



PARISH BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 31, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan. 30: 5pm: Pro Populo

Sun. Jan. 31: 7am: Thanksgiving

8:30am: +Jon Hawkins

10:30am: Pro Populo

12:30pm: Anthony, Mara, Monica Roberts

Mon. Feb. 1: 8am: Anora, Joseph Daniel & Family

6pm: Bernardino Navarini

Tues. Feb. 2: 8am: Nguyen Family

6pm: Ralph & Bridgette Desimone

Wed. Feb. 3: 8am: +Virgil Garcia

6pm: Mara Roberts

Thurs. Feb. 4: 8am: +Virgil Garcia

12pm: +Elisa & +Pietro Ferretti

6pm: Anora, Joseph Daniel & Family

Fri. Feb. 5 8am: Fr. Stan Zak

11am: Strengthening of all TORCH marriages

6pm: Pam

Sat. Feb. 6: 8am: †Edward M. Walker

10am: +Leonila Garcia

5pm: For the Sick

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved-one or for your intentions, please contact the Parish Office. **There are Masses still open for February 10, 13, 15-20, 23-27, and 29.**

In Memoriam: +Virgil Garcia, +Bill Leitao, +Inetta Calori, +Michael Smith, +Rolando “Ron” Arnaldo, +Taro Yamaguchi. ***Requiescat in pace.*** ●

Please keep in your prayers.... Fr. Stan Zak, Fr. Bill Marshall; Lianne Claver; Betty Garland; Alex Porcuna; Lewis Mullen; Carmel Mahoney; Nancy Duenas; Brad O’Leary; Titus Ekanem; Elisa & Giovanni Mancarti; Vic and Nancy Miloslavich; Kathryn Rieger; Judy & Louis Delligatti; Eugenia Hunter; Rose Bloom; Stella Lurton; Sue Weber; Cornelius McCauley; Laura Montgomery; Sara Zendejas; Rosaline White; Josephine Palacios; Annie Bozzardi; Francis Martinez, Mike Rodriguez; Patrick Ventanilla; Paul Ehrfurth; John Ehrfurth; Lily McWilliams; Anaidel Perezarevalo; Janice Siliger; Claudia Bermudez; Robert Martinez, Laverne Seliger; Eddie Martinez; Jim Gilheany, Sr.; Nathan Knight, AJ Garcia; Sylvester Bell. ●

His Hour Had Not Yet Come

[Jesus] quoted two examples from the Old Testament. Both were a foreshadowing of the direction that His Gospel was to take, namely, to embrace the Gentiles. He told them that there had been many widows among the people of Israel in the days of Elijah when the great famine came over the land, and when the heavens were shut up for over three years. But Elijah was not sent to any one of these; he was sent to a widow of Sarepta in the land of the Gentiles. Taking another example, He said that there had been many lepers in the time in the time of Elijah, but none of them except Naaman, the Syrian, was made clean. The mention of Naaman was particularly humiliating, because he at first had been unbelieving, but later he believed. Since both were Gentile, He implied that the benefits and blessings of the Divine Kingdom were coming in answer to faith, not in answer to race.

God, He told them, was no man's debtor; his mercies would flow to other people if His own rejected them. His townsmen were reminded that it was their earthly-minded expectation of a political kingdom that withheld them from the realization of the great truth that heaven had visited them in Himself. His own home town became the stage on which was trumpeted the salvation not of a blood, or a nation, but of the whole world. The people were filled with indignation, first of all because He had claimed to bring deliverance from sin in His capacity as the Holy Anointed of God; secondly because of the warning that salvation which was first of the Jews would, on rejection, pass into a mission to the Gentiles. Saints are not always recognized by those who live with them. They would cast Him out, for He had rejected them, and made Himself the Christ. Their violence was a preparation for His Cross.

