Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday ~ in English 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ en Español 12:15 pm
Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, following 9:15 Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Celebrated at 9:15 am Family Mass
all children age Kindergarten to Fourth grade welcome, no registration required

Holy Day of Obligation 8:30 am -or- 6:00 pm

Daily Mass and Devotions
Monday ~ Saturday, 8:30 am in the Chapel
Rosary in English ~ daily after 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm -or- by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ first Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ~ September to May, please call the Rectory for information
MARRIAGE PREPARATION ~ contact Rev. Mario Farana at least six (6) months prior to your desired ceremony date

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Calendar of the Week
Monday: February 5th. MOSP 8pm meeting
Tuesday: February 6th. RCIA 7pm
Wednesday: February 7th. Altar Society 9:30 am
Baptism Class 7 pm in the Rectory
Thursday: February 8th. SPHS Alumnae Mtg, 1:30pm
Friday: February 9th.
Saturday: February 10th. CCD class from 9:30 am to 11:00am
MOSP Installation Dinner
Sunday: February 11th. Coffee & Donuts following the 9:15am Mass

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection January 28, 2018 $ 4,891.37
E-Contributions December 2017 $ 6,119.40

Next Weekend February 10th/11th there will be a second collection for the Altar Society. This helps with the caring and purchasing of linen as well as the flowers for the Altar. You can place your donation in the Second Collection that will be taken up after communion. Your generosity and prayers are much appreciated.

Who are we sharing our Community Outreach Lenten gifts with this year?
We will be distributing our Lenten Gifts between the two Shelters listed below.

Homeless Shelter working with the Daughters of Charity. Located in downtown in San Francisco, serving about 70 clients per day, both men and women, a variety of ages serving a variety of needs. Their needs are: Colored tee shirts, socks, briefs, Sweat shirts, (a variety of size) Toiletries

Epiphany Center - a shelter for young women with babies. Their Mission is to strengthen family life by healing trauma substance abuse and ending cycles of homelessness and poverty through holistic client centered care. Their needs are diapers for the babies.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS
William Cardinal Levada, Principal Celebrant
Saturday, February 10, 2018, 11am
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough St. at Geary, San Francisco

A “special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in the sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind.” John Paul II. For more information contact Kenneth Ryan @kennryan@aol.com or (415)813-0395

The 2017 Financial Statements are now ready.
All statements have been mailed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the Rectory if you need a copy sent to you 415-648-7538

Catholic Charities Lenten Tours and Volunteer Opportunities
During Lent, Catholic Charities invites you to practice compassion by:
- Touring on of our programs service the poor and vulnerable
- Share your time by volunteering: tutoring, serving food or leading activities.
- Donating to those in need.
For more information contact Regina O’Connor, Volunteer Manager, (415)972-1297, volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or visit our website: CatholicCharitiesSF.org/all-opportunities

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following:
Hope Eisenberg, Michael Lazzarini, Debbie Ferranti, Avo Heeguard, Alicia Kaczmarek, Yvonne Pastor, Toni Solano, Olive Jean Yannes, Jann Phillips, Wayne Schaffnit Levi Langevin
For those who have died: Ofelia Castro, Jose Rivera, Joseph Cannon, Bernie Mullins

Saturday 4:30 pm
Josephine & Jack Shea
Ernest & Dolores Delligatti (D)
Mary Prentice & Michael Masullo (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Frances Strachan (D)
Michael, Jack & Margaret Kotlanger (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 11 am
Evelyn Hunt (D)
Mary Ellen Lundy (D)
Sunday 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Rufino Gutierrez (D)
Solario Family (L&D)
Jorge & John Lara (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Monday 8:30 am
William Mahoric (D)
Fr. Tom Seagrave (D)
Vincent Eder (D)
Jose Rivera (D)
Tuesday 8:30 am
Catherine Coulton (D)
Jose Rivera (D)
Wednesday 8:30 am
Marion “Mike” Lombardo (L)
Jose Rivera (D)
Thursday 8:30 am
Harold McDonnell (D)
Jose Rivera (D)
Friday 8:30 am
Margaret McLellan (D)
Jose Rivera (D)
Saturday 8:30 am
Jose Rivera (D)
Sotera Fermin (D)
Lucia Ventura (D)

Saturday 4:30 pm
Shannon Antonio (D)
John & Olive Fitzpatrick (D)
Xavier Fernandez (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Lourdes Angeles Barredo (D)
Angela & Giuseppe Tartlio (D)
Jack, Margaret & Michael Kotlanger (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
SPHS Alumnae & Benefactors (L&D)
Sunday 11 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Isabel Arguello (D)
Ruben Rodriguez (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION

We’re reading St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location made for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul’s day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul’s heart; he wrote to them sometimes “with many tears” (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There’s a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

