

MARCH 17 & 24, 2019
SECOND & THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's bulletin has been printed to cover two weeks; that is, it is the bulletin for this Sunday March 17th and for next Sunday March 24th as well. You may ask, "Why is this being done?". It is because Malito Printers, the family business that prints our bulletin, is closing shop for some vacation time and is not available to print our bulletin next week. This is temporary for now but beginning in July I plan to start printing the bulletin twice a month. The reason for this is that our parish is not in good financial shape and I need to begin implementing some cost-cutting measures. It costs us about \$12,000 a year to print the parish bulletin and by producing only a bi-monthly bulletin should allow us to save about \$4000 to \$5000 a year.

In order to give you a brief snapshot of our current financial situation I can tell you that while we typically collect between \$7000 to \$8000 a week in our Sunday collection we pay out \$25,0000 a month in mortgage payments. When you add to this the day to day costs of running our parish, paying salaries (which are all very low), and the occasional extraordinary expense, some months we just break even and some months we are in a deficit. When you divide the average Sunday collection (about \$8000) by the average Sunday Mass attendance (about 1150 people) we can see that the average Sunday donation per capita is around \$7.00. I want to thank those who do support the parish financially, especially those who do so generously, as well