Nazareth lies in a cup of hills. A short distance from it to the southeast was a wall of rock about eighty feet high which drops about three hundred feet to the Plains of Esdraelon. It was there that tradition places the scene where they attempted to cast Him off.

But he walked straight through them all, and went away (Luke 4:30).

The hour of His Crucifixion had not yet come, but the minutes were ticking off in a succession of violence whenever He proclaimed that He was sent by God, and that He was God. (From *Life of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen)●

(Taken from *Life Of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen)

MESSAGE FROM FR. GLENN

I would like to thank Canon Meney, Abbé Kevin, and those who helped them for the beautiful crèche in our Church. They set up the Nativity scene last December and took it down last week. Joan Konrad and her team worked on the poinsettias. Many thanks!

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Tito and Eleanor Tayco. Tito has been the Parish's bookkeeper for many years. A blessing on their Anniversary was offered at Mass on Saturday. Congratulations!

If you are celebrating a milestone in your marriage, feel free to ask a blessing for you and your spouse.

Two Sundays ago the Parish Hall got flooded during heavy rains. The Parish's main water pump gave out late Sunday night which caused backup rainwater to pour into the kitchen and the Hall.

Contractors have started working on drying the wooden floor and the subfloor. CCD classes and other events had to be cancelled as the contractors continued their work. Sorry for all of these.

A new water pump has been installed.

Ways are being looked at so that the Hall will not get flooded again for good.

Please check the bulletin for updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Tuesday, February 2nd is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** which traditionally marked the end of the Christmas Season. Also called **Candlemass**, the liturgy for this Feast features a blessing of candles and a procession into the Church with lighted candles.

If you can join us for Mass, please bring the votive candles that you use for your shrine at home to be blessed. The candles to be used for the procession at the 8am Mass however will be supplied for you.

The following day, Feb. 3rd, is the **Memorial of St. Blaise**, bishop and martyr. The liturgy for St. Blaise's Memorial includes a blessing of throats using the candles that were blessed from the previous day's Feast. Please join us for Mass.

This week falls the **First Friday and First Saturday** of the month. After the 8am Mass on Friday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and the Litany of the Sacred Heart offered, followed by Benediction. There will also be Mass offered that day at 11am attended by a few members of TORCH. Everyone is invited to the liturgy.

Also this Mass, the Litany of the Sacred Heart will be offered in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

On **First Saturday**, after the 8am Mass, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be offered followed by Benediction. Please join us. ●

Our annual Parish's **Novena For the Sick** begins on February 6th at the Vigil Mass at 5pm and continues through February 11th—**the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick**. To include your loved-ones in the Novena, please write their names in the form found in the pews and in the vestibule (please write the names in capital letters). Then please send the form to the Parish. Their names will be entered in the Book of Prayer for the Sick, and the Novena Masses will be offered for their intentions. During the days of the Novena, the Book of Prayer will be enshrined before the image of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Novena Masses are on Feb. 6 (5pm), Feb. 7 (8.30am, 12.30pm), Feb. 8 (8am), Feb. 9 (8am, 6pm), Feb. 10 (8am, 6pm), and Feb. 11 (12pm).

At the 8am and 6pm Masses on February 11 (Thursday)—the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick—the **Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick** will be made available.

Please inform and/or accompany someone you love who needs anointing to Mass. Please occupy the front pews. Those who may receive the Anointing are those suffering from chronic illness and are in danger of death due to illness or old age. If they cannot come to Mass, call the Parish Office and one of the priests of the Parish will visit.

The **Cathedral** will also offer the Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick at a special Mass on February 6 at 11am with Bishop Michael Barber. Parking will be located in the Kaiser Center Parking Complex, is directly across from the Cathedral parking garage, located on 21st and Kaiser Plaza. Needing wheelchair or no-stairs access may use the drop off areas located on Harrison, 21st and Kaiser Plaza streets. ●

First Communion candidates—Felly Dean, Charles Nelson, Cyril Poon, and Serafina Wilson—will be receiving their First Communion candles on Feb. 7th at the 10.30am Mass.