February 4th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those nearing the end of life: May God grant them strength to have faith in his loving mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
DISCÍPULOS INCANSABLES
Los relatos que hemos oído estas semanas provienen del primer capítulo de san Marcos y nos muestran el ministerio público de Jesús en sus comienzos. El relato de hoy muestra parte de la tensión y los cambios de su nueva vida que consistía en predicar el Reino de Dios, curar a los enfermos y expulsar a los demonios. Observa que después del atardecer, cuando caía el sol y terminaba la jornada laboral, las personas llevaban a los enfermos y poseídos a Jesús. Al día siguiente se levantó antes del amanecer para retirarse sólo a rezar, pero no tuvo suerte. Simón Pedro y los demás no solo lo buscaban, sino que lo persiguen con el fervor que su ministerio ha incitado. Con la misma entrega ejemplar que demostró hasta el final de su vida en la tierra, les dice a sus seguidores que éste es su propósito. Por medio de Marcos, también le dice a la nueva iglesia y nos dice a nosotros que éste es nuestro propósito, nuestra vocación: ser incansables en nuestra lucha por proclamar la Buena Nueva y llevar el toque curador y reconciliador de Cristo al mundo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
El 11 de febrero de 1858 la Virgen María se apareció a tres niños franceses del pueblo de Lourdes. Allí brotaron aguas milagrosas con el poder de sanar enfermos. Eventualmente se construyó en Lourdes un santuario en honor de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes y millones de enfermos han recurrido a las aguas curativas. Muchos de los que visitan el santuario son latinos, porque a los latinos nos encantan los milagros y lo milagroso.

Pero ¿cuál es el afán de ver milagros? ¿Es que no podemos creer sin ellos? ¿Es que necesitamos demostraciones del poder divino antes de entregarnos a Dios? La Iglesia siempre ha canonizado santos y santas por cuya intercesión se han manifestado milagros, y ha buscado su poder de intercesión. Sin embargo, también ha insistido que es más importante una vida ejemplar, una vida dedicada al bien del prójimo que una vida prodigiosa. Hay que tener mucho cuidado, porque frecuentemente en nuestro afán por ver milagros estrepitosos en lugares lejanos, cerramos los ojos a ver los milagros de las personas que nos rodean, y que silenciosamente avadan al necesitado.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: 1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 8-10; Mc 6:53-56
Martes: 1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Sal 84 (83):3-5, 10-11; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles: 1 Re 10:1-10; Sal 37 (36):5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves: 1 Re 11:4-13; Sal 106 (105):3-4, 35-37, 40; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes: 1 Re 11:29-32, 12:19; Sal 81 (80):10-11ab, 12-15; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado: 1 Re 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Sal 106 (105):6-7ab, 19-22; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 11:1; Mc 1:40-45
LENT – EASTER 2018

Returning your palms

Please return your palms from last year over the next two weekends
Feb 3rd/4th & Feb 10th/11th.
These palms will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday February 14, 2018
Thank you

Lent
February 14, 2018

8:30am Mass in the Church
12:00 noon scripture service
6:00pm Mass in the Church

Come join Lenten Spiritual Journey 2018

Renew 2018 invites you to join a weekly small faith-sharing group. The groups use a lectionary-based material that includes shared prayer, reading of the Gospel, and group discussion. Each group meets six times during the Lenten Season beginning the Week of Ash Wednesday and ending the week before Holy Week. Sign-up sheets for Renew 2018 will be located at the main entrance of St Paul Church on February 3rd/4th and February 10th/11th. If you have any questions or would like to join a group or start a group, please contact the Rectory for more information
(415) 848-7538

Lenten Spiritual Journey Sessions:
Tuesday 9:30am in the Rectory
Thursday 7 pm in the Rectory

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St. Paul's 2018 Community Outreach Lenten Schedule

DAILY MASS – During Lent the 8:30am Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – will be the following:
Wednesday morning in the Chapel, beginning Feb 21, 2018. following the 8:30am Mass
Wednesday evening stations will take place in the Church at 6pm, beginning Feb 21, 2018 followed by a Soup Supper in the Rectory
Thursday evening Spanish stations will be held in the Chapel under the Church at 6:30pm, beginning Feb 22, 2018

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Our Lenten gifts to be shared with our brothers and sister in need are listed below: Please bring the items on the assigned weekend:

Sunday Feb 18, 2018 - Diapers – Epiphany Center
Sunday Feb 25, 2018 – Sweatshirts – Daughters of Charity
Sunday March 4, 2018– Brown Bag Lunch
Sunday March 11, 2018– Men’s Socks, Underwear, Colored T-shirts - Daughters of Charity
Sunday March 18, 2018 – Toiletries - Daughters of Charity

We are all journeying into our inner desert together. By the time the Triduum comes may we each have a deeper appreciation of the mighty acts of God and the tender love revealed in Jesus.

