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March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Page 130 in the Red Missal) Fourth Sunday of Lent (Page 391 in the Black Missal)



Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, but more than Easter, a time to prepare for baptism. Four adults in our community are preparing for this at the Easter vigil on April 20. Normally we don't baptize even infants between

Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday but last week, on the Third Sunday of Lent, I

baptized a man.

## Our wonderful French Sis-

**ters**—you see them at the 11:30 Mass and you buy their homemade French pastries every Third Sunday, and perhaps you've worked should-toshoulder with them at their Tenderloin soup

kitchen-they asked me to do an emergency baptism at UCSF last Sunday. Cy Sharif was born in Tehran but has been living in San Francisco many years. He is dying of brain cancer and quite scared of entering that undiscovered country from which no man returns. I've seen some inspiring conversions and adult baptisms but Cy's desperate longing for the faith was most the most beautiful of all. With cancer overcoming his brain and spreading through his body, Cy hovers at the edge of a black abyss. Into his room comes a priest clad in a white bearing a lit candle. The priest asks the dying man: "What do

you ask of God's Church?" Cy is confused gift of the Holy Eucharist. but the priest supplies an answer: "Faith." Yes, the dying man gasps. Yes, I want faith. Pastor I want to believe in God, in a life beyond this life! The priest continues. "What does faith offer you?" Again the dying man cannot precisely articulate, so again the priest supplies the word: "Eternal life." Again Cy utters his great longing, reaching for a final lifeline as he slips under the waters of death. "Please, yes, I want to live!

> I want to live forever with people who love me...." The priest continues with the Roman ritual, words that dying men have heard for centuries, words that have been pronounced over infants and over adult catechumens in the darkness of

our churches on Easter night. "If you would enter into eternal life, then, do you promise to keep the commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength? And will you love your neighbor as yourself?" Cy begins to weep. I baptize and anoint him with Chrism. And now he is ready for viaticum, the Bread of Angels that will accompany him through the realm of the dead. How he longed for that Eucharist! When a dying man so thirsts for Christ, we all find a bit more faith in our own hearts. Welcome home, Cy Sharif. Fr. Joseph Illo

Our Mission Statement: To evangelize God's people beginning with the

Fr. Joseph Illo

Fr. Mark Taheny Parochial Vicar

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Lynn Kraehling Director of Music

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**David Gallagher** School Principal

Jacqueline Paras Director of Pre-school

**Rvan Sebers** Pastoral Council Chair

Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:00pm. Closed 12:00-1:00pm

Daily Masses Monday to Friday 7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon Saturday 8:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration** Mon. 8:30am till Saturday 4:30pm, after 6pm use passcode.

Weekend Masses

Sat Vigil 4:30pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11:30 am (Latin), 7:30pm

**Social Events Coffee & Donuts** After Sunday Masses, Young Adults Tuesdays 7pm

Holy Day Masses 7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon, 5:30pm, 6:30pm (Latin with choir)

**Devotions to Jesus** Sacred Heart First Friday after Noon Mass, **Divine Mercy** Saturday **Confessions** 

15 Minutes before every Mass, Saturday 3:15-4:15pm or by appointment

**Devotions to Mary** Perpetual Help Wednesday after Noon Mass. Fatima First Saturday after 8:30am Mass



# STAR FAMILIES SERVE THE HOMELESS

Thank you to Val Schmalz and her son, James and her brother, Michael Meehan and his sons, and to Bud and Lorna Feria and their children, the homeless enjoyed a hearty pasta meal last Saturday. Also, we are grateful to long time Star Parishioner, Marilou Ibaseta and our Adoration Committee Leader, Thai Tran who helped prepare the meal!



# CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Call Retrouvaille... (415) 893-1005

Do you feel lost and alone?

Are you hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Would you simply like to improve your communications skills?

# It's not too late to register for the April 5th weekend! www.retrouvaille.com

Retrouvaille is not just for hurting couples; it welcomes all couples wanting to bring new life to their marriage. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From March 6 through April 14, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (1650 Valencia St. San Francisco, CA 94110), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information — and especially if you'd like to join us to help, please contact: (408) 840-3297 sf40daysforlife@gmail.com

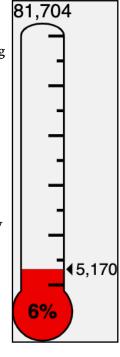
## 2019 AAA is Here!

