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First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2015

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Daily Masses/Misas Diarias:
6:30am (except Saturday), 12:05pm

Saturday/Sábado:
5:00pm, 7:00pm (Español)

Sunday/Domingo:
7:00am,
8:45am (Español), 10:45am, 12:30pm,
3:00pm (Chinese in the small Chapel),
5:30pm (Español)

Confession/Confesiones:
Monday-Friday
Lunes a Viernes
5:00pm-5:30pm in the Chapel
Saturday/Sábado
11:30am-12:00noon &
4:30pm-5:00pm

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some months ago, during several Sunday Masses, we presented many of the members of a group or ministry at St. Matthew called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Technically, its name is the catechumenate, which stands for the method in which the participants receive instruction in order to receive well the sacraments of initiation, i.e. Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, and bear the fruit of the Gospel.

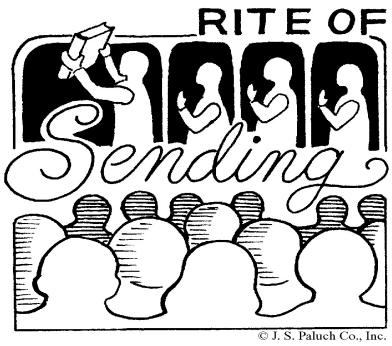
In these sacraments, Christ, the true vine, unites himself to us in a very special way. In turn, we can bear much fruit with these sacraments when we unite ourselves to Christ by taking seriously our formation in the Gospel and the Catholic way of life. Soon, at the Easter Vigil, which this year falls on Saturday, April 4, these members will receive all the sacraments of initiation, if they are catechumens, or the sacraments they are missing, if they are candidates. Therefore, on Sunday, Feb. 22, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 8:45am and 10:45 am Masses. At the Rite of Sending, a parish priest formally recognizes with the help of the catechists and the godparents the progress catechumens and candidates have made to receive the sacraments fruitfully. Thus, in front of the assembly, the parish priest inquires the godparents if the catechumens or candidates **(Continued on page 2)**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, (cont'd)

have taken seriously the formation in the Gospel and the Catholic way of life and, therefore, if they have given evidence of their conversion by the example of their lives. Their answer reflects a very serious examination of the catechumen or candidate. Yet, this rite is not just for them. It is for us, too. As we enter Lent, this rite invites us to examine our lives, not just by what we think about ourselves but also by what those close to us, those who truly care about us, say in light of the Gospel and the Catholic way of life. When the catechumens and candidates are found ready, they go to the Rite of Election, also called Enrollment of Names, which starts at our Cathedral at 4pm that same day. At this rite, the catechumens and the candidates express the will to receive these sacraments. Then, they write their names on a book as a promise to be faithful. Consequently, our Archbishop, or someone delegated by him, declares in the name of the Church, which speaks on God's behalf, that those sent from the Catholic communities of the Archdiocese have been elected by God to receive the sacraments. From that point on, the catechumens are called the elect. Again, this rite, even though it is particularly for the catechumens and candidates, is for the entire church, too. Therefore, during Lent, let us pray particularly for the elect and the candidates, but for all of us as well, that when our Christian journey on earth is over, our names may be found on the book of life due to God's loving mercy, the fruit we bore and the faith of the Church.

