

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 15, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 16-21

MON 7 AM Fr. Paul Perry - *living*
9 AM R, Martin

TUE 7 AM Special Intention - *living*
9 AM William P. Walsh

WED 7 AM Robert & Norma Grasso
9 AM Mary King
5:15 PM Frank McNear

THU 7 AM In Thanksgiving
9 AM Joseph Calleja, Joe Lampe, *living*

FRI 7 AM Connor Kearney - *living*
9 AM Ed Tarrant

SAT 7 AM Lazio & Cincotta
9 AM Tyler Ward - *living*

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal: \$65,200.
Received: \$37,809.

Donors this week:

M/M Robert B. Burke, William Crawford, Carla Elkins,
Dr/M Joseph Matan, Amelia McCall, Lidia Pringle,
M/M Fred Tirrell, Jeannette Weiss,

Thanks to all who have contributed.
Together, we can reach our goal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Beverly, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Msgr. Bruce Dreier, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Michelle Hufford, Eleanor Jean, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Grace Lawrence, Frank Lucas, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Paul Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, Camilla Wolfe.

ABSTAINING FROM MEAT
ON FRIDAYS OF LENT

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON Life in Christ Series today – 9:30am Hall
CYG Class – Hall – 7-8:30pm

TUE Scripture Class – Hall – 9:30am

WED PSR Classes
Grades K-1 Parish Hall
Grades 2-6 – Marin Catholic
3:30pm – 4:45pm
Children’s Choir Rehearsal-5pm - Church

THU Adult Choir Rehearsal – Church – 7:30PM

During the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held in Church after Mass.

STEWARDSHIP –A WAY OF LIFE

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 4,776
Weekly Goal: \$ 5,200
Weekly Average: \$ 4,611

“You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that everything is a gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE
AND SOUP SUPPERS

Daily Masses during Lent are 7am and 9am, and on all *Wednesdays* of Lent there’s an additional Mass at 5:15pm, followed by a Soup Supper in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to help make soup; if you are interested in helping, please call Beverly at 924-1771.

Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me” (from “The Breastplate of St. Patrick).

--*St. Patrick*

Catholic Lobby Day

in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.
March with hundreds of California Catholics to visit our legislators in our State Capitol.

MEDJUGORJE APPARITIONS PRESENTATION

COME JOIN US!

This afternoon here in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall, retired theoretical physicist Armond Nirdlinger, who has visited Medjugorje fourteen (14) times, will speak about the effect of Medjugorje on his life, and present a video compilation about this amazing village "between the hills" in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

There will also be a display of 3-D slides of Medjugorje, taken by Fr. Mark Taheny.

Refreshments will be served.

**Time: 3PM, Sunday, March 15
Location: St. Sebastian's Parish Hall**

Beginning on Monday, March 16th at 7pm, Comcast channel 26 in Marin will broadcast a series of 56 half-hour videos which were filmed in Medjugorje; a new video each Monday. Also, NPAT channel 26 in Novato will start the same series each Thursday at 9:30pm starting March 19th.

YOUNG AT HEART NEWS

At our next meeting, Tuesday, April 7, at 11:30am, will be the "Serve Yourself" Buffet of sandwiches, salad, and cookies for a nominal fee of \$5/person. Non-members, guests \$7.50 per person. Entertainment by Marin Catholic Music Dept. Information or Reservations call Rosellen 461-9003 or Barbara 461-2735

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19

The Catholic Church has been celebrating this feast ever since the Vatican had made it official on April 30th in the Jubilee year 2000.

Jesus Himself promised a complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on that day, even to the most terrible sinner imaginable. God in His great mercy is giving mankind a last chance for salvation. To get this great promise one has to go to Confession and then receive Holy Communion on that Feast on Divine Mercy, which has now been called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church. A Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday was decreed on Aug. 3, 2002.

April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday a service will be held at St. Isabella's Church from 2-4pm in Terra Linda, with Confessions from 2-3pm; Rosary from 3-4pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Homily by Fr. Alner Nambatac, Benediction and the Veneration of the Cross. More info: call Mary at 479-9137.

WORDS OF ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA:

What the Angels Envy

"If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things: one is receiving of Holy Communion, and the other is suffering."

The Mercy of Christ

(words of Jesus given to Sister Faustina)

"My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you, I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace."

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(words of Jesus to Faustina)

"When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden in the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy."

Acts of Mercy and the Feast of Mercy

(words of Jesus to Faustina, #742)

"I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first—by deed, the second—by word, the third—by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.

(From *Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul*)

MARCH 17, ST. PATRICK'S DAY,

is not just a Memorial, nor a Feastday, but—for us—it is a *Solemnity*, the highest of feastdays, because St. Patrick, along with St. Francis, is a principal co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The following biographical information is from Saint of the Day: Lives and Lessons for Saints and Feasts of the New Missal, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor:

Patrick was born around the year 389, and died around 461. His birthplace is said to be either Dunbarton, Scotland, or Cumberland, England. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years, Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the Good News to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed “all the children of Ireland from their mother's wombs were stretching out their hands” to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. He went to the west and north, where the faith had never been preached, obtained the protection of local kings and made numerous converts.

He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids, and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission.

In a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.