This week we kick off the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, with our target of \$81,704. Please visit our website or that of the

Archdiocese of San Francisco to view the video to see how your contribution helps our society!

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is a living manifestation of the Word of God to serve the least of our sisters and brothers. Its purpose is to secure the financial resources necessary to provide the programs and services to assist the poor and vulnerable, the marginalized and disenfranchised, those who find themselves in desperate situations, and others.

You can make your contribution on-line by going to starparish.com and click on the blue "2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal" button and help us to meet our goal!





The Roman Catholic Daily Missals can be purchased at the office for \$50 (this same version retails for \$65.95). Typeset and not a photographic reproduction, this missal gives you clearly readable type. All liturgical texts and readings are in Latin & English.

Online Giving is easy.

Make a one time or recurring donation with a credit card, debit card or check:

https://starparish.com/give/



# The Sunday Scriptures

by Fr. Joseph Illo **Woman at the Well** (1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41) If you are at the 9:30 Mass you will hear the Gospel of the man born blind. The other English Masses will hear the story of the Prodigal Son and the Latin Mass will be the multiplication of loaves. But I cite the Man Born Blind because at this Mass four of our catechumens will undergo their second "Scrutiny" in preparation for baptism at Easter. How can a man with no eyes see? In our faith, seeing is not believing. Believing is seeing. In 1946 St. Padre Pio prayed for a seven-year-old girl, Gemma di Giorgi, who had been born without pupils. The girl believed in God, and she began to see, even without pupils. Believing is seeing!

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	Time	Intention	
Sat 3/30	8:30am	Int. of Fr. John Fewel (Birthday)	
	4:30pm	+ Lil Wong + Anatole Balmy	
Sun 3/31	8am	Int. of Lucy Tai and Family	
	9:30am	lnt. of Carmel Walsh Tickler + Rev. Fr. Michael Thoo	
	11:30am	+ Souls in Purgatory	
	7:30pm	People of the Parish	
Mon 4/1	7:30am	Int. of Eileen Wallace + Barbro Angman + Glen Kramer + Souls in Purgatory	
	12Noon	+ Deceased Members of the Dator Family	
Tue 4/2	7:30am	Int. of Irene Osborne (Birthday)	
	12Noon	Int. of Christopher and Mary Conley (second month wedding anniversary)	
		+ Beatriz D'Archiardi	
Wed 4/3	7:30am	Int. of Marisa Acevedo (Birthday)	
	12Noon	+ Edwin Batiste	
Thu 4/4	7:30am	+ Malou Piedad Villaruz	
	12Noon	Int. Bryson Soncuya for Healing	
Fri 4/5	7:30am	Int. Fr. John Mary Chung	
		+ Leandro Nunez	
	12Noon	+ For those who have jumped to their death at Golden Gate Bridge	
	5:30pm	+ Alicia Lemke	
Sat 4/6	8:30am	Int. of Holy Rosary Sodality	
	4:30pm	Int. of Carmen Smith for Healing + Rene Ing	
		+ Pierre Ausquy	

**Adoration:** Monday 8:30am through Saturday 4:30pm, then Sunday starting at 9:00pm.

Vespers: Monday - Friday nights @ 5:45 to 6pm

**Sunday March 31, Holy Rosary Sodality** Pray the Rosary after the 8am Mass in the Church.

Tuesday April 2, 7pm Holy Hour & Benediction

**Tuesday April 2, Bible Study** at 3:30pm in the rectory. Contact Mary Ann Eiler (650) 660-4546

Wednesday April 3, Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the Noon Mass.

**Thursday April 4, Pro-Life Group** at 7pm prays outside Planned Parenthood at 1650 Valencia Street.

Thursday April 4, Fasting and Prayer for Priests and the Church Join our young adults group each Thursday for a Holy Hour for Priests at 6pm to offer both vocal and silent prayer and the Rosary as a unified community.

