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**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday**
March 20th.

**Tuesday:**
March 21st.
Renewal Group 9:30 am in the Rectory
Stations of the Cross 8:30am 6:00pm with Soup Supper

**Wednesday:**
March 22nd.
Stations of the Cross 8:30am

**Thursday**
March 23rd.
Renewal Group 6pm in the Rectory
Stations of the Cross in Spanish 7pm under the Church

**Friday**
March 24th.

**Saturday:**
March 25th.
CCD class 9:30 am to 11 am
RCIA 8 am
Coffee & Donuts following 9:15am Mass

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**ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK**

Weekly Collection March 12, 2017  $ 4,027.28
E-Contributions February 2017  $ 5,544.42
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment  $ 92,119.00
Collected amount through 3/13/ 2017  $ 17,198.71
Remaining Balance 2017  $ 74,920.29

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**TODAY IS THE WOMEN OF ST PAUL’S BAKE SALE**

Following the masses from 8am to 10:30am

Next Sunday March 26th there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please place your envelope in the first and only collection. As always for support and prayers are always appreciated

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent**

**Wednesday morning** in the Chapel, following the 8:30am Mass

**Wednesday evening** stations will take place in the Church at 6pm, beginning follow by a Soup Supper in the Rectory

**Thursday evening** Spanish stations will be held in the Chapel under the Church at 6:30pm, All are welcome!!

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**Please note Mass time changes for Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday**

Mass times will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm

**And Easter Sunday,**

Mass times will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm

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**St. Paul’s 2017 Community Outreach Lenten Schedule**

**Our first Lenten Gift will be next Sunday**

**Sunday March 26, 2017 – Men’s Socks, Underwear – Martin de Porres - MSC**

Homeless Shelter run by St. Vincent DePaul.

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Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following:
Christine Sacino, Bob Murphy, Gailynn Brady, Al DiVella, Dominic Sacino, Karen Davis, Renato Miyamoto, Eaman Penney, Michael Campusano, Andy Parodi, Carol Storen, Larry Gremillion
We pray for the deceased members of our Parish, especially the following: Gary McMurtry, Susan Slattery, Michael Campusano
THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This “reversal” is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say 'I thirst' before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord’s table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodecimans pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the “casket” containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the “old rule of the church” as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

March 19th Third Sunday of Lent

For those suffering after abortion: may they find healing and peace through God's limitless mercy; We pray to the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:11b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
SEDIENTOS DE LAS AGUAS QUE DAN VIDA
Especially durante la Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y el tiempo de Pascua, los textos de oración de la Iglesia Occidental se deleitan con imágenes paradójicas de Cristo: la vida eterna que muere, el anfitrón de la cena que es también alimento, el crucificado sediento del que mana agua de vida de su costado. Estas imágenes fluyen de las representaciones de Jesús por parte de los evangelistas y de su mismísimo ministerio, durante el cual muchas veces cambió o invitó las expectativas que las personas tenían sobre él o sobre los designios de Dios. Esta "inversión" está en juego en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús habla con una extrañera enemiga que está por debajo de su condición social. Además él, el que tiene sed, demuestra que la mujer es la única que tiene sed verdadera. El -cuyos labios secos dirán "Tengo sed" antes de morir- es la fuente de vida y del agua que da vida. La Cuaresma nos llama a reflexionar sobre cómo cada uno de nosotros tiene sed de Cristo y nos lleva, en última instancia, de vuelta a las aguas dadoras de vida de nuestro bautismo en su Cuerpo.

TRACICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Para ser cristiano en la Iglesia católica necesitas recibir los tres sacramentos de iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si te falta uno de estos sacramentos no estás completamente iniciado. Algunos cristianos insisten que si no estás confirmado no te puedes casar por la Iglesia, pero esto no es completamente cierto. Según las leyes de la Iglesia, los cristianos que desean contraer Matrimonio deberían buscar ser confirmados, si les es posible sin grave dificultad (Canon 1065).

