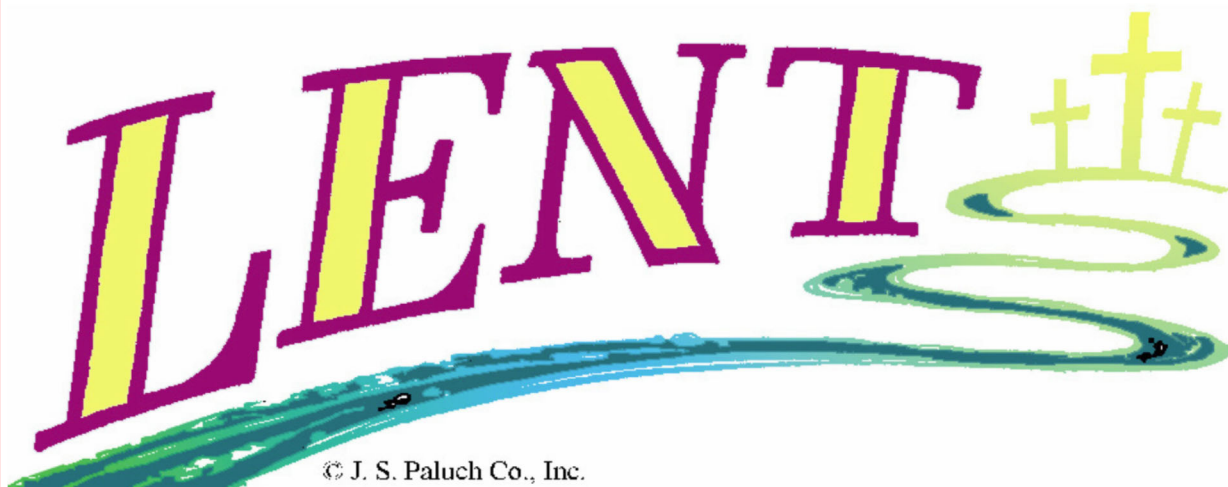




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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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FEBRUARY 22, 2015

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am
12:15 pm (Spanish) 4:30 pm Vietnamese)

Saturday 8:15 am - 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00 am - 8:15 am

Holy Days 7:00 am 8:15 am - 7:00 pm

1st Friday Exposition 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

Marriage

Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to
the wedding

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday–Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

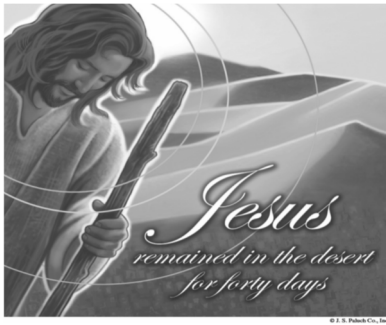
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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have just begun the holy season of Lent this past Wednesday, February 18th with Holy Mass and distribution of Ashes. Lent is the season for almsgiving and penance. It is also the time for catechumens to prepare for receiving the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Lenten Scriptural readings remind us of both Baptism renewal and penance. Let's pray that as a parish we will be faithful to the disciplines of Lent.

In regards to penance may I suggest that as a parish we need to participate fully and actively in our Holy Masses and Eucharist from the beginning until the end. We need to schedule our time so that we can arrive before Mass begins and stay until we sing the last song. The Holy Mass is the highest, the greatest, and the most important act of our worship as Catholics. We need to spend time with God. God deserves our best.

During Lent you are invited to join us Thursday evenings, starting this Thursday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm in the Gym for a delicious bowl of soup followed by the stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the church. What a wonderful opportunity to walk with Jesus.

Please remember to pray for one another during this wonderful season of Lent.

Father Tom

**First Sunday of Lent
February 22nd, 2015.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word
2:00 pm Baptisms in Church
6:00 pm Confirmation I —Library
6:30 pm Confirmation II 6:30 pm—Library

Second Collection

Next Sunday: Maintenance

There will be no Hospitality Sundays during Lent

Events for the Week of February 23, 2015

Mon 2/23	6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	AE Room
	6:45 pm	Jr. High Faith Formation	School
Tues 2/24	3:30 pm	CCD Parent Faith Share	SMC
	3:45 pm	Faith Formation Class	School
	7:00 pm	Spanish Catechist Mtg.	Soc. Hall
Wed 2/25	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class	School
	7:00 pm	Spanish Adult Choir	AE Room
	7:30 pm	Spanish Meeting	Soc. Hall
	7:30 pm	R.C.I.A.	SMC
Thurs 2/26	6:00 pm	Soup	Gym
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:00 pm	Spanish Youth Group	Soc. Hall
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus	SMC
	7:30 pm	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church
Fri 2/27	7:00 pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Soc. Hall
	7:30 pm	Vietnamese Choir Practice	AE room
	7:30 pm	Vietnamese Stations of the Cross	Church

