February 18, 2018 | First Sunday of Lent

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

~ Mark 1:14-15

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
San Francisco, CA Serving the Outer Sunset since 1925
Today's Readings

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent

Wednesday: St. Peter Damian

Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

Are you a new parishioner? Or just never registered?
You may register online at http://holynamesf.org/parishregistration/
You may also call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave./Lawton St.) 9 AM-4 AM, Monday-Friday.

Tax Letter Request

If you would like to offer Masses for your loved ones, you may drop by the Parish office during office hours or mail in your requests with (1) the Name of the person you wish to have the Mass said for, (2) please indicate if the person is (L) Living or (D) Deceased, (3) your name, address and phone number (4) enclose a check payment. The cost is $10 for each Mass offering and send to 2018 Mass Requests Holy Name of Jesus Church 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122.

Parish Summary Report:

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In front of the bakery. And sure enough, on the ninth time around the block, I happened to pass by this way, so I prayed, “Lord, if you really want me to have one of these delicious cakes, let me find a parking place right in front of the bakery.” What could I do?” answered the man as he explained how by avoiding passing his favorite bakery. However, one morning not long into the season of Lent, he was going to make every effort to lose several pounds by cutting back on sweets and fatty foods. He had an incredible “sweet tooth” and this posed a real struggle for him. However he was determined that this would be a very successful Lenten project/fast for him. After all, he received ashes on Ash Wednesday and things were looking up. He also told everyone around him of his Lenten pledge.

He even changed the route he usually drove to work so as to avoid passing his favorite bakery. However, one morning not long into his die, he arrived at his office with a large sugary cake. Surprised by his lack of resolve, his fellow workers chided him: “What are you doing?” “I thought you gave sweets for Lent?” “WE all really thought you were serious this time?” “What gives?”

“What could I do?” answered the man as he explained how by force of habit, he had driven by the bakery and seen the trays loaded with goodies in the window. “I decided that this was no accident that I happened to pass by this way, so I prayed. ‘Lord, if you really want me to have one of these delicious cakes, let me find a parking place right in front of the bakery.’ And sure enough, on the ninth time around the block, there it was!”

Be true to your promises. Be true to yourself.
The good you find in others is in you too.
The faults you find in others are your faults as well.
After all, to recognize something you must know it.
The possibilities you see in others, are possible for you as well.
The beauty you see around you is your beauty.
The world around you is a reflection, a mirror showing you the person you are.
To change the world, you must change yourself.
To blame and complain will only make matters worse.
Whatever you care about, is your responsibility.
What you see in others shows you yourself.
See the best in others, and you will be your best.
Give to others, and you give to yourself.
Appreciate beauty, and you will be beautiful.
Admire creativity, and you will be creative.
Love, and you will be loved.
Seek to understand, and you will be understood.
Listen, and your voice will be heard.
Show your face to the mirror, and you’ll be happy with the face looking back at you.

May you have a blessed Lenten journey!

Encounter Lent with CRS Rice Bowl. Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of Encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from tables at the back of the church. The Rice Bowl boxes will also be available at the entrance to the chapel in the Pastoral Center. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor. We pray that the stories, recipes and prayers from the CRS Rice Bowl will help us encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, and, in doing so, grow closer to God during this season of Lent. As we begin our 40-day journey, we ask God to bless these CRS Rice Bowls and walk with us throughout this holy time of encounter.

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**Encounter Lent with CRS Rice Bowl**
Each Tuesday night begins with a CRS Rice Bowl information meeting at 6:30PM in the Flanagan Center. The meetings are open to all. The group will be discussing the CRS Rice Bowl campaign, CRS, and the current campaign theme: “We can change everything, but the world because we care.” It is an easy way for everyone to become involved with CRS and bring our parish community together.

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Bring out the green……..
Begin your St. Patrick’s Day celebrations and festivities with friends, alumni and parishioners!

Holy Name Parish
69th Annual
St. Patrick’s Dinner
Saturday, March 3rd!!
Come enjoy the fun!
Support our Holy Name Sports Program!

Irish Pipers Band    Dinner
Irish Dancers       Raffle    Live Music!

Doors open at 6:00pm

Adults $30.00      Children 6-13 $15.00
No host bar

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES

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Please reserve
_____ adult tickets at $30.00 each
_____ children’s tickets at $15.00 each (6 through 13).
(Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.)
Enclosed is my check for $______________
Please make checks payable to Holy Name Parish

HOLY NAME LADIES AID COLLECTION
Today, members of the Holy Name Ladies Aid Society will be collecting for the needy in the Parish. Boxes will be by the exits.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND
Next Sunday, our Second Collection is for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund. Your generosity allows us to take care of our Parish plant. Thank you for your support.

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of February 18, 2018

Sunday, Feb 18, 2018
10:30 AM    Religious Education    Pastoral Center

Monday, Feb 19, 2018
7:30 PM    SVDP Meeting    Pastoral Center

Tuesday, Feb 20, 2018
9:30 AM    C/E Class    Pastoral Center
10:00 AM    Lectio Divina    Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2018
10:00 AM    Consolation Ministry    Pastoral Center
1:00 PM    Staff Meeting
7:00 PM    RCIA    Pastoral Center
7:30 PM    Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, Feb 22, 2018
11:00 AM    Senior Club    Flanagan Center
7:00 PM    R.C.I.A.    Pastoral Center

Friday, Feb 23, 2018
6:00 PM    Stations of the Cross    Church
6:30 PM    Soup Supper    Flanagan Center

Saturday, Feb 17, 2018
1:00 PM    Chinese RCIA    Green Room
2:30 PM    Chinese Social    Flanagan Center
3:00 PM    Chinese Mass    Church

HOLY NAME TREE OF LIFE
The Holy Name Tree of Life is a bronze tree trunk with approximately 400 leaves. It is located at the back of the church. Donations to the Tree of Life go towards a much needed Capital Improvement Fund. Each leaf costs $500 with a $25 engraving charge. We suggest a maximum number of characters to 5 lines, up to 25 characters per line including spaces. Leaf color choices are gold, silver or bronze.