Todos conocemos el Bautismo y la Eucaristía, pero ¿qué es la Confirmación? El nombre lo dice todo. Con la Confirmación, confirmamos ante Dios y la Iglesia que deseamos ser cristianos por el resto de nuestra vida. Confírmarte es comprometerse, es entregarse al servicio de Dios ayudando al prójimo con la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso es importante recibir una buena preparación.

La mayoría de nosotros no tuvimos opción cuando nuestra mamá y nuestro papá nos bautizaron. Nuestros padres y padrinos dijeron sí por nosotros y, si cumplieron con su compromiso, nos enseñaron con palabras y buen ejemplo como decir sí al Evangelio de Cristo. Sea que nos hayamos bautizado como infantes o como adultos, la Confirmación nos da la oportunidad de dar un sí pleno. ¡Sí! a ese bautizo, ¡Sí! a la Iglesia y en especial ¡Sí! a Cristo.

19 de marzo 3º Domingo de Cuaresma
Por quienes sufren después de un aborto: para que encuentren sanación y paz para que conozcan la misericordia ilimitada de Dios roguemos al Señor

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mc 12:28-34
Sábado: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:29-38
Domingo: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1], 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
A “bucket list” is a list of items someone wants to do or accomplish before she or he dies. Here’s a thought: The Samaritan woman came to the well to “draw water,” so she no doubt had a bucket. Maybe even a bucket list? Her list might have included an easier way to get water, for when Jesus offers to give her “loving water” she desire that water so she would not “have to keep coming here to draw water.” Here I an interesting twist: The Samaritan woman is fixated on water that quenches thirst and on making her present life easier. Jesus is offering “living water” from which one never thirsts again, water that leads to “eternal life.”

Jesus himself is the well of “living water who draws the Samaritan woman into deeper “worship in Spirit and truth.” He is the active agent of the Father who seeks “people to worship him.” The physical “where” of worship (Mount Gerizim for the Samaritans, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem for Jews) is far less important than that “true worshipers” do so in “Spirit and truth.” The Spirit stirs the well of “living water,” Jesus himself is the “where” of worship who leads us to the Father through the Spirit.

As a well of “living water,” Jesus is ever active in his saving mission. He draws the disciples into his mission of reaping the harvest that is already sown and ripe. Jesus is the one who sows the seed of salvation among us. He patiently waits for the seed to be watered, take root, and ripen. The seed he sows is his word and Life. To reap what he sows, we must listen to him and come to believe in him, nurture his word in our hearts, and share that word with others. Our mission is to be Gospel people who make known to others that Jesus is the well of “living
Calla Lilies/Plants Needed

We need Calla Lilies and Plants to decorate the Church for Holy Week / Easter Services

We need Calla Lilies for our **Holy Thursday Service**. Please bring your donations Tuesday or Wednesday, April 11th & 12th 2017

We also need Easter Lilies and Potted Spring flowers and Easter Lilies for our Easter Services. Please bring your donations to the Church by Saturday April 15, 2017
Imagine a situation so dangerous you need to flee with your family from your home to an unknown country. What would you bring? Where would you live? Where would your kids go to school?

Jordan, a country bordering Syria, is home to over 600,000 Syrian refugees; more than half are children. And these are the questions parents are asking every day.

Most refugee children do not have access to formal education. Many have been out of school for years or missed the chance to go to school entirely. For these children, their future is a difficult road full of obstacles. But with your help, these families find hope.

Your donations to The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) are providing educational opportunities for refugee children including catch-up and remedial classes. Now, over 6,000 students in 21 schools are getting the education they need to protect the future ahead of them.

Your donations are putting these children on a road of hope.