**Saturday April 6 Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish office.

**Saturday April 6 Divine Mercy Devotion** at 3pm at the Church followed by Rosary/Novena.

**Saturday, April 20, Star Mothers' Group** meets in the Rectory after the 8:30 Mass.

Saturday, April 20, Star Outreach is cooking for the homeless; please consider volunteering each 3rd Saturday.

**Tuesday Confessions and Holy Hour** Every Tuesday we have a community Holy Hour in the church, with silence and then rosary led by the children. For Lent, the confessional light will be on every Tuesday from 6-8pm.

To have your Star of the Sea event listed in the weekly bulletin, please email **bulletin@starparish.com** 

# REMEMBER STAR IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

For further information about

# **Planned Giving**

please contact Mariella Zevallos at the parish office (415)751-0450 or mariella@starparish.com



**Please pray for:** Spencer Christensen, Billy Kennedy, Edna Herrera, Tom Schatz, Dave Van Sciver, Rosa Lee, Maria Fernanda Marcal, Sally Tu, Maggie Tom, Louis N. Petropoulos, Chuck La Mere, Tom McDonough, Esmenia Batinga, Carmen Smith, Mary Gibbons, Nora Uyeda.



# Hymns and Prayers

Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Sing Praise to the Lord! - #751, v. 1, 2 & 4

Sing praise to the Lord! praise God in the height; Rejoice in his word, you angels of light; O heavens, adore him by whom you were made, And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! praise God upon earth, In tuneful accord, all men of new birth; Praise him who has brought you his grace from above, Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord! thanksgiving and song To him be outpoured all ages along; For love in creation, for heaven restored, For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**124 KYRIE** 

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**: Ps:23:1



**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5: 8-14

#### LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



v. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

#### **GOSPEL**

John 9: 1-14

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### **OFFERTORY ANTIPHON**

Praise the Lord, for he is good. Sing a psalm to his name, for he is delightful. The Lord does whatever he wills, in heaven and on earth.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30)** - Sung by Choir

Rejoice Ye with Jerusalem - Titcomb

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her. Rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her.



#### **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him - #718

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore him; Praise him, angels, in the height; Sun and moon, rejoice before him; Praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken; Worlds his mighty voice obeyed; Laws which never shall be broken For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious; Never shall his promise fail; God hath made his saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim; Heav'n and earth and all creation Laud and magnify his name.

#### **SANCTUS 127**

#### 128 MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A

#### **AGNUS DEI 132**

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw, and I believed in God.

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM (9:30)** - Sung by Choir

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies - Armstrong

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need - #634, v. 1 & 3

My Shepherd will supply my need, The Lord God is his name. In pastures green he makes me feed Beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways; And leads me, for his mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Praise to the Holiest in the Height - #719, v. 1-4

Praise to the Holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise: In all His words most wonderful; Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, A second Adam to the fight And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, Which did in Adam fail, Should strive afresh against the foe, Should strive, and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace Should flesh and blood refine: God's presence, and His very self, And essence all-divine.



#### Recommended for the week

Please see the flyer insert in this week's bulletin for the recommendations for the month of April. Also note that if you click on the "community" tab on your FORMED page, you will be able to watch many of Fr. Illo's past homilies. From this community page you can also share the FORMED link to invite others to join FORMED.

Join FORMED at starparish.formed.org

# The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite Fourth Sunday of Lent

## **Processional Hymn:**

Sing Praise to the Lord! - #751, v. 1, 2 & 4 (see pg. 4)

#### INTROIT

Isaiah 66: 10-11; Psalms 121: 1

Lætáre, Jerúsalem: et convéntum fácite, omnes qui dilígitis eam: gaudéte cum lætítia, qui in tristítia fuístis: ut exsultétis, et satiémini ab ubéribus consolatiónis vestræ. Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Dómini íbimus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et Jerúsalem: et convéntum fácite, omnes qui dilígitis eam: gaudéte cum lætítia, qui in tristítia fuístis: ut exsultétis, et satiémini ab ubéribus consolatiónis vestræ.

