Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

— Matthew 6:28-29

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 2/26
- CLOW, 9:15 am Mass
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15am

Monday, 2/27
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Older Sac, Rm B 3:30 - 5 pm

Tuesday, 2/28
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 7-8, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Wednesday, 3/1 Ash Wednesday
- Sewing Ministry, A/B 9 am

Wednesday, 3/1 Ash Wednesday cont.
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- St. Vdpaul, Chapel 7 pm

Thursday, 3/2
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm

Friday, 3/3 Ash Wednesday cont.

Saturday, 3/4
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Sunday, 3/5
- No CLOW
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15am

Mass Intentions

2/27 8 am - Eduardo Manalo+
2/28 8 am - Antero Rivera
3/1 Ash Wednesday
3/2 8 am - Lei Anne Cagalingan
6:30 pm - Lemuel Abelgas+
3/3 8 am - David Macaluso+
6:30 pm - John Albertsen+
Saturday, 3/4
8 am - Paul & J.P. Sbragia+
5 pm - Carl Feil, Sr & ark McDonald+
Sunday, 3/5
7 am - Lemuel Abelgas+
8 am - CTK Parishioners
9:15 am - Diane & Brett Serafin
10:45 am - Maximillian O’Klock+
12:15 pm - Milton Luxenberg+
6:00 pm - Rodolfo Mendoza

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Parishioners,

As we hear “you cannot serve God and mammon” in today’s Gospel, the word “mammon” immediately brings to mind – money. But, actually, “mammon” is an Aramaic word meaning wealth or property. It is in this context that Jesus does not deny the reality of human needs but forbids making them the object of anxious care, as in effect, becoming their slave. There are many ways to look at what Christ is teaching in this Gospel. As He often does, Jesus is talking about where our hearts are.

Today, we might reflect on our priorities. What are our real needs? That is a challenge in today’s society. We live in a world where there seems to be so many things happening that make us anxious and fearful. Who isn’t bombarded daily with our consumer driven culture? Everyday ads try to convince us that the things we buy and depend on will take away our anxiety, make us feel better and of course, be much happier. This is not to say that we don’t need some material goods; but, the Gospel goes on to remind us not to make them the object of anxious care. “For where your treasure is, there will be your heart.”

In Pope Francis’ book, “Joy of the Gospel,” he boldly observes that in our obsession with money, “We have created new idols. The worship of the ancient golden calf has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose.”

Then, Jesus gives us some advice about anxiety. Trusting in God doesn’t make it any easier. We do worry about food and clothing and how to make it through family tough times. And, it is one thing to look at the birds and the colorful flowers and another to face the hunger, homelessness, marginalized economic disparities and fears we confront daily. “Your Heavenly Father knows all that you need, but seek first the Kingdom of God.” We are called to build God’s kingdom of justice on earth as it is in heaven.

What are the things by which we measure ourselves and others? Do we measure others by their clothing? By their education? By their homes? Do we measure others by their financial success? If so, we know where our treasure lies, because we measure others by that which we treasure. If we know where our treasure lies, we will never have to choose between God or mammon.

*God’s Blessings,*

Sister Maureen Viani

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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:14-15

This section of the book of Isaiah deals with a time when the Jewish people were in exile, and were complaining that God had forgotten them. God responds to this, and it is one of the times when we hear God speak as a mother. (It is helpful to know that the word “Zion” used in this passage often refers to Jerusalem, or the Jewish people.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

In today’s reading, Paul continues to address a major problem in the Corinthian Church. Personality cults had developed and people were attaching themselves to various preachers - some to Paul, some to Peter, some to Apollos. Paul responds that all ministers of the Gospel work on God’s behalf - not their own.

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Registration for our Spring Grief Workshop is closing this week.
The workshop will run from 9:00 - 11:00 am, Friday mornings February 24 - April 7, 2017. Call Kate at 246-1128 this week to join us.