You will find the names of the elect and candidates on page #5

Fr. Armando Gutierrez,
Parroquial Vicar



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El ministerio de la Iglesia de St. Matthew conocido como RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos), se llama técnicamente Catecumenado. Este nombre alude a su método de enseñanza, en el cual los participantes reciben la instrucción para poder recibir bien los sacramentos de iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía, y dar así los frutos del Evangelio. En estos sacramentos, Cristo, la Vid Verdadera, se une a nosotros de una manera muy especial. A su vez, nosotros podemos dar muchos frutos con estos sacramentos cuando nosotros nos unimos a Cristo tomando muy seriamente nuestra formación en el Evangelio y el modo de vivir la vida Católica. Pronto, en la Vigilia Pascual, la cual será el sábado 4 de abril, estas personas recibirán los sacramentos de iniciación, si ellos son catecúmenos, y si son candidatos recibirán el o los sacramentos que les hacen falta. Por lo tanto el domingo 22 de febrero celebraremos el Rito de Envió en las Misas de las 8:45 y 10:45 de la mañana. En el Rito de Envió un sacerdote de la parroquia reconoce formalmente con la ayuda del catequista y los padrinos el progreso que los catecúmenos y candidatos han hecho para recibir los sacramentos fructíferamente. Así frente a la asamblea, el sacerdote pregunta a los padrinos si el catecúmeno o el candidato ha tomado su formación en el Evangelio y el modo de vivir la vida Católica seriamente, y por lo tanto si los miembros que presentamos hace unos meses durante varias Misas dominicales han dado prueba de conversión dando testimonio de sus vidas. Sus respuestas reflejan una evaluación muy seria del catecúmeno o del candidato, sin embargo este rito no es solo para ellos. Es también para nosotros. Al entrar en la Cuaresma este rito nos invita a examinar nuestras vidas, no solamente consideremos lo que nosotros pensamos de nosotros mismos, sino que también tomemos en cuenta lo que las personas más cercanas a nosotros, los que verdaderamente se preocupan por nosotros, dicen de nosotros a la luz del Evangelio y el modo de vivir la vida católica.

Cuando los catecúmenos y los candidatos se encuentran listos, entonces van al Rito de Elección, también llamado como La Inscripción de los Nombres, el cual comienza en nuestra Catedral a las 4:00pm de ese mismo día. En este rito, los catecúmenos y candidatos expresan su deseo de recibir esos sacramentos. Entonces ellos escriben sus nombres en un libro como una promesa de fidelidad. Después, nuestro Arzobispo u otro sacerdote delegado por él, declara en el nombre de la Iglesia, la cual habla en nombre de Dios, que los enviados de las comunidades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis han sido elegidos por Dios para recibir los sacramentos.

A partir de ese momento, los catecúmenos son llamados los elegidos. Aunque este rito es particularmente para los catecúmenos y candidatos, también es para toda la Iglesia. Oremos por lo tanto durante la Cuaresma particularmente por los elegidos y candidatos, pero también por todos nosotros, para que cuando nuestra jornada Cristiana en la tierra concluya, nuestros nombres puedan ser encontrados en el libro de la vida debido a la misericordia amorosa de Dios, los frutos que demos, y la fe de la Iglesia.

Los nombres de los elegidos y candidatos los encontrarán en la página #5

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~ from the Roman Missal of the Catholic Church, #35

Pray For The Departed

Priscilla Boundwayne ~ Irene de Arruda

Mass Intentions
February 22– February 28

Sunday 22	*7:00*	
	8:45	*Accion de Gracias al Divino Nino*
	10:45	*Community / Puebl*
	12:30	*Catalina Abesamis †*
	5:30	*Maria Dolores Gonzalez †*
Monday 23,	*6:30*	*Irene de Arruda †*
	12:05	*Benny Castro †*
Tuesday 24,	*6:30*	*Luz Delia Leon*
	12:05	*Dolores & George Bedrosian †*
Wednesday 25,	*6:30*	*Frank Tattenham, Sr.*
	12:05	*Shui - Ding Cho †*
Thursday 26,	*6:30*	*Abelardo Buenaventura †*
	12:05	*Javier Jacinto †*
Friday 27,	*6:30*	*Santiago Izquierdo †*
	12:05	*Tinka Gordon †*
Saturday 28,	*12:05*	*David Loo*
	5:00	*Josephine Conciatori †*
	7:00	*Priscilla Mira †*

Chinese Community Chapel Masses

Cantonese: 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday @ 3:00pm.
Mandarin: 1st and 3rd Sunday @ 3:00pm.

Dear Parishioners / Queridos Parroquianos

Occasionally we get calls from women who are not pregnant but have become overwhelmed with family problems. We always return their calls and help in any way we can. We are helping one such lady at present. Mom is not working and has no support. She is in need of clothes for her son aged almost 3yrs who has significant health problems. Please call 415 480 4017 and leave me a voicemail if you can donate some gently used clothes.

Thank you and God bless, Janet.