## COLLECT

Concéde, quéesumus, omnípotens Deus: ut qui ex mérito nostræ actiónis afflígimur, tuæ grátiæ consolatióne respirémus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

#### GRADUAL Psalms 121: 1. 7

Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Dómini íbimus. Fiat pax in virtúte tua: et abundántia in túrribus tuis.

#### TRACT Psalms 124: 1-2

Qui confídunt in Dómino, sicut mons Sion: non commovébitur in ætérnum. qui hábitat in Jerúsalem. Montes in circúitu ejus: et Dóminus in circúitu pópuli sui, ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

#### OFFERTORY Psalms 134: 3, 6

Laudáte Dóminum, quia benígnus est: psállite nómini ejus, quóniam suávis est: ómnia quæcúmque vóluit, fecit in cælo, et in terra.

#### SECRET

Sacrifíciis præséntibus, Dómine, quæsumus, inténde placátus: ut et devotióni nostræ proficiant et salúti. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti. Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her; rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Laetare, was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her; rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation.

> Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds justly deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. Let peace be in Thy strength, and abundance in Thy

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion: he shall not be moved forever that dwelleth in Jerusalem. Mountains are round about it: so the Lord is round about his people, from henceforth now and for ever.

Praise ye the Lord, for He is good: sing ye to His name, for He is sweet: whatsoever He pleased He hath done in heaven and in earth.

Look down mercifully upon these sacrifices, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that they may increase our devotion and effect our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

#### PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æguum et It is truly fitting and just, proper and salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largíris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessione dicentes:

#### COMMUNION Psalms 121: 3-4

Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut cívitas, cujus participátio ejus in idípsum; illuc which is compact together: for thither enim ascendérunt tribus, tribus Dómini, ad confiténdum nómini tuo, Dómine.

#### POSTCOMMUNION

Da nobis, quéesumus, miséricors Deus: ut sancta tua, quibus incessánter explémur, sincéris tractémus obséquiis, et fidéli semper mente sumámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards through Christ our Lord. laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, Through whom the Angels praise Thy tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

> Jerusalem, which is built as a city, did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise Thy name, O Lord.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O merciful God, ever to celebrate with sincere worship and receive with faithful hearts Thy holy mysteries, of which we continually partake. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

## Recessional Chant: Ave Regina Caelorum - #443

Ave Regina caelorum, Ave Domina Angelorum: Salve radix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude Virgo gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa: Vale, o valde decora, Et pro nobis Christum exora.

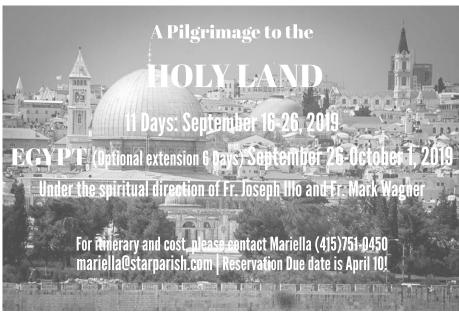
Recessional Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the Height -#719, v. 1-4 (see pg. 5)

# OUR COMMUNITY

# Day Retreat for Women by Endow on "The Nature of Women"

Endow ("Educating on the Nature and Dignity Of Women") is an international apostolate, active in nearly 150 dioceses. It brings women into small group communities to "transmit the depth of our Catholic faith, to awaken each participant's particular genius, and ignite them as luminaries who heal, mother, and prepare families and the world for the love of Christ." This day retreat will include lunch and the availability of childcare. Cost is \$45 (scholarships are available). Limited childcare is available. For more information or to register go to sfarch.org/endow.

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Star of the Sea Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco Ed Hopfner 415-614-5547 hopfnere@sfarch.org sfarch.org/endow



# Archdiocesan Council of Women Offers Day of Recollection

Sunday, April 7, 1:00 pm Holy Name of Jesus Convent chapel, 1555 - 39th Ave., San Francisco

All women are welcome to join with the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in an annual Day of Recollection, beginning with Mass at 1:00 pm and continuing with luncheon and a talk by Fr. Arnold E. Zamora. The cost is \$25 per person. For information, please call 650-438-0773



# Star Book Club

Upcoming titles and dates:

Wednesday, 4/17/19, The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

Our club meets each third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the parish office. All are welcome!

