR 3, 2019: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME** Make peace with making mistakes

The single biggest obstacle to reforming our lives is the difficulty of admitting we’re wrong. About anything. Finding ourselves on the wrong side of truth is so intimidating, we grow angry, defensive, and increasingly absurd rather than capitulate our position. Studies indicate the best eyewitnesses get 25 percent of the facts wrong. The worst eyewitnesses are 80 percent wrong! These statistics indicate what the gospel plainly says: that humility and repentance are key to finding our way to the right side of truth. The goal is not to be always right, but to be ever ready to turn around.

**Today’s readings:** Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (84). “Remove the beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.”

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**MON, MAR 4, 2019**

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**TUE, MAR 5, 2019:**

Open your hands

Jesus taught that we have a fundamental choice to make: to hold tight to whatever we find of value or to let go of all for the sake of Christ and the gospel. Most of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle—probably more on the side of grasping than letting go, if we’re honest about it. Perhaps the story of the closed fist vs. the open palm can help loosen our grip. Both can hold a precious jewel, but a closed fist can receive nothing more than what it already holds, while an upward-facing open palm can hold a precious jewel and also be filled with much more. Keep your hands open and leave room for the gifts of the Spirit.

**Today’s readings:** Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:17-27 (347).

“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven.”

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**WED, MAR 6, 2019**

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Now is the proper time

Remember you are dust and to dust you will return. You’re going to die someday. That’s the stark message when ashes are placed on our foreheads today. Recently this long-standing Catholic practice of giving out ashes has become popular in Protestant Churches, some of them even passing out ashes in shopping areas and downtowns to eager recipients. For centuries Catholics have received ashes—and begun the season of Lent—in the context of Mass. But the message is the same for all: this Lent turn to God and live your days righteously.

**Today’s readings:** Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219).

“Even now says the Lord return to Me with your whole heart.”

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**THU, MAR 7, 2019:**

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY;
MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

One of the four Eucharistic prayers that can be used for Sunday Mass includes a long list of names of saints and martyrs of the Church. It is easy to get distracted by the length of that prayer, but those who are named in the prayer are important ancestors in our faith. Today, we remember two of those saints, Perpetua and Felicity, a noble woman and a slave, who gave birth to babies shortly before being put to death for their Christian faith. It is hard to believe that two new mothers were willing to give up all that they had and to suffer death for their faith. But their stories are documented in a diary that Perpetua kept while in prison. On this second day of Lent, let us ask for the grace to accept with joy any suffering or challenge of the day.


“Whoever loses [their] life for my sake will save it.”

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**FRI, MAR 8, 2019:**

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Pass the meat? Not today

You are what you eat. Or in this case, what you don’t eat. Religious identity is often determined by the nature of your nurture. Observant Jews eat only kosher. Muslims eat nothing until after sunset during Ramadan. Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. It’s a sign of who we are, people who are hungry for the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life. We practice self-denial for the sake of the Kingdom. So today go meatless. It’s what Catholics do.

**Today’s readings:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221).

“The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.”

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**SAT, MAR 9, 2019**

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS
Listen to your calling

Like many women saints, Frances of Rome wanted to be a nun, but her family forced her to marry. She wanted to serve the poor, but this noblewoman was expected to go to parties. She wanted to give away her wealth, but instead she had to wear finery. Frances did her duty, but in the end, got her way. Over her in-laws’ objections, she turned her house into a hospital and founded the Oblates of St. Mary, which she joined upon her husband’s death. Whatever your circumstances, don’t give up—trust that God will help you find a way to live your calling.

**Today’s readings:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222).

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

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**SUN, MAR 10, 2019:**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
A devil of a challenge

Take on any challenge, and you quickly discover why few people are willing to walk the route you’re on. Not everyone climbs Mt. Everest, completes the Appalachian Trail, or bikes across Death Valley. It also takes special zeal to fight systemic injustice, go on mission to a foreign country, or resist the tiny daily invitations to compromise your values and go along to get along. The test of self-denial this Lent is a dress rehearsal for the real moral challenges that lie ahead. If you can’t say no in small ways, how can you resist when the demons come calling?

**Today’s readings:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (24). “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.”
03 MAR 2019 OCTAVO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO. Hacer las paces con cometer errores.

El mayor obstáculo para reformar nuestras vidas es la dificultad de admitir que estaban equivocados. Acerca de todo, encontramos en el lado equivocado de la verdad es intimidante, nos obliga a admitir que estábamos equivocados. Acerca de todo. Encontramos nuestro camino hacia el lado correcto de la verdad. El objetivo no es tener siempre la razón, sino estar siempre listo para dar la vuelta.

Lecturas de hoy: Sirach 27: 4-7; 1 Corintios 15: 54-58; Lucas 6: 39-45 (84). “Quita primero la viga de tu ojo; entonces verás claramente para quitar la astilla en el ojo de tu hermano.”

04 MAR 2019 Pasa a la página uno.

Hoy es el Día de Lectura en toda América, patrocinado por la Asociación Nacional de Educación para coincidir con el cumpleaños del querido autor de los niños, el Dr. Seuss. Su objetivo es fomentar el entusiasmo por la lectura en niños de todas las edades. Muchos de nosotros nos enamoramos de la lectura cuando éramos niños gracias al Dr. Seuss, y esa lectura temprana abrió nuestras mentes para descubrir y apreciar el maravilloso mundo de Dios. Ayude a un niño a comenzar el camino del aprendizaje de por vida: abra un libro y léales.