Abstinence
Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 year of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate and authentic sense of penance.

Fasting and Abstinence-
In addition of abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 – 59 (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal in allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according of one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids are allowed.

Note: if a person is unable to observe the above due to ill health or serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition
Please note Mass time changes for Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday. Mass times will be:
8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm
And Easter Sunday.
Mass times will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:30pm

Coming Events:
Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper during Lent.
Stations of the Cross Wednesdays following the 8:30am Mass in the Chapel
Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 6pm in the church followed by soup supper in the Rectory
Wednesday’s February 21st. through March 21st.
Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be held on Thursday’s @ 6:30pm in the Chapel under the Church February 22nd. through March 22nd.
Church Decorating for Easter March 31, 2018, 10:15am Lunch will be provided

Encountering Lent
Companions on the Journey

February 3rd/4th and February 10th/11th, you can pick up your Lenten Rice Bowls in the front and side vestibules of the Church.
CRS Rice Bowl – the largest and oldest Lenten program practiced by Catholics in the United States. generations of Catholics have used their Lenten sacrifice to alleviate hunger caused by poverty and improve the lives of individual and families in developing countries as well as in their own communities. How they come together as communities of faith to help those in need are stories worth telling.

Within the rice bowl you will find a pamphlet with information on how your donations help. If you would like more information on CRS rice bowl please go to their website: www.crsricebowl.org Read stories of hope, find recipes and daily reflection or download their app to your iPhone from the iTunes store. Please return your Rice Bowls to Church on Palm Sunday March 24th/25th.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

March 29, 2018          HOLY THURSDAY
March 30, 2018          GOOD FRIDAY
March 31, 2018          HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 1, 2018           EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of the Last Supper: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 11:00 a.m.—12 noon
Good Friday Services: 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30p.m.
Mass: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15: am (Spanish)
12:30p.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
Stations of the Cross followed by a Soup Supper

Join other parishioners to "WALK THE WAY OF THE LORD" on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. We will learn how Peter, Paul, John, and Pope Francis felt as they followed Jesus as He carried His cross. May we too, help carry this cross. This usually takes about 30 minutes and then everyone is invited to the Rectory for a Simple Soup Supper shared together. Different groups from the parish make the soup. A Donation Cup is put out for offerings to Rice Bowl. This is a small amount of time to spend with the Lord, also meeting and sharing with other parishioners from St. Pauls.

Join us Wednesdays in Lent – at 6:00 p.m. in Church
February 21st
February 28th
March 7th
March 14th
March 21st
Join others, in a small group setting, for a Lenten Journey to reinforce your faith. Share and discuss Sunday Reflections and prayers written by Sr. Terry Richard, O.P. and daily meditations by Deacon Charles Paolino. Pope Francis stated, "Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God with all their hearts, to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us."

St. Paul’s Parish will offer two groups; one meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. with Deacon Bill McLoughlin, and the evening group will be meeting on Thursdays evenings, at 7:00 p.m. with Dorothy Vigna. Both groups will meet in the Rectory.

Sign up sheets for your participation will be located at the main entrance of the Church (on the back table) for the next two weekends.

Have Questions? Talk to Bill, Dorothy, or Fr. Mario
DON'T GIVE UP chocolate FOR LENT

This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with . . .

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- Practical Tips
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Sharing Lent with children

Lent can be an opportunity to share the rich traditions of penance and piety we learned as children with our own families. For example:

Meatless Fridays.
"Fridays in Lent meant dried-out fish sticks," said Lisa. "We all hated them, which Mom said was the point. She said to offer our suffering to Jesus. I serve spaghetti on Fridays to my own family. It's also a simple meal but it's not fish sticks."

Fasting. "Rather than give up one thing for Lent, we gave up something new each day," Nora said. "At bedtime we would write on a sticky note what we gave up that day and tape it to the refrigerator. It was great fun to try to cover the fridge with sticky notes by Easter."

Family Prayer. Paul remembered, "Lent usually came during basketball season so I would race home from practice to join my family for prayer. We took turns choosing how we prayed that night – the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novenas. Sometimes it was the only time each day we gathered as a family."

Favorite Devotions. "My favorite Lenten devotion is the Stations of the Cross," said Jane. "Our parish hosts a meatless meal every Friday and we pray the Stations of the Cross right afterwards. I love sharing my favorite devotion with my own family."

Love of God and others
Christian parents, by example, can help their children live the greatest commandments – love of God and neighbor. By creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, and humility flourish, the family places the spiritual above the material aspects of society. Children learn to love as God loves – freely, confidently, and without limits.

"Discipline your children, and they will bring you comfort, and give delight to your soul" (Proverbs 29:17).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics make sacrifices during Lent to imitate Jesus’ 40 days of fasting in the desert. This was his period of purification and enlightenment before beginning his public ministry. Our sacrifices help us to avoid distractions that take our attention away from God.

