

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 26, 2017

Don't Be Anxious

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

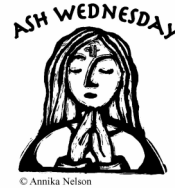
Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32). Copyright © J. S. Paluch



Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
 Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
 Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday



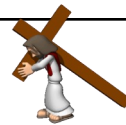
Ash Wednesday— March 1st

9:00 am— Mass
 2:30 pm— Mass for Faith Formation Children
 6:00 pm— Spanish Mass

Pancake Breakfast

Don't miss the pancake breakfast going on in the hall this morning (Sunday) from 9:00 am-11:00 am. This annual event is sponsored by our Men's Club to benefit our Youth Confirmation program. Join us for delicious food, fellowship and a raffle for a bottle of Saxtum wine.

FRIDAYS OF LENT



6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross
 6:30 pm- Lenten Meal of Soup, Salad and Bread
 7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross, (Espanol)

Plan on doing something special for Lent this year. Please join us!

Please pray for our sick...

Tommye Brennan, Roy Hammond, Alice Blankenship, Kelly Martinez, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Abel Martinez, Rita Brooks, Randy Brown, Irene Hammond, Jerry Collins, Althea Soto, Jerry Reynolds, Lori Nunez.



Weekly Mass Intentions (Feb. 25-March 3)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Richard Goforth
 +Fran & Bill Stoner
 +Diane Beck Richardson
Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Gloria & Isidro Villavazo
 +Tony & Katherine Williams
Sun., 6:00 pm- +Hector Merlos
 +Alberto Valencia
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- People of the Parish
Wed., 2:30 pm- Int. Our Children
Wed., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Thurs., 9:00 am- Sick and Homebound
Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Margaret O'Bryan

Parish Council

The Council will meet next Sun., March 5th, at 10:15 am in the hall. Thank you to out-going members Morgan Dougherty, Lela Mulligan and Gloria Villavazo. The April meeting will be the first meeting for new members- Susie McDonald, Tina Quaschnick and Nacho Ramirez. Thank you to them for volunteering for this ministry. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Council meetings.

Lenten Retreat

Begin your Lent by attending "Lenten Morning Reflection on the Beatitudes" This will take place in our parish hall on Sat., March 4th, from 9:30 am-1:00 pm, followed by a potluck. Our parishioners Lee McFarland and Robert Ashe will be the retreat leaders. Please sign-up near the church entrance if you plan to attend.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls



Packets are available on the table near the church entrance. Giving a dollar a day for 40 days of Lent means one month food for a family, two years of seed for a farmer or three months of clean water for four families. Thank you for your support.

Prison Ministry

I was in prison and you visited me..." *Matthew 25:36.* In this Gospel verse Jesus counsels us to activate our love and reach out to those in the margins of society. Please consider assisting the Catholic Chaplain at California Men's Colony in SLO. He needs volunteers for weekly or bi-weekly visits. Men and women are allowed, trained and respected in assisting various programs and devotions. Call Anthony Farao at 712-5785 if interested.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection: \$1,996.50
Thank You for Your Support!

AMA Update

To date, 36 families have pledged a total of \$9,794 to this year's Annual Ministry Appeal. We are almost to our diocesan goal of \$12,900. Any donations above this will be returned to our parish and put toward a new stove system for the hall. Please consider making a pledge if you have not already done so. Information and pledge envelopes are on the tables near the church entrance.