As you walk with these children, you walk with Jesus in disguise. Support the CRSC today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

WITH YOUR DONATIONS

- Feed Jesus’ hunger in suffering refugees... through the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS).
- Give water to quench Jesus’ thirst in the people of Syria and Niger... through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).
- Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants... through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC).
- Reach out to comfort Jesus’ loneliness in isolated workers... through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.
- Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized... through the public policy work of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.
- Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster... through the Holy Father’s Relief Fund.
St. Paul's 2017 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 March 8, 2017, following the 8:30am Mass
Wednesday evening stations will take place in the Church at 6pm, beginning March 8, 2017 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 March 9, 2017

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 March 5, 2017 - Brown Bag Lunch
Sunday March 12, 2017 – Sweatshirts (*Adult Blankets) & Toiletries - Martin de Porres - MSC Homeless Shelter run by St. Vincent DePaul.
Sunday March 19, 2017 – Diapers – Epiphany Center
Sunday March 26, 2017– Men’s Socks, Underwear – Martin de Porres - MSC Homeless Shelter run by St. Vincent DePaul.
Sunday April 2, 2017 – Brown Bag Lunch

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

*When speaking with the shelters they let us know that there is a need for sweatshirts instead of blankets, but if you have already purchased your Lenten gifts of a blanket we will be happy to take it and still donate to the shelter. Thank you
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 March 8, 2017 through April 5, 2017

Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be held on Thursday's @ 6:30pm in the Chapel under the
Church March 9, 2017 through April 6, 2017

Church Decorating for Easter April 15, 2017 10:15am Lunch will be provided

Lent for Life Rice Bowls
Encountering Lent

February 18th / 19th and February 25th / 26th 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 April 8th & 9th.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

APRIL 13, 2017  HOLY THURSDAY  Mass of the Last Supper: 6:30 p.m.
APRIL 14, 2017  GOOD FRIDAY  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.
APRIL 15, 2017  HOLY SATURDAY  Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
APRIL 16, 2017  EASTER SUNDAY  Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00p.m.
  Mass: 8:00a.m.,9:30a.m,11: 00a.m (Spanish) 12:30p.m.
  NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
Teach children to be cheerful penitents

Invite children to go for a swim or a bike ride, and you’ll hear squeals of delight. Ask them to accompany you to Confession and you may hear groans instead. In fact, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is more refreshing than a swim and more strengthening than a bike ride. It is our gift from Jesus to help us experience his grace and make things right with God. Try these tips to brighten the family trip to the confessional:

Establish the background. Explain that Jesus created this Sacrament (Matthew 16:19) not to blame us or “catch” us breaking the rules, but because he loves us and knew we needed help to stay holy.

Work out the jitters. It’s normal to be anxious about admitting wrong and taking responsibility for our actions. Rehearse ahead of time so that it will feel familiar when your child is faced with the real thing. Remind her that she can ask the priest for help.

Build the expectation. Regular Confession will strengthen the entire family. Pick a set day and time — once a month, for example — so that no one is surprised when it comes around. Mark it on the calendar and schedule around it.

Celebrate. Then go for a swim or a bike ride to celebrate the entire family coming back into friendship with God.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Bible, people fasted before coming into God’s presence or doing a special job for him. In addition, the Church recognizes that prayer involves the spirit and the body. By fasting, we prepare our bodies to enter God’s presence in the Mass, as well as preparing our souls.

In fasting, we experience a physical hunger, which expresses our spiritual hunger for God. Finally, fasting shows respect for Jesus in the Eucharist; it’s a concrete way to give him top priority.

St. Dominic Savio

Born to a peasant family in Riva, Italy, St. Dominic became a student at St. John Bosco’s Oratory. Even from a young age, he was roundly recognized for his holiness. Dominic also had mystical experiences in prayer that he called his “distractions.” He made a resolution to receive Confession and Communion as often as possible and encouraged his peers to do so. He died from a lung infection when he was about 15.

Share the load

Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you” (Matthew 11:29). In Jesus’ day, a farmer used a yoke to link two farm animals together to plow a field more effectively. Likewise, when we are wearied by family burdens, we can “link up” with Jesus. He promises to be with us always. If we stay connected to him, he will bring us through any trial.