Lecturas de hoy: Sirach 17: 20-24; Marcos 10: 17-27 (347). “Ve, vende lo que tienes y dáselo a los pobres y tendrás tesoro en el cielo”.

05 MAR 2019 Abre tus manos.

Jesús enseñó que tenemos que tomar una decisión fundamental: aferrarnos a lo que consideramos valioso o dejarlo todo por Cristo y el Evangelio. La mayoría de nosotros nos encontramos en algún lugar en el medio, probablemente más para agarrarnos que para soltarnos, si somos honestos al respecto. ¿Es que sólo es limpio? Cuando las cenizas no mientan y a sufrir la muerte por su fe. Pero sus historias están documentadas en un diario que Perpetua mantuvo mientras estaba en prisión. En este segundo día de Cuaresma, pidamos la gracia de aceptar con alegría y sufrimiento el desafío del día.

Lecturas de hoy: Sirach 35: 1-12; Marcos 10: 28-31 (348). “No hay nadie que haya renunciado [a nada] por mi bien. . . Quien no recibirá cien veces más “.

06 MAR 2019 MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA; DÍA DE AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA. Ahora es el momento adecuado.

Recuerda que eres polvo y polvo que convertirás. Vas a morir algún día. Ese es el duro mensaje cuando las cenizas se colocan en nuestras frentes hoy. Recientemente, este práctica católica de larga historia de repartir cenizas se ha hecho popular en las iglesias protestantes, incluso entre las cenizas en las zonas comerciales y en los centros de las ciudades a los entusiastas receptores. Durante siglos, los católicos han recibido cenizas y han comenzado la temporada de Cuaresma en el contexto de la Misa. Pero el mensaje es el mismo para todos: esta Cuaresma se dirige a Dios y vive sus días con rectitud.

Lecturas de hoy: Joel 2: 12-18; 2 Corintios 5: 20-6: 2; Mateo 6: 1-6, 16-18 (219). “Incluso ahora dice que el Señor vuelve a mi con todo tu corazón”.

07 MAR 2019 JUEVES DESPUÉS DE MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA. MEMORIAL DE PERPETUA Y FELICITA, MARTIRES.

Una de las cuatro oraciones eucarísticas que se pueden usar para la misa del domingo incluye una larga lista de nombres de santos y mártires de la iglesia. Es fácil distraerse con la duración de esa oración, pero aquellos que son nombrados en la oración son importantes ante pasados en nuestra fe. Este día, recordamos a dos de esos santos, Perpetua y Felicita, una mujer noble y esclava, que dieron a luz bebés poco antes de ser condenados a muerte por su fe cristiana. Es difícil creer que dos nuevas madres estuvieran dispuestas a renunciar a todo lo que tenían y a sufrir la muerte por su fe. Pero sus historias están documentadas en un diario que Perpetua mantuvo mientras estaba en prisión. En este tercer día de Cuaresma, pidamos la gracia de aceptar con alegría y sufrimiento el desafío del día.

Lecturas de hoy: Deuteronomio 30: 15-20; Lucas 9: 22-25 (220). “Quienesquieras que pierda [su] vida por mi causa, la salvarán”.

08 MAR 2019 VIERNES DESPUÉS DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA. Pasar la carne? Hoy no.

Usted es lo que come. O en este caso, lo que no comes. La identidad religiosa a menudo está determinada por la naturaleza de su educación. Los judíos observantes solo comer kosher. Los musulmanes no comen nada después del asardecir durante el Ramadán. Los católicos celebran el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo y se abstenen de comer carne los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Es un canto de quienes somos, personas que están hambrientas por la presencia de Cristo, el Pan de la Vida. Practicamos la abnegación por el Reino. Así que hoy vete sin carne. Es lo que hacen los católicos.


09 MAR 2019 MEMORIAL DE SANTA FRANCISCA DE ROMA, RELIGIOSA. Escuche su vocación.

Como muchas mujeres santas, Francisca de Roma quería ser monja, pero su familia la obligó a casarse. Quería servir a los pobres, pero se esperaba que esta noble mujer fuera a las fiestas. Ella quería regular su riqueza, pero en lugar de eso tenía que usar galas. Francisca cumplió con su deber, pero al final lo consiguió. Por encima de las objeciones de sus suegros, convirtió su casa en un hospital y fundó los Oblatos de Santa María, a los que se unió tras la muerte de su marido. Sean cuales sean sus circunstancias, no se rinda, confíe en que Dios lo ayudará a encontrar la manera de vivir su llamado.

Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 58: 9b-14; Lucas 5: 27-32 (222). “No he venido a llamar a los justos al arrepentimiento, sino a los pecadores”.

10 MAR 2019 PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA. Un desafío alucinante.

Acepta cualquier desafío y descubre rápidamente porque pocas personas están dispuestas a caminar por la ruta en la que te encuentres. No todos suben al monte Everest, completa el sendero de los Apalaches, o bicicletas a través del Valle de la Muerte. También se requiere un cielo especial para luchar contra la injusticia sistemática, ir en misión a un país extranjero o resistir las pequeñas invitaciones de día a día para comprometer sus valores y seguir adelante para llevarse bien. La prueba de la abnegación en esta Cuaresma es un ensayo general para el verdadero desafío moral que tenemos por delante. Si no puedes decir no de manera pequeña, ¿cómo puedes rechazar cuando los demonios vienen a llamar? Lecturas de hoy: Deuteronomio 26: 4-10; Romanos 10: 8-13; Lucas 4: 1-13 (24). “Si eres el Hijo de Dios, arrojate desde aquí.”
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