

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Hearing aids for use are in the sacristy—please return them after Mass.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15)

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103)

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9)

WEEK AT A GLANCE


Monday, March 25	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
Tuesday, March 26	8am Mass; 9am Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English
Wednesday, March 27	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 12:30pm to 1pm Confessions; 7pm RCIA in Spanish
Thursday, March 28	8am Mass; 2pm -4pm B&B4Kids; 6pm Blessed Is She
Friday, March 29	8am Mass; 12pm Mass; 3-4:30pm Food Pantry; 4-5pm Bread & Broth, Second Serving; 12:30-3pm Confessions; 12:30-5:45pm Eucharistic Adoration; 5—5:45pm Confessions; 6pm Stations of the Cross; 6:30pm Soup Dinner; 7pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish
Saturday, March 30	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 31	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish); 6pm Confessions

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday March 23 St. Joseph	
5:30 pm	Nancy Came & Carl Cane (dec) by Patti
Sunday March 24	
8:00 am	Florence Gallagher (dec) by Tom & Judy Finn
10:00 am	St. Theresa parishioners
12:00 pm	Ali Lopez (dec) by his mom
7:00 pm	
Monday March 25 Annunciation of the Lord	
8:00 am	Jill Richards (dec) by the Barnett family
Tuesday March 26	
8:00 am	Deacon Dean Marshall (bday) by Father Mauricio
Wednesday March 27	
8:00 am	For the sick
12:00 pm	St. Theresa staff (intentions)
Thursday March 28	
8:00 am	Deacon Steven Wood (bday) by Father Mauricio
Friday March 29	
8:00 am	Gabriel Hurtado (intentions)
12:00 pm	For the sick
Saturday March 30	
5:30 pm	Ruth Armstrong (dec) by her daughter

FR. MAURICIO’S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 25	9am leaving from LA to South Lake Tahoe
Tuesday, March 26	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9am Session I of Forgiven ; 11am-3pm office work; 3pm break; 4-6pm Office Work; 6:30pm attending the RCIA in English
Wednesday, March 27	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 12:30 - 1pm Confessions; 1pm break; 2-6pm preparing for RCIA class & office Work; 7pm teaching the RCIA in Spanish
Thursday, March 28	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 9am leaving for Folsom (St. John’s) for the Deanery Meeting; 11am Deanery Meeting; 5-8pm office work
Friday, March 29	7am opening the church & setting up for Mass; 8am Mass; 10-11:45am office work; 12:30-3pm Confessions; 12noon Mass; 3-4pm office work; 5 -5:45pm Confessions; 6pm attending the Stations of the Cross; 6:30pm attending soup dinner; attending the 7pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish
Saturday, March 30	7:30am opening the church; 11am-1pm hearing confessions (Vietnamese Martyrs Church) at Zephyr Point Conference Center; 4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 31	6:45am opening the church; 8am, 10am, 12 noon Masses; 6pm Confessions in Spanish & 7pm Mass in Spanish

Stations of the Cross
 **FRIDAYS during Lent at 6PM** followed by soup dinner at Social Hall!

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Phillip Gaston | Corbett Martin | Zachary Martin | Erik Townsend

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Concordia Balong | Bill Barboni | Kathleen Brady | Krista Carson | Romie Enriquez | Gene Estepa | Mamerto Estepa | Steve Frick | Ophelia Kirvida | Kel Lohmeier | Matthew Morisky | Simon McQuarrie | Byron Melrose | Jamie O’Malley | Cecilia Ramirez | Tony Russo | Gloria Walkowiak

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to add to the prayer list, please send an email with your loved one’s name along with your name and phone number to tahoecatholicbulletin@gmail.com.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Call or visit the Religious Education Office
530.544.4788 Find the **2019 SCHEDULE**:
<http://www.tahoecatholic.com/baptisms>



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Only I can change my life, nobody can do it for me. Carol Burnett

Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's

Catholic Fellowship!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Apr 7 after the 8AM & 10AM

Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight!