“Shame not a repentant sinner; remember, we all are guilty” (Sirach 8:5).
Help children unwrap the gift of Lent

The Catholic practice of giving something up for Lent – abstaining from a favorite food or activity – develops self-control, serves as penance for sin, and can lead to a greater appreciation of our blessings. Even young children can benefit from a Lenten sacrifice but choosing one that’s too hard can turn Lent into a chore. Try these ideas to help choose a rewarding sacrifice:

- **Give up something valuable.** This can be a favorite dessert, game, toy or activity.
- **Make it reasonable.** The sacrifice should be something specific and age appropriate so that she will be able to see it through.

**Add back.** An alternative to giving something up is to add instead: more prayer, an extra chore, a daily devotion such as the Rosary.

**Give up luxuries.** Consider encouraging your younger to pick something that may not be good for him anyway. For example, sweets, soft drinks, or television watching during the week, make healthy choices for Lenten abstinence. He may even decide to do without it when Lent is over.

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**Scripture Lesson**

John 9:1-41, See as Jesus sees

In Jesus’ day, it was believed that suffering was a punishment for sin. So, when Jesus encountered a blind beggar, his disciples asked for whose sins the man was suffering. Jesus explained the man’s suffering was not for punishment but for God’s purpose. His subsequent cure was twofold: Jesus gave the man physical sight which enabled him to believe in Jesus as God’s Son.

The faith of the blind man attracted others to Christ. Some of the Pharisees were convinced that Jesus was from God. Others condemned him as a sinner for curing the man on the Sabbath. These Pharisees were so focused on following the Law, they lost sight of God and his priorities.

**What can a parent do?** In baptism, we receive the gift of faith — the ability to “see” God and his loving plan, even amidst suffering. When we follow Jesus closely, we learn to see as he does. Take children to Mass at least weekly and Confession at least monthly and make prayer part of daily life. That will help to sharpen children’s spiritual “vision.”

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**Feasts & Celebrations**

March 15 – Pope St. Zachary (752). Born in Calabria, Italy, St. Zachary was pope at a time of civil unrest in Italy. A skilled diplomat, he successfully negotiated peace for Italy on several occasions. He was integral to St. Boniface’s German mission and was also a generous patron of restoring churches. He is also known for freeing slaves sold by Venetian merchants.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was the son of a Roman citizen, Calpurnius. He was kidnapped by pirates at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God’s grace and trusted in his wisdom.

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March 15, 2017

Dear Fathers,

As many of you know, in response to numerous requests from the faithful I will consecrate our Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 7, 2017. This will coincide with the Centennial Celebrations commemorating the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. It is also the same day that the Archdiocesan Annual Rosary Rally will be held, coinciding with the very day of the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. I ask for your support for this very noble endeavor, and I encourage you to find opportunities to preach and educate your people on the ancient meaning of such consecrations.

For this act of consecration to bear fruit, I am convinced that we must prepare ourselves spiritually and with catechesis for this significant day. For that reason I formed a small committee made up of various representatives from the Archdiocese (priests, women religious and laity) to help prepare for this event, and they have been meeting regularly over the last few months. The committee is spearheaded by Father Charles Puthota. I would like for you all to inform your parishioners this Sunday (or if that is not possible, at your earliest opportunity) about the consecration. The Archdiocese has put together a link that will be put on our Archdiocesan website with helpful information and suggestions. I feel it is very important that our parishioners be aware of the history of the Fatima apparitions and in particular the role these apparitions have played in the life of the Church over the past 100 years. This information will be made available to you through The Bridge, the Archdiocesan weekly newsletter. Father Joseph Previtali has produced some articles on the history of the Fatima apparitions, which can be printed in your parish bulletins or newsletters. Also available on the website (as of March 25) will be a resource for parish families which includes a monthly prayer reflection invoking the intercession of Our Lady, provides suggestions of practical things families can do each month to prepare spiritually for the consecration, and offers a prayer card for use by families at home. It is also my earnest hope that our schools and religious education programs will get our children involved in these devotions, especially the praying of the rosary.