These candles represent the baptismal candles that they would have received at their baptism. Those candles represent their faith. At the ritual of baptism their parents and godparents would have been instructed by the priest: “this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child has been enlightened by Christ.” Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion. Many thanks to **Lucia Wyborny** for ministering to these our little ones. ●

Rice Bowls from **Operation Rice Bowl** of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will be made available on the weekend of Feb. 6th and 7th. They will be in the vestibule Please bring the Bowls back to Church on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016.

Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten program of CRS (Catholic Relief Services): The official overseas relief & development agency of the Church in the USA. 75% of offerings to Operation Rice Bowl fund CRS’ development projects overseas. 25% of contributions support hunger & poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses across the USA. ●

Ash Wednesday is ten days away, February 10th. The tentative schedule of services are as follows: 8am (Mass in the Ordinary Form), 10.30am (Liturgy of the Word with only the distribution of ashes), 12Noon and 6pm (Masses in the Extraordinary Form), 7.45am (Mass in the Ordinary Form). Ashes will be distribution at all of these services. ●

In addition to announcements, the bulletin will also feature some works by spiritual authors. We’ve been running excerpts from works by Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Fr. Ronald Knox.

A small catechism on prayer by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD is also featured here. There is a great hunger out there for a deeper spiritual life, a desire to come closer to God. Many folks want to learn

how to pray more meaningfully. Fr. Gabriel small catechism gives the basics on prayer. ●

To-day

Almighty God has given us, for the ordering of our lives, an alternation of day and night. “Each day echoes its secret to the next, each night passes on to the next its revelation of knowledge.” [Ps. 19:3]. The day by its brightness typifies his glory; the night by its darkness recalls to us the profundity of his mysterious being. And each day, as it were, waves its greeting to the last, bids us pick up our interrupted works, renew our plans, our hopes, our anxieties. Man goes forth to his work and to his labour until the evening; then night comes and with a kindly smile bids us put away all the toys we poor mortals make such a fuss over, shuts our books for us, hides our distractions from us, draws a great black coverlet over our lives. And so our life is marked out for us by alternations; each day is separated from the last by a thick black line of oblivion. Oh, we take up the burden of living where we left off; the griefs, the anxieties of yesterday return with the cold light of morning and dissipate the dreams which served for their anodyne. Still, it is something to have escaped their influence only for a few hours; we have gained some strength for the morrow. And meanwhile, this alternation of day and night has served another purpose; it stands for a model and a sacrament of human life in general. As the darkness closes round us, we go through a dress rehearsal of death; soul and body say goodnight to one another; and the soul wanders off into that unreal country where it can neither sin nor merit, can neither miss nor grasp opportunities. And then morning comes, and with morning, a re-birth.

Each day, then, begins with a birth and ends in a death; each day is a life in miniature. And the very conditions of our existence take away from us that excuse which is man’s favourite excuse when he wants to shirk action and to neglect his salvation—that we do not know when to start. “Each day echoes its secret to the next”; yesterday whispers its word to to-day, and the word is “begin”. For to-day is unique: it has never happened before; it can

never happen again. For one moment it is all-important, fills the stage; tomorrow it will have taken its place among the unreal pageant of dead yesterdays. It has an importance, then, which is all its own; but this importance only belongs to it because it is one of a series. It may be the first of a series, the beginning of a new life. It may stand in the middle of a series, taking its colour from its fellows. And it may be the end of a series; it may be our last day on earth. ●

(Taken from *A Retreat For Lay People* by Ronald Knox)

The Diocese has made available a video series that follows the stories of the 14 Works of Mercy in action throughout the Diocese of Oakland. The videos, each focused on one specific Work of Mercy, tell the stories of people from different parishes and all walks of life who have found ways to let God's Mercy shine through their actions. The videos will be released in pairs (one Spiritual Work video and one Corporal Work video) over the next three months.

