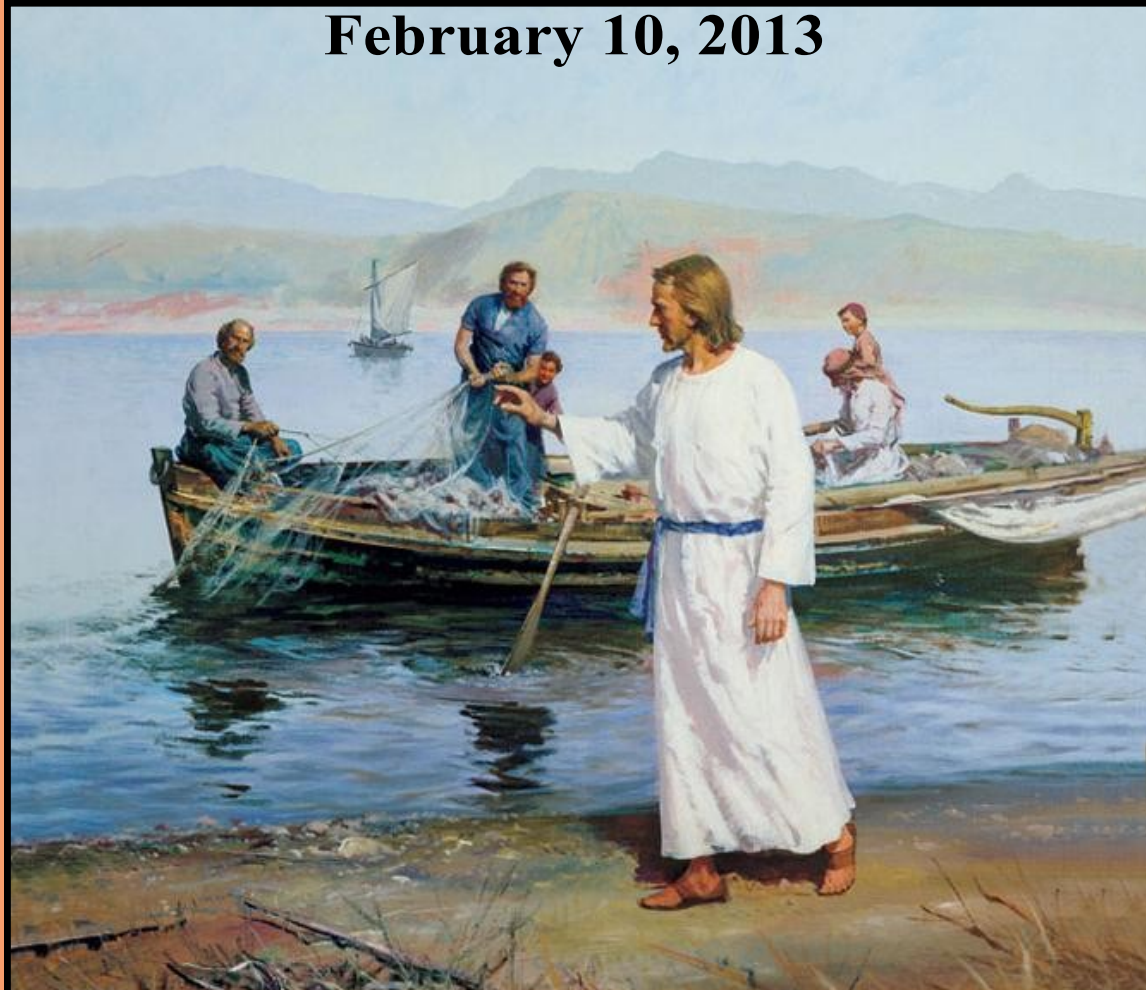


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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2013



**Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men.”
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5 PM
Sundays..... 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM
Monday - Saturday.. 7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays..... 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Pastor..... Rev. Mark Taheny
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 11—16

Mon	7AM	Pete, Bonnie DeRutte & Fam, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Victor & Andres, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Ed Lampe
	9AM	Bill & Sherry, <i>living</i>
Ash	7AM	Anne Nealon
Wed	9AM	Jeannette Weiss
	4PM	Susan & Dolores Cunnane
Thu	7AM	Dolores & Susan Cunnane
	9AM	Regina Slayton
Fri	7AM	Edilyn Haddad, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Edwin Calleja, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Annetta & Tom Lazio
	9AM	Jose Albuja

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Bertha, Claudia, Diane, Elizabeth, Jim, Jo Anne, and Lori, Joey, Kristen, Mary, Marian, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Vivien, Carol Abraham, Lorenzo Acciai, Madison Bostow, Marilyn Charbonneau, Lori Cohen, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Cook, Elizabeth Crowley, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Charlotte Fini, Terrence Fischer, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Joe Lazor, John Legnitto, Barbara Mass, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, William McNamara, Richard Mogas, Margaret & Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Mark Piatti; Jenna, Jack, Kate, & Purl Clan; Kylie Richardson, Peggy Roth, Steve Schlesselmann, Helen & Paul Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Sharon Smith, Mary Ann Sullivan, Rose Tannlund, and Sherry Willis.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2013

Thirty-eight families, out of the 425 registered households, have responded, bringing us to 23 ½% of our goal of \$59,400. We still need \$45,415 to pay our assessment. We are excited about the response to this year's Appeal.

If each of us joins in this united effort, we can easily do our part in supporting our Parish and the entire Archdiocese of San Francisco.