~

En ocasiones recibimos llamadas de mujeres que no están embarazadas pero con problemas y necesidades. Nosotros siempre les regresamos sus llamadas y tratamos de ayudarlas en lo mas que podemos. En este momento estamos ayudando a una señora. Ella no esta trabajando y no tiene ningún apoyo, ella necesita ropa para su niño de casi 3 años de edad que tiene problemas de salud muy serios. Si desea ayudar por favor llame al
415-480-4017 y deje un mensaje si puede donar ropa usada en buen estado.
Gracias y que Dios los bendiga, Janet.

Attention Catholic Nurses!

We invite you to consider joining the National Association of Catholic Nurses and becoming a part of the Catholic nurses' voice.
Acquaint yourself with the organization at a "Meet & Greet" event sponsored by the National Association of Catholic Nurses, San Francisco Council on

Saturday, March 7, 2015,
10-12 AM, at **Alma Via Retirement Center**,

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For more information, please contact
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On Sunday, February 22nd at 4:00pm. in St. Mary's Cathedral

People preparing for Easter Sacraments from throughout the Archdiocese will be formally enrolled in the Catechumenate by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. From St. Matthew Parish, the following will be enrolled as catechumens (preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist):

Israel Bámaca,
Giselle Barquero,
William Scott Flowerday,
Linda Greig,
Jack Halalilo,
Aida Ng.

The following are candidates (already baptized in the Catholic church or in another Christian church) preparing to be received into the church of for Confirmation and/or First Eucharist:

Zoila Angulo,
Humberto Barrita,
Cristina Barrón,
Hans Eduardo de León Ruiz,
Elizabeth Ann Ferrari,
Angelia Fontanos,
Hannah Fontanos,
David Gómez,
Milan Laione,
Yefri López,
Linda Martinez,
Tony Mejia,
Elida Mérida,
Robert Monroe,
Wendy Ocampo,
Viliami Ofamengaue,
Chris Plantinos,
Elizabeth Sandoval,
Maria Luis Torres,
Yadira Valdivia.

Please Pray for them all

First Sunday of Lent

It is no surprise that water literally runs through all the readings on this first Sunday of Lent - from the flood waters experienced by Noah in Genesis, to St. Peter comparing his Baptism to this flood, to Jesus venturing to the desert for 40 days immediately after His Baptism, as reported by St. Mark.

There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent.

Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be doing at this time. Baptism call us to a sense of mission. Another key word in today's scripture is "covenant." The reading from Genesis speaks to God's covenant with us, His people. A covenant, never the less, is a two-way street. God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit and the Lord has promised us everlasting life if we fulfill His desires. It is time for us to discover how we are going to live out our covenant with God. ***Reprinted with permission from the 2015 Catholic Stewardship Consultant, Inc.***

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACION

Horario de Confesiones en Español para la semana ***del 22 al 28 de febrero*** **..** (sujeto a cambios)

Domingo 22	8:15 am a 8:45 am en la Iglesia
Martes 24,	5:00 pm a 5:30 pm en la capilla
Jueves 26	5:00 pm a 5:30 pm en la capilla
Viernes 27	5:00 pm a 5:30 pm en la capilla
Sábado 28,	11:30 am y 4:30 pm en la Iglesia

El sacramento de la Penitencia esta constituido por el conjunto de tres actos realizados por el penitente, y por la absolución del sacerdote.

Los actos del penitente son: el ***arrepentimiento***, la ***confesión*** o manifestación de los pecados al sacerdote y el ***propósito*** de realizar la reparación y las obras de penitencia (CIC-1491).

La confesión individual e íntegra de los pecados graves seguida de la absolución es un medio ordinario para la reconciliación con Dios y con la Iglesia. (CIC-1497)

LEGION DE MARIA

El grupo de la Legión de María se sigue reuniendo todos los Miércoles de 7:00pm a 9:00pm en el Crying Room de la Iglesia. Todos son bienvenidos.

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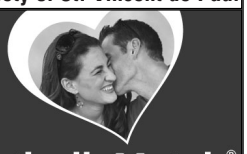

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Monsignor Talesfore's Installation

Bishop Justice will be here on March 8th to celebrate a special 10:00am Bilingual Sunday Mass for the Installation of our eleventh Pastor.

More details to follow

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RESERVA LA FECHA

Misa de Instalación de Monseñor Talesfore

El Obispo Justice estará aquí el 8 de marzo para celebrar una Misa Dominical especial bilingüe a las 10:00 am para la Instalación de nuestro undécimo Pastor.

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