Correction: Winter Nights at CTK will be March 27 - April 10, 2017. Sign ups for food donations and individual volunteers will go live starting Ash Wednesday, (March 1st) on our website (www.ctkph.org). There are still openings for ministries wanting to host a night or individuals wanting to host special activities (i.e. craft projects, nail painting). Please call Kate for more information.

The Italian Catholic Federation at CTK is accepting new members. ICF is a fraternal organization for Catholics of all cultures. We enjoy the tradition of love, hospitality and works of charity. For more information, call Patty at 925-228-0810.

An evening with Roy Bourgeois, Monday, March 6, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way. A doubleheader: Ordination of Women as Priests & Deacons, 7 - 8 pm; and School of the Americas Watch Update, 8:10 - 9:00 pm. Roy is a dynamic speaker and an advocate for ordination of women in the Catholic Church and a modern prophet as Founder of the School of The Americas Watch, which works for peace in Latin America.

Summer@Carondelet is back! This year, we are offering a variety of co-ed middle and high school courses to help your kids get an academic edge this summer. We also have programs specifically for girls with our middle school sports clinics and a Girls Leadership program designed for 4th-5th graders which allows them to explore their leadership skills. Visit us at carondeleths.org/summer for more information about these exciting classes. We can’t wait to see you this summer!

For more information, to register, or if you want to help on a committee, call Pete O’Brien at 925-899-6662.

Children’s Room: The room just off the church vestibule is intended for parents with young children who are not able to be in the main body of the church. If you do not have young children, please join us for Mass in the main part of the church. At some Masses, the room is very full and we would appreciate having the space available for its intended purpose.

CTK Young Adults March Events:
Wed. March 1st is Ash Wednesday. We invite you to join us in worship with the CTK community. Our group will sit together at the 7 pm liturgy at Christ the King. Kate and Rick will have a pew reserved on the far left of church towards the back of the congregation. Plan to arrive at 6:45 if possible. Later this month we will have a table at CTK’s popular St. Patrick’s Day party on Sat. March 18 at 6 pm. To sit at our table, contact Rick at 676-0979 or email ctkyouthminister@gmail.com by March 6.

Life-Shift: Work and the Christian Journey, March 10-12 at San Damiano Retreat Ctr. Life is about managing change: career, personal, family, spiritual. This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work and/or retirement possibilities. Tom Bachhuber (Pres. Ctr for Life Transitions) and Jim Briggs (retired Dir. of The School of Applied Theology) are presenters.

Don’t miss a one woman show performed by CTK’s Tiffany Hoover depicting the lives of three spiritual women. Sunday, March 5th at Church of the Resurrection, 399 Gregory Ln. Show begins at 5pm. Free will donation.

Ash Wednesday, March 1st - The following regulations regarding fasting and abstinence are observed in the US: Catholics ages 14 and over are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast - eat one full meal - on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating two smaller meals is permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating between meals should be avoided. The obligations, however, do not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

Back by popular demand! The Parish Council is bringing back the Random Acts of Mercy. If you have a story to submit, email it to Kate.

A woman who is on the Weight Watchers diet has been keeping track of the times she does not stop at Baskin Robbins. She then puts the money into an envelope and anonymously gives it to families at church that can use the money.

Pray for Our Sick
May you be wrapped up in God’s love, Found deep in His everlasting wings,
Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now.

Jim Olwell,
Dave Simmons,
Julie Miller
Rachel Gomez

Church Support 2/19/17 $25,121 (Plate Collection $19,021 + online giving $6100)
Schedule for March 1st, Ash Wednesday:
6:30 am - Mass and Ash Distribution
8:00 am - Mass and Ash Distribution
11:00 am - School Mass with Ashes
4:00 pm - RE Prayer Service with Ashes
5:30 pm - Mass and Ash Distribution
7:00 pm - Mass and Ash Distribution

Weekday Masses During Lent
*note no 6:30 am*
8:00 am
6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross on Fridays
beginning March 10 at 6:00 pm.

Save the Date and ...

At a Dinner Show/Auction
For the Music Ministry
At Christ the King
April 29, 2017
Following the 5 pm Mass

More details soon!