Two new videos in the Mercy Project series—"visiting those in prison" and "praying for the living and the dead"—were released January 26.

Both videos can be viewed at <http://jubileeofmercy-eb.org/> which is the Diocese's website marking the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**. Please reflect on these first two videos. ●

Catholics@Work will feature Fr. Gary Thomas, exorcist for the Diocese of San Jose, as speaker. Check CatholicsAtWork.org for info. ●

For two weeks now we have been running cartoons entitled ***Father's Flock*** in the Parish bulletin. These cartoons first appeared in the 1980's. The characters in these cartoons are based on actual members of the Parish, many of whom are still with us. The "Father" is of course Fr. Vladimir Kozina. And the writer of these cartoon was one of our parishioners, Arden Glass, who passed away in January of 2014.

Many of the old-times in our Parish will remember these humorous cartoons. However, a generation of new parishioners have grown up not having seen these illustrations and the simple yet charming humor in them.

And so in memory of Fr. Kozina and Arden Glass, for your edification, and to honor part of our Parish's history, the bulletin is running some of these cartoons here.



"As Louis XV said, Father, 'Après moi le déluge!'"

(From *Father's Flock of St. Margaret Mary's Parish* by Arden Glass)●

This week's second collection is for St. Vincent DePaul Society. Last week's second collection for the Insurance and Diocesan Assessment totaled \$985. Next week's second collection will be for the Building Fund. Thank you for your support. May God reward your generosity. •

MUSIC

Prelude: "Concerto III, Mvt. III", J.S. Bach

Hymns for today: #602 At the name of Jesus, #354 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
5pm (Sat.) "Heritage Mass", Owen Alstott

10:30am: Mass of Hope, Ellis. At Offertory: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

12:30pm: Gregorian Mass XI

Organ Postlude: Concerto III, Mvt. I, J.S. Bach●

Little Catechism Of The Life Of Prayer

Chapter I: Prayer In The Contemplative Life

What is mental prayer?

Mental prayer consists in talking to God 'with the heart,' no longer with prepared or memorized formulas, but in a spontaneous manner.

What do we say to God in mental prayer?

In this prayer we may also manifest to God all the desire of our heart; however, according to the teachings of St. Teresa of Jesus, a contemplative soul will prefer to tell Him that she loves Him, or that at least she desires to love Him.

Why speak to God especially of love?

We speak to God of love because love is the substance of the contemplative life. According to St. Teresa contemplative souls ought to

become great friends, intimate friends of our Lord; and it is love precisely, that makes friendship flourish and leads to intimacy. Moreover, St. Teresa wishes that when we apply ourselves to prayer, we become convinced that God is inviting us to love Him, and that we ought to respond to His invitation.

Is it also necessary ‘to think’ in prayer?

It is not possible to love without having some thought of the object loved. To love God, it is necessary to think of Him. Nevertheless the thought of God may vary a great deal, depending on circumstances. It may be a somewhat prolonged reflection on God’s love for us, but it may also be a simple remembrance of the Lord’s lovableness and of His goodness. Consequently, in prayer we think only in order to love, to nourish love. St. Teresa says in fact that prayer consists ‘not in thinking much, but in loving much.’

What is love?

There is a sensible love and there is a love of the will.

Sensible love consists in a feeling that draws us affectionately toward someone and makes us experience pleasure in that person’s company or in the remembrance of the same.

Love of the will consists in wishing a person well, by free choice and determination of our will. When afterwards this love takes full possession of the soul, then it wants to belong to the person loved and deliberately to consecrate its entire life to that person.●

(By Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

Weekly update	January 23th and 24th	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	\$3,429	\$16,377
Parish Pay 1st Plate	\$1,160	\$4,640
Total 1st Plate	\$4,589	\$21,017
Goal	\$6,400	\$332,800(Year-end goal)
Shortfall	\$1,811	\$311,783

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