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING FLOWERS TO THE
CHURCH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/23

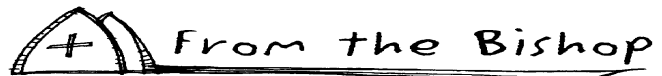
Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

FINANCIAL CORNER

Our Weekly Goal	\$ 11,700.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,897.50
Amount needed to reach goal	\$ 1,802.50

Stewardship Report

Stewardship of February 15th of \$494.88 went to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart—Seminarians in Indonesia, Philippines and Papua New Guinea.



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I want to thank those of you who took the time to answer the questionnaire that the Bishop put online for us regarding Marriage and the Family. This was done seeking input for the Pope and the Synod bishop delegates when they gather in Rome this October for the Synod on Marriage and the Family. They have sought input from all levels of the Church's life. Tomorrow, Monday the 23rd, is the last day that this survey can be completed. So, if you have not done so yet, please take time today to answer the questions on line to the best of your ability. It can be found in both English and Spanish at: www.oakdiocese.org/survey. Your input is important for the Synod and for what we do as a diocese to support family life.



**Parish Food Drive
Saturday February 28th
Sunday March 1st**

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference request food donations from our parish family. The conference will hold a parish wide food drive to assist the families in our community. Donation boxes will be available at the church the weekend of Saturday, February 28th & Sunday, March 1st, 2015. We are asking for non-perishable food items. Peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, canned soup, fruit juice, pork and beans, canned tuna, canned meat, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, canned beans, sugar, salt, ketchup, and mayonnaise. Also monetary donations and Safeway/Lucky gift cards are greatly appreciated. All items donated goes to help people in need. Thank You in advance for your continued support. — Edgar Walters, President



The Sick and the Homebound

Connie Castellannos, George Pieraldi, Julie Chin, Robert Billmire, Peter & Sheryl Smith, Ed Fletcher, Connie & Joyce Guaraglia, Virgilio Legaspi, Jean Bisbiglia, Mariah "Mia" Lara, John Vargas, Pearle Cezair, Mary Helen, Arlene Pershing, Maria Jesús Vargas, Joey Medeiros, Ruben Reygoza, Francis & Irmdard Mohr, Monica Dias, Charlotte Morgan, Leo & Dora Romero, Rose Richardson, John O'Keefe, Edgar Romero, Jeanette Frazee, Lishia Stone, Peter Brown, Theresa Pellini, Felicidad Calo, Teri Glover, Diane Smith-Baczek, James Balliet, Patricia Vaughn, Alice Pierce, Joe Zipp, Michael Babik, Rosemary Johnson, James Lydon, Barbara Maloon, Leticia De Lapena, Juanita Estrellas, Priscilla Shelton, Nhi Nguyen, Mary Young, Myriam Rodriguez, Peggy Miller, Darryl Shields, Jesus Mendosa, Dan & Raymond Bautista, JoAnne Salazar, Anne Tran, Sara Le Fargo, Shirley Mederios, Julie Illescas, Dee Darbo, Paul Prado, Cleto Contero, Mary Lou Ramirez, Rudy Griego, Mary Valladon, Manuela Capulong Agabao, Valerie Buell, Randy Lemos, Geri Davy, Elio Dianda, Al Rocha, Maria Beam, Amelia Ramos, Felisimia Toste, Nelson Baylosis, Judith Edrosolam, Marie Choury, Mel Mederious, Dorothy Feick, Luningning Hobbs, Joel Rivera, Celina Cardoso, Joseph Fantos, Jonathan Tran.