MONTHLY MEETING—Apr 10—Dinner 6pm; meeting 7pm

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight!

Call Frank Dixon 530 318 1574

ONLY A BURNING BUSH BEARS FRUIT

"Leave it another year, while I hoe around it and manure it; then perhaps it will bear fruit. If not, it shall be cut down." —Luke 13:8-9

The Lord calls us to repent not only of sins of commission but also of omission. In today's Gospel reading, He calls us to repent of not bearing fruit, that is, of not sharing our faith and leading others to new life in Christ. If we do not bear fruit spiritually, we will be cut down (Lk 13:9) and thrown into the fire (Jn 15:6). We will come to a tragic end (Lk 13:3, 5). To be a fruitful fig tree (see Lk 13:6), we must first be a burning bush (see Ex 3:2). The fire of God's presence and His Word must purify us so we can be fruitful (see Lk 24:32).

Today throughout the world, hundreds of thousands of catechumens in the Catholic Church are receiving the ancient prayer called the "First Scrutiny." The Church is asking the Lord to search (see Ps 139:23), purify, heal, enlighten, and strengthen the hearts of these catechumens. The basis for the First Scrutiny is chapter four of John's Gospel. In this chapter, Jesus told the Samaritan woman everything she had ever done (Jn 4:29). She was purified and became fruitful in leading the people of her village to new life in Christ.

Ask the Lord to scrutinize and purify your heart so as to bear much fruit.

Prayer: *Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours (Mt 11:29). Bear fruit in my life.*

Promise: *"For all these reasons, let anyone who thinks he is standing upright watch out lest he fall!" —1 Cor 10:12*

Praise: *Praise Jesus, obedient Son of the Father, and risen Lord!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=3/24/2019>

RESPECT LIFE PREGNANT ? NEED HELP?

We offer practical help to any women with a crisis pregnancy. We have a special concern for you and your unborn child. For any help with a troubled pregnancy, 544-3533.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND KQCA channel 58 (My58) at 6:30 a.m.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Where? Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center | 6520 Van Maren Ln | Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Men's Preached Retreat Weekend (April 5-7)
Women's Preached Retreat Weekend (April 12-14)
"On the Way with Jesus"

In this Liturgical Year during which the Gospel of St. Luke is proclaimed, we journey with Jesus as He goes up to Jerusalem. There He will give of His life revealing to us what it means to be faithful disciples. Jerusalem is deeply symbolic of "going home" to God - a journey we are invited to do in every moment of our lives. We pray in the Jerusalem of our hearts, we worship in the Temple of our souls, and we journey to God in our care for one another and all the World. This Retreat invites us to walk anew, as if for the first time, in the footsteps of Jesus.

To register:

Contact: (916) 725-4720 x301 or email us at retreatctk@passionist.org

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

3/17	Regular Collection	6,370.29
	NO SECOND COLLECTION	

Second collection THIS weekend: **NO SECOND COLLECTION**

Second collection NEXT weekend: **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (SHARED W/CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE)**

Second collection April 6 & 7: **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

REFLECTIONS

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

February 2 fell on a Sunday this year and I experienced the feast of the Presentation in the Temple for the first time. The blessing of the light was beautiful. What does it all mean?

Gentle Reader,

I agree, this is a lovely celebration. I wish it fell on a Sunday every year.

When I was growing up, we always attended early morning Eucharist on that day. Upon entering the church, we received a candle, one per family. After the priest said a prayer and sprinkled holy water, we walked around the church in procession. As the oldest child I was tasked with carrying our family's candle. My current fondness of processions probably dates back to those times when I carried the candle under the watchful eye of my parents and the envious glances of my siblings. After the Eucharist we were encouraged to take our candle home and to care for it with reverence. The priest told us to light the candle in times of need. I distinctly remember lighting our candle while we prayed for my great-grandfather who was mortally ill. We also found some solace in this candle once he died. We even would light the candle and huddle around it during bad storms. It made us less afraid.