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Please call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave.) during business hours and the Staff can give you more information or help you make your selection, or help you with wording and processing your leaf donation. Honor your loved ones whether living or deceased with a gift of a leaf on our Tree of Life.

You are invited to the
HOMEBOUND/ SENIORS MASS
With Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, March 10, 2018
1:30 PM (Please arrive by 1:15 PM)
Flanagan Center (underneath the Church) on 39th Ave & Lawton St.
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS MASS
Rides are available if needed or if you need further information:
Jim: (415) 566-3479    Sue (415) 661-6091    Marge: (415) 753-2877
Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence in Lent

- Lent has had a different history than Advent among us. Beginning with the powerful lesson of Ash Wednesday, it has retained its ancient appeal to the penitential spirit of our people. It has also acquired elements of popular piety which we bishops would wish to encourage.

- Accordingly, while appealing for greater development of the understanding of the Lenten liturgy, as that of Advent, we hope that the observance of Lent as the principal season of penance in the Christian year will be intensified. This is the more desirable because of new insights into the central place in Christian faith of those Easter mysteries for the understanding and enjoyment of which Lent is the ancient penitential preparation.

- Wherefore, we ask, urgently and prayerfully, that we, as people of God, make of the entire Lenten Season a period of special penitential observance. Following the instructions of the Holy See, we declare that the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation on the Wednesday which solemnly opens the Lenten season and on that Friday called "Good" because on that day Christ suffered in the flesh and died for our sins.

- In keeping with the letter and spirit of Pope Paul's Constitution Poenitemini, we preserved for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice.

- For all other weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and a self-imposed observance of fasting. In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge, particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part in our abundance. We also recommend spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures as well as the traditional Lenten Devotions (sermons, Stations of the Cross, and the rosary), and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

- Let us witness to our love and imitation of Christ, by special solicitude for the sick, the poor, the underprivileged, the imprisoned, the bedridden, the discouraged, the stranger, the lonely, and persons of other color, nationalities, or backgrounds than our own. A catalogue of not merely suggested but required good works under these headings is provided by Our Blessed Lord Himself in His description of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:34-40). This salutary word of the Lord is necessary for all the year, but should be heeded with double care during Lent.

- During the Lenten season, certain feasts occur which the liturgy or local custom traditionally exempts from the Lenten spirit of penance. The observance of these will continue to beset by local

First Sunday of Lent
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Have you ever noticed that Jesus begins and ends his public ministry in the wilderness? These deserts are the geographical bookends of the greatest story ever told. In today’s Gospel we have Jesus in the desert for forty days. Much later, when condemned to death, Jesus is led out of the city and crucified at Golgotha, another dry and desolate location. In both places Jesus is tempted. In Mark we are never told what Satan’s temptations in the desert were about. Luke and Matthew fill in those details. On the cross, however, Mark tells us that the crowd tempts Jesus to work a miracle, come down from the cross and save himself. In the first desert Jesus is ministered to by the angels and emerges to proclaim that the kingdom of God is close at hand. In the later desert Jesus is ministered to by his women disciples and is put to death as a consequence for the way he lived out the Kingdom he proclaimed.

It’s clear from all the Gospels that the desert and the temptations stayed with Jesus throughout his life. What a comfort this is to us. Many of us do not need to go out and find a physical desert to know its claim on our lives. Temptations do not know geographical limitations. Indeed, the greater the number of options, the more temptations we have to take a destructive path.

When we look at how the desert is used in the Bible, mythology, art, literature, and the cinema two competing images emerge. The first is that the desert can be a place of loss and ruin where some great heroes have gone and not returned. In another equally venerable tradition journeys to the desert, while filled with a mixture of pleasure and pain, are abundant with revelation, transformation, and recreation.

These two descriptions do not have to be contradictory. As we find in Jesus’ example, we do not have to give in to the temptation that the desert is only about loss, but we need to find a path there to negotiate a way out of it so that we can emerge recreated, the richer for the experience.

It’s important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are the allures that make destructive choices look good. In one sense, the bad news is that we know from the lives of the saints that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase. The good news is that we can learn how to deal with them.

Usually, temptations have a context and a history. They can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. To deal with them we need to be aware of their pattern, the way they conspire against us. Believing that the destructive behavior is “not that bad,” will be “just this once,” or “for the last time.” As well, it helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defenses. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication, and a poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let’s do anything that helps our self-esteem, deal with our anger, attend to why we might work or drink too much, and ensure that we are less stressed. Contrary to what we might think, these activities could be the most helpful ways we can make sure we emerge from our desert the better for having been there. © Richard Leonard SJ.
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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO

is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, 6:30 PM
Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 2nd Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 1:30 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—11:00 AM (Pastoral Center)
Confessions:
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Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
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