As we fast from favorite foods, luxuries, or activities, the simplicity left in their absence encourages us to focus on God more deeply and identify how we have strayed from the path that will take us to him.
Refresh kindness during Lent

Our youngsters need us to help them become caring, respectful children of God. Lent is an appropriate time to refresh our family commitment to kindness.

Emphasize manners. Common courtesy is a sign of kindness both at home and in public. During Lent, look for opportunities to model and encourage the liberal use of “please,” “thank you,” “you’re welcome,” and “excuse me.” Open doors, pull out chairs, wish others a “nice day,” and be patient even under trying circumstances.

Stay calm. The stress of daily life can try anyone’s temper but experts agree that yelling regularly can create a harmful environment in a home. Instead, speak calmly, lovingly, and ask others to do the same.

Model gentleness. Next time your child does something wrong — breaks a rule, gets a bad grade, fights with a sibling — don’t respond with anger or sarcasm. React gently. Turn it into a teaching opportunity, but do it with gentleness. Treat yourself gently, too. Bonus: If you have a pet, encourage and model gentle and respectful care.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:2-10, The test of the Transformation

When Jesus met with Elijah and Moses on the mountaintop, they talked about the journey Jesus was going to make to Jerusalem and the Cross. Perhaps the holy men were offering support and comfort, and Jesus probably felt strengthened by the meeting.

Certainly he was bolstered by hearing the voice from Heaven. Still, he had a difficult road ahead and he realized that despite all of his efforts, some would refuse to listen and would be lost. But God knew that the desire to follow Jesus comes from confidence about who he is. If we believe Jesus is God’s Son then we will want to do what he says. So he let the disciples witness the amazing meeting on the mountaintop, and he let them hear the heavenly voice proclaim Jesus as God’s son and instruct us to “listen to him.”

What can a parent do? Society may try to tell us what is right, but Jesus’ words are our final authority. Help youngsters test everything they hear against Jesus’ words in the Bible and they will not be led astray.

Parent Talk

Two years ago, Tessa declined to make a specific Lenten sacrifice. She didn’t have a good reason; she just dug in her heels. I was flummoxed so I asked my pastor what to do.

Fr. Krempa said the more I tried to force her, the more likely Tessa will develop negative feelings about religion later on. Instead, he suggested I create an environment of penance in the home and let her express her faith in her own way.

That’s what we did. Meals were simple, and we avoided luxuries. We served at the local soup kitchen and homeless shelter. Kenny and I put extra change into the poor box and the girls soon caught on.

Tessa liked being able to choose what she did, and was serious about service and self-denial. She got more out of Lent that year than if I had forced her to “give something up.”

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 1 – St. Brigid of Ireland (525). Born to an Irish chieftain and an enslaved mother near Dundalk, Ireland. St. Brigid is one of the patron saints of Ireland, and is known as “the Mary of the Gaels.” St. Brigid resolved to enter the convent, despite her father’s attempts to marry her off. In 470, St. Brigid founded a double-monastery for monks and nuns at Kildare and served as its abbess until her death.

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.

Feb. 22 – The Chair of St. Peter. Today, we celebrate St. Peter’s establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God’s Church. Jesus named St. Peter the first pope, saying, “I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

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<td>Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church’s liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</td>
<td>Pick a saint depicted in one of the statues in your church and learn about him or her. Ask the saint to pray for your family during Lent.</td>
<td>Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS. catholrelief.org) to see how you can help any of their ongoing projects.</td>
<td>Today, practice being peacemakers. Instead of bickering, choose not to be offended and move on to something else.</td>
<td>Give up procrastinating today! Join together to do one task you have been putting off.</td>
<td>Adopt a priest or member of a religious order in your diocese and pray for them every day of Lent.</td>
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<td>Light a candle in church today for someone who has passed away or who needs special help.</td>
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<td>Lent is a stressful time for priests. Make cards to express your gratitude for their work and mail them to your priests.</td>
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<td>Today, have a special meal to celebrate the half way point of Lent.</td>
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<td>Plan how each of you can show kindness or compassion to someone else tomorrow.</td>
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<td>18 After Mass, have everyone talk about two things they learned about or found interesting from the Gospel or homily.</td>
<td>St. Joseph is the patron of families, fathers, and travelers. Ask for his intercession for all who will be traveling on Easter.</td>
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<td>25 Use your Palm Sunday palms to make crosses to place in the rooms in the house you use the most.</td>
<td>Tonight and every night this week, pray for the catechumens coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.</td>
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<td>29 Holy Thursday</td>
<td>Read the story of the Last Supper at dinner—either form Scripture or a children’s version and discuss.</td>
<td>31 Holy Saturday</td>
<td>Color Easter eggs as a symbol of the new life we receive in Christ.</td>
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