Many years later, when living in a Benedictine abbey, we celebrated the day with even greater ceremony as the candles were bigger, the procession was longer, and the sung psalms were more numerous. I can still hear the sounds, see the sights, and smell the burning wax that even overpowered the copious amounts of incense used for the procession.

Memories are great yet they need to be interpreted carefully. My childhood experience of the feast reveals profound truths but maybe there was a hint of superstition that tainted the use of the candles at home. Or was it the result of a more generous and less complicated faith? My monastic memories, again revelatory of deep faith, undoubtedly suffer from some liturgical romanticism.

The essence of the feast is this: Christ is the Light of the world and we are to witness to the Light in word and deed. The candles are a tangible symbol of the light of Christ. And the procession is not just a pretty parade; rather it symbolizes and rehearses us in our calling to bring Christ's light to the world.

As a child I always wished we could keep the candle burning throughout the liturgy and even on our way home. I did not quite know why but I thought it made sense. I still imagine this grand procession of all Christians leaving their respective churches on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or any feast for that matter, with lit candle in hand, proclaiming to the world that Christ is the Light and we bear witness to him in word and deed.

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EVERYTHING THAT BELONGS TO JESUS IS GIVEN FOR US TO RECEIVE

Our lives are destined to become like the life of Jesus. The whole purpose of Jesus' ministry is to bring us to the house of his Father. Not only did Jesus come to free us from the bonds of sin and death; he also came to lead us into the intimacy of his divine life. It is difficult for us to imagine what this means. We tend to emphasize the distance between Jesus and ourselves. We see Jesus as the all-knowing and all-powerful Son of God who is unreachable for us sinful, broken human beings. But in thinking this way, we forget that Jesus came to give us his own life. He came to lift us up into loving community with the Father. Only when we recognize the radical purpose of Jesus' ministry will we be able to understand the meaning of the spiritual life. Everything that belongs to Jesus is given for us to receive. All that Jesus does we may also do.

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/everything-that-belongs-to-jesus-is-given-for-us-to-receive/>

CATHOLIC HUMOR

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally, she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, the little girl observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?" *Source: The Book of the Catholic Jokes*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, March 29 from 12:30pm to 5:45pm.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (SHARED W/CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE) COLLECTION MARCH 30/31

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (April 13 & 14)

5:30pm Vigil Mass; 8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm
(Spanish) Masses

MONDAY & TUESDAY (April 15 & 16)

8am Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY (April 17)

8am & 12noon Daily Masses

HOLY THURSDAY (April 18)

Morning Prayer at 8am (No morning Mass)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
(with Eucharist Adoration until 7am next day)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 19)

The Lord's Passion Liturgy at 12:15 pm
(with Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm, concluding
with the Divine Mercy Chaplet)
6pm Bilingual Stations of the Cross from the Library
to the church
The Lord's Passion Liturgy in Spanish at 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 20)

Morning Prayer at 8am

Easter Vigil at 8:15pm

Note: There are no Confessions at 4pm and no 5:30pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY (April 21)

8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm (Spanish) Masses

FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession
All are invited to be part of these series. Just show up with your Bible!

Tuesdays 9am-10:30am

Forgiven explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself. Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SESSION I: Where are You?

Tuesday, March 26 at 9am

SESSION II: An Encounter with Mercy

Tuesday, April 2 at 9am

SESSION III: Embraced in Mercy

Tuesday, April 9 at 9am

SESSION IV: Biblical Foundations

Tuesday, April 16 at 9am

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday of Lent at 4pm

(There are no confessions on Holy Saturday)

Every Sunday of Lent at 6pm

Penance Service on Monday, April 1 at 6pm

The following Wednesdays of Lent

from 12:30pm to 1pm:

March 27th and April 3rd, 10th, & 17th

Confessions on **Friday, March 29**

from 12:30pm to 3pm

The following Fridays of Lent

from 5pm to 5:45pm:

March 29th; and April 5th

... or make an appointment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays 10:30a.m. in the Church with the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, and novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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