#### PARISH EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

**Baptisms & Marriages:** To learn about our Baptism program, our "Witness to Love" program, or to begin preparing for your wedding, please call the office at 415-751-0450.

**Becoming Catholic:** To know more about the Catholic faith and for information on our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, contact Vivian Dudro at 415-751-0450

**Parish School of Religion:** Star of the Sea aspires to help parents develop their children's love and knowledge of God. Contact Clarisse Siu at 415-751-0450.

**Sacred Music Program:** To participate in our choir, please contact: Music director, Lynn Kraehling at 415-812-2462, or lynn@starparish.com

Altar Servers, Fr. Mathias Wambua, 415-751-0450, or fr.mathias@starparish.com	Filipino American Association (FAASTAR), Estrelle Chan 415-575-0828
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<b>Pro-life Committee,</b> Clarisse Siu clarisse.siu@gmail.com	Chinese American Association, Gertrude Lee 415-752-3611

# STEWARDSHIP a way of life



Friday's Lent Soup Suppers Auditorium 6pm Stations of the Cross 7pm in the church.

March 29, Star Mothers Group, Star Girls Group, Parish School of Religion.

April, 5, Guadalupanas, Chinese American Association, Holy Name Society, Stewardship Committee.

**April 12,** Young Adults and Adoration Committee.

Our Star ministries will prepare and serve soup and bread. Please invite your relatives and friends to eat and pray with us! All are welcome!

## **Parishioner Registration**

Please place this in the offertory basket

- O New Parishioner
- O New Information

Name

Address

Phone

**Email** 

- **O** Full parishioner
- O Associate parishioner

Register online: www.starparish.com or call the office: (415)751-0450

## Stewardship Reflection March 31, 2019

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

"As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth...

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" – which means Sent - so he went and washed, and came back able to see." John 9:1, 6-7

"Blindness" is our inability to see the hand of God at work all around us. We struggle to see the daily miracles of God's grace alive in our lives and alive in the lives of others. So the first thing we should do with this Scripture is strive to see our lack of sight. We should strive to realize that we so often do not see God at work. This realization will inspire us to desire a spiritual healing. It will invite us to want to see God at work.

The good news is obviously that Jesus cured this man, as He willingly cures us. To restore sight is easy for Jesus. So the first prayer we should pray as a result of this story is simply, "Lord, I want to see!" The humble realization of our blindness will invite God's grace to work. And if we do not humbly acknowledge our blindness, we will not be in a position to seek healing.

Reflect today upon this act of Jesus and allow our Lord to smear His spit and dirt on your eyes. Allow Him to give you the gift of spiritual sight. And as you begin to see His presence in your life, you will be amazed at the beauty you behold.

Lord, I want to see. Help me to be healed of my blindness. Help me to see You at work in every ordinary activity of my life. Help me to see Your divine grace in the smallest events of my day. And as I see You alive and active, fill my heart with gratitude for this vision. Jesus, I trust in You.

# **Donate Lilies!**

Please help us decorate our altar this coming Easter by donating Easter Lilies. from April 13-19. Thank you for your generosity.



#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." Pope Benedict XVI

Adoration requires at least two adorers signed up per hour. Many hours still need a second adorer. Please sign up to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is always attended.

#### Adorers Needed:

Monday: 9am, 4pm & 11pm **Tuesday:** 4am, 9am, 3pm & 11pm Wednesday: 12am, 9am, 2pm & 9pm **Thursday:** 3am, 10am, 4pm & 11pm Friday: 3am, 9am, 2pm & 11pm Saturday: 12pm, 5am & 2pm

www.adorationpro.org/star Contact: Thai Tran at 415-763-8569 thaitran9909@gmail.com

## STEWARD STATS



**Time:** Five volunteers donated their time to help out at our office this week. Thank you all for your time!



Talent: 10+ parishioners provided for Friday's Lent Supper.



Treasure: \$6,673 was given in the Sunday Offertory.