**** If any person on this list is well and no longer in need of prayers please inform the parish office. If they pass away please let us know so we can pray for the repose of his or her soul.**

Mass Intentions



February 22nd to March 1st

Sun.	2/22	7:30 am Parishioners
		9:00 am Berenice Angotti †
		10:30 am Ray Singh †
		12:15 pm Olivia Gonzalez †
Mon.	2/23	7:00 am Aurora Walsh †
		8:15 am Maria and Phanxico Xavier Nguyễn †
Tues.	2/24	7:00 am Joey & Rosemary Medeiros Anniversary
		8:15 am Phanxico Nguyễn †
Wed	2/25	7:00 am Ma Diorella Valdez (In Thanksgiving)
		8:15 am Antony Thong †
Thurs	2/26	7:00 am Larry Agdeppa †
		8:15 am Florence Prokes †
Fri.	2/27	7:00 am Vicente Yu & Fe R. Deguzman †
		8:15 am Catherine Luong †
Sat.	2/28	8:15 am Stanley Langner †
		4:30 pm Francis Aquino †
Sun.	3/1	7:30 am Thanksgiving (B)
		9:00 am Parishioners
		10:30 am Bernadette, Louie & Denise Domingo (for Healing)
		12:15 pm Ernie & Chrismer Moller (B)

(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (L) Living (†) Deceased



From The Principal of St. Felicitas School - Meghan Jorgensen

The season of Lent is upon us and we continue to journey together as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. In order to prepare the Church asks us to participate in prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. We have committed as a whole school to all three.

For their Lenten promises we are encouraging our students to fast from something that gets in the way of their relationship with God. For prayer and reflection we will have a school wide prayer at the end of the day. Together we pray a short version of the Ignatian Examine and evaluate how we acted as loved children of God throughout our day. We give thanks and praise for God's grace in our good decisions and ask forgiveness for our bad decisions. For the almsgiving piece each class will be raising money for the Food for the Poor Foundation, which was researched and chosen by our student council. This organization was recognized in Forbes magazine as being one of the best Charities to donate to because over 90% of their earnings go directly to those in need. Food for the Poor works for sustainability and has a huge catalog of items that students will be working to raise funds for purchasing.

I look forward to beginning our faith journey together and serving the community at Stations of the Cross on Thursday. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers during this Lenten Season.

Cộng Đoàn Nữ Vương Hoà Bình

Sống tinh thần Mùa Chay 2015

“Hạt bụi nào hóa kiếp thân tôi, để một mai tôi về làm cát bụi...” (Cát Bụi – Trịnh Công Sơn).

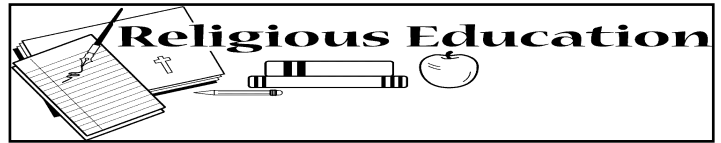
Mùa Chay bắt đầu từ Thứ Tư Lễ Tro bằng nghi thức xúc tro, nhắc nhở thân xác phàm nhân chỉ là cát bụi. Tuy không bắt buộc theo truyền thống, nhưng đó là ngày thánh, không tới nhà thờ để được xúc tro thì những người có tâm hồn đạo đức sẽ cảm thấy áy náy, cảm thấy có lỗi với Chúa. Ngay cả những người không thường xuyên tới nhà thờ cũng cố gắng bắt đầu thể hiện mùa Chay bằng việc chịu tro trên trán.

Xúc tro để nhớ lại thân phận mình chỉ là bụi cát: Được hóa thân từ bụi cát rồi sẽ trở về bụi tro. Nói thẳng ra là CHẾT. Điều đó nhắc nhở người ta phải không ngừng canh tân cách sống sao cho càng ngày càng tốt hơn. Lòng xám hối biểu hiện qua việc xúc tro và ăn chay.

Cốt yếu của việc ăn chay không phải là sự nhịn ăn, nhưng là tâm tình thống hối tội lỗi và quyết tâm quay về làm hòa với Thiên Chúa và tha nhân, muốn được thêm ơn sủng của Thiên Chúa. Nếu không có những tâm tình ấy, việc ăn chay sẽ chỉ là một hình thức và không có giá trị trước mặt Thiên Chúa. Ngôn sứ Giêrêmia đã tuyên sấm như sau: “*Chúng có ăn chay, cầu khẩn, Ta cũng chẳng thêm nghe tiếng; có dâng lễ toàn thiêu và lễ phẩm, Ta cũng chẳng tỏ lòng xót thương*” (Gr 14,12). Ăn chay cũng là một việc làm nội tâm và không cần cho người khác biết. Ngôn sứ Giôen đã tuyên sấm lời Đức Chúa như sau: “*Đừng xé áo, nhưng hãy xé lòng. Hãy trở về cùng Đức Chúa là Thiên Chúa của anh em*” (Ge 2,13).

Mùa Chay Thánh giúp chúng ta nhìn lại chính mình chấn chỉnh những gì sai sót, giúp chúng ta đền tội và canh tân đời sống bằng ân sủng của Chúa và một lần nữa trở về với Lòng Chúa Thương Xót vô biên. Khởi đầu của Mùa Chay Thánh, mong sao qua việc xúc cho và ăn chay có thể nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng chúng ta thuộc về Chúa. Ước mong sự thờ phượng, làm việc bác ái, lời cầu nguyện và việc đền tội của chúng ta có thể kiên trì bền vững trong suốt 40 ngày Mùa Chay.

Nguyện xin Đức Mẹ giúp chúng ta thực sự canh tân để có thể hân hoan mừng sự phục sinh của Chúa Giêsu Kitô trong đại lễ Phục sinh. Chúng ta hãy đồng hành cùng Chúa để có thể thanh tẩy bước vào Mùa Chay Thánh. (Kha Đông Anh chuyển ngữ từ *AmericanCatholic.org* và *TheCatholicSpirit.com*)



This Lent the families with children in the Faith Formation program will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help them experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world.

As we, the global Church, prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2015 in Philadelphia this fall, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family this Lent. The cardboard CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar are great tools to guide with Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Included with the Rice Bowl is a Lenten Calendar that has brief activities for each day of Lent. Stories of Hope from people around the world and recipes for simple meatless meals. Consider reading the Lenten Calendar as a family each day at dinner. Try one or more of the recipes for a meatless Friday dinner.

Come by the Religious Education office to pick up your rice bowl to use with your family during this Lenten Season. If you should have any questions, please contact Sandi at **483-4880**.

Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to view videos of people whose lives are touched by your support of CRS Rice Bowl. You can also find fun activities for your family. And download the CRS Rice bowl app to receive daily reflections right on your phone, and to tract your Lenten sacrifices.

We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. “*Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.*”
_Pope Francis

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to serve poor and suffering people around the world.

Gặp Đàng Thánh Giá Mùa Chay



Trong Mùa Chay Cộng Đoàn Nữ Vương Hoà Bình sẽ có gặp Đàng Thánh Giá và Thánh Lễ vào mỗi tối thứ sáu lúc 8:00pm tại nhà thờ bắt đầu từ Thứ Sáu ngày 27 tháng 2 cho đến Thứ Sáu ngày 27 tháng 3 năm 2015.



EL SIGNIFICADO DE NUESTRO BAUTISMO

Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a escudriñar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son como un catecismo abreviado de lo que nuestras vidas de bautizados significan. Tal como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios prometida por nuestro Bautismo. El salmo nos recuerda que si realmente vivimos la alianza, el modo de vida que Dios quiere que vivamos no va a ser una carga, sino una fuente de amor y verdad. La carta de Pedro ofrece una explicación de lo que significa nuestro bautismo: es una plegaria a Dios pidiendo una buena conciencia. ¿Cómo obtenemos esta buena conciencia? Las palabras que Jesús proclama justo después de su tentación nos señala el camino: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio”. Podría ser un buen ejercicio Espiritual, mantener estas lecturas a nuestro alcance durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio para ayudarnos a volver a un testimonio de vida según nuestras promesas bautismales. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Comunidad,

Quiero darles las gracias a aquellos de ustedes que se tomaron el tiempo para contestar el cuestionario que el obispo ha puesto en línea para nosotros en relación al matrimonio y la Familia. Esto se hizo en búsqueda de sus aportaciones para el Papa y los Padres Sinodales Cuando se reúnan en Roma, en Octubre, para el Sínodo sobre el Matrimonio y la Familia. Han buscado las aportaciones de todos los niveles de la vida de la Iglesia. Mañana, lunes 23, es el último día que esta encuesta se puede completar y enviar. Por lo tanto, sí usted no lo ha hecho todavía, por favor, hoy tómese el tiempo para responder a las preguntas en línea de la mejor manera que usted pueda. Se puede encontrar tanto en inglés como en español en:

www.oakdiocese.org/survey . Su opinion es importante para el Sínodo y para los esfuerzos de nuestra diócesis de apoyar a la vida familiar.

LECTURAS DE HOY

- Primera lectura** — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).
- Salmo** — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 (24)).
- Segunda lectura** — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).
- Evangelio** — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

LA BELLEZA DEL PERDÓN

La humanidad nunca es tan hermosa como cuando reza implorando perdón o cuando perdona a otro.

—Jean P. F. Richter



El arco en las nubes
es una señal
de la alianza de Dios