Another event of which to keep your parishioners apprised is the Marian Day retreat, which will be held at Saint Mary’s Cathedral and Conference Center. Various meditations based on Marian spirituality and Mary’s role in teaching us to be authentic disciples of her Son Jesus Christ will be presented by speakers in both English and Spanish. Cardinal Levada will be the main celebrant at a Mass for the event on Saturday, May 6. More information can be found on the Archdiocesan website, as well as registration forms. I hope you will publicize this event over the next couple of months. One of the important messages from Our Lady concerned devotion to the First Five Saturdays and the praying of the most holy rosary. I would be very happy if as many of our parishes as possible promoted and educated their parishioners concerning these devotions, especially the daily recitation of the rosary and praying the rosary in the family – a deeply Christo-centric, Biblical prayer.
As the shepherds of our Archdiocese, your prayerful support and help in promoting the preparation for this event are indispensable if this act of consecration is going to gain for us the spiritual favors promised by Our Lady. I am confident that the Archdiocese will receive many graces through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary if we are spiritually prepared and properly disposed. Please lend your full support. March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, will be the official beginning of the preparation for the consecration. I again ask that you find some means this Sunday to inform your parishioners. The Archdiocesan website will have frequent updates regarding the consecration, beginning on the launch date of March 25. Feel free to contact Fr. Puthota’s office if you have any questions.

As we all know, we are living in troubling times, filled with fears and uncertainty for both the world and our nation. As we continue our efforts to assist our people in facing the threats that are before them, let us not forget that we can accomplish nothing without help from heaven. Let us, then, be engaged spiritually as well as physically, and take solace from the promise of Our Lady at Fatima that, in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

May Jesus, the Prince of Peace and our great High Priest, grant you joy in your ministry to your people and bless the homes of all of the faithful of our Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco
RETIRO ESPIRITUAL DE CUARESMA

Sábado, Marzo 25 – 2017
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Parroquia de San Pablo
1690 Church St. San Francisco, CA 94131

“Cristiano” no es algo que se es; Sino algo que se va siendo.
La conversión en efecto, no es un acto, sino un proceso.
Eduardo Bonnín.

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¡Te esperamos!
# Lent Family Calendar

**St. Paul's Church**

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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>
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<td>Take your family to an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day.</td>
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<td>Pick a family Lenten offering, such as giving up TV one night a week, praying a family Rosary regularly, or attending daily Mass.</td>
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<td>St. Katherine Drexel used what she had for God by serving others. Ask each person to share a game, toy, or treat with someone else in your home.</td>
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<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>
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<td>Put a picture or statue of Jesus in a central place in your home to help you focus on him. Ask him to guide you and your family this Lent.</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Today, practice being peacemakers. Instead of bickering, choose not to be offended and move on to something else.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Listen carefully to the Gospel and the homily at Mass. Afterwards, talk about ways to live the Gospel this week.</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Cut a large cross out of construction paper. Together, decorate it with symbols that remind you of Jesus, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and display it prominently.</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Pick a charity to which you want to donate. Fill a box or a jar with loose change and donate it at the end of Lent.</td>
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<td>26</td>
<td>Laetare Sunday Today, have a special meal to celebrate the halfway point of Lent.</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Hot cross buns are a traditional Lenten treat. Defrost frozen bread dough and shape into rolls. After baking, put icing crosses on buns and enjoy!</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Ask each family member to make an examination of conscience, using the Ten Commandments and eight Beatitudes as guides.</td>
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CHURCH CLEAN-UP AND DECORATING

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2017
10:15 AM – 2PM

We need help with cleaning and decorating the Church for our Easter Services.

We need help with dusting, vacuuming, cleaning and decorating.

lunch will be provided for the workers.

Any help would be appreciated.