REFLECTION

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law’s sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery. Moses’ awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God’s name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays – 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 – Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
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Adoration (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Chapel) – Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Daily Scripture Readings (Read prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit.)

**Monday:** 2Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  **Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  **Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  **Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:19-14  **Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

All Saints – Tuesday, March 15 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
Our Lady of the Rosary – All Fridays of Lent from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. Anne – Thursday, March 10 – 7:00 p.m. (English)
St. Bede – Monday, March 21 – 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
St. Bede – Wednesday, March 23 – 7:00 p.m. (English)
St. Clement – Thursday, March 17 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
St. John – Wednesday, March 15 – 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

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NEWS UPDATE

**OUR LADY OF GRACE** – Tim Iglesias, a professor of law from the University of San Francisco, will speak on the housing crisis from a Catholic perspective at Our Lady of Grace Church (3433 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley) on Wednesday, March 2nd. He will explore both the causes of the housing crisis and possible solutions. He will also address the various roles that people of faith in this Year of Mercy can play in advocating for housing in our area. This event will be from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m in Stack Hall directly behind the church following Mass at 6:00 and a soup dinner to which all are invited. The church and hall are wheelchair accessible and have ample parking.

**DAMAGE** – Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured. – Anonymous

**Third Sunday of Lent**
**February 28, 2016**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— Psalm 103:8