**This Wednesday
is Ash Wednesday,
the beginning of Lent.**

*Ashes will be distributed after
the Liturgy of the Word
at our Masses
at 7am, 9am, & 4pm.*



**After the 4pm Mass, we will have a
Soup Supper in the Parish Hall.**

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

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

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

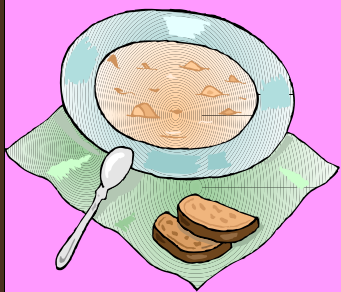
BYZANTINE RITE VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

On Thursday, February 14, at 7:30pm, Fr. David Anderson and his church choir from St. Peter Eastern Catholic Church in Ukiah will be here to chant Vespers according to the Byzantine Rite.

You are welcome to attend Vespers this Thursday evening, and if you've never experienced the Liturgy of the Hours, especially when chanted in an ancient rite, you might want to make this a Lenten treat to yourself.

**Our many sick, homebound,
and hospitalized parishioners
who are unable to attend Mass
are blessed by your prayers.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING SOUP SUPPERS



During Lent, we will have additional Masses on Wednesday evenings followed by “Soup Suppers” in the Parish Hall.

We need soup!

If you would like to prepare a pot of soup to share with your fellow parishioners, please call the Rectory at 461-0704.

We usually have a variety of seven different soups each Wednesday. We’d love to taste your specialty!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays during Lent
after the 9AM Mass,**

and again, at 7:30PM,
*led by David Previtali,
Deacon Candidate*

Of course, you are welcome to drop in to the church at any time during the day to visit Our Lord, who is always present in the tabernacle, and you can pray the Stations of the Cross privately.

Traditional theology has distinguished between “mortal” and “venial” sins... As the name suggests, [mortal] sin “kills” the divine life in the one who commits it. ... Venial sins, on the other hand, do not kill the divine life in a person; nevertheless, they still compromise one’s friendship with God and still affect the soul in a negative way, scarring it or warping it. Consider how a bad action, performed repeatedly, twists the will, predisposing it to choose along the same negative line in the future: cruelty begets more cruelty, and small acts of injustice usually conduce to greater injustice. This sort of sin, therefore, needs correction, the wounds that it leaves need healing, and the negative tendency it inculcates needs redirecting. We can see this happening in acts of penance, self-denial, fasting, and prayer that effectively bend the will back in the right direction.

—*from the book Catholicism, by Fr. Robert Barron*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities CYO is offering a variety of ways to practice compassion during the Lenten season through volunteer acts of kindness. Our Canal Family Program in San Rafael is looking for volunteers to read books to children or assist them with their homework. For a complete list of our upcoming Lenten volunteer opportunities, visit www.cccyo.org/Lent. Contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 972-1227 or jfergusonflout@cccyo.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO CANAL FAMILY SNOW DAY-TRIP

Catholic Charities CYO’s Canal Family Support Program seeks snow gear donations for 35 kids for their snow day trip to Leland Snow Play. For many of these boys and girls, it will be the first time they see snow and get to experience the joy of winter.

We are looking for new or gently used gloves, scarves, hats, snow pants and jackets, and snow shoes/boots for children 10-12 years old.

Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9:30-5:30, at Pickleweed Park Community Center’s Kids Club Office, 50 Canal St, San Rafael. **All donations must be dropped off by Thursday, Feb. 14.** Questions? Call Lauren Muszynski or Carlos Garcia at 454-8596.

The Canal Family Support Program Kid’s Club provides educational assistance and enrichment activities that support the cultural, physical, and social development of youths in the Canal District.

ELISSA GAUDIANI SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship in memory of Elissa Gaudiani is available to a Catholic high school or college student who will be attending a Catholic college next year.

Those interested should call the Parish Office at 461-0704 to speak with Nancy or Fr. Mark.



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THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Isaiah sees a heavenly vision and instantly recognizes his unworthiness.

St. Paul says, "I am...not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."

Simon Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Jesus' power over nature gives us a clue about his *divinity*. Who, but *God*, can tell the stormy wind and sea to be quiet—and they quiet down!

Today, Peter, who is a *fisherman*, catches *no fish* all night long, but when he follows the directions of Jesus, he catches more fish than he ever *dreamt* of catching! Peter then humbly expresses his sinfulness, but Jesus reassures him by saying, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching *men*."

Coming to shore, the fishermen leave everything and follow Jesus—to become "fishers of men." And they never turned back!

Later, when Jesus speaks about His flesh being the "Bread of Life", many of his disciples find that saying too hard to accept, and they no longer follow him. Jesus asks the apostles if they, too, will leave him. As usual, Peter speaks for them all when he asks, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

Peter speaks for each and every one of us—today, and always. Too many people, sadly, no longer follow Jesus when they come across teachings which they find difficult to accept; they no longer stay in the Church He founded.

Imagine being in the presence of God as Isaiah was, as Simon Peter was—and as *we*, in fact, are at church, and then deciding that life is better elsewhere!

The Church today needs each one of us, its *members*, to be *witnesses* (which is what the word "martyr" means). Too many Christians, especially *Catholics*, are drifting away, are "turning back". Jesus said that anyone who puts his hand to the plow, but keeps turning back, is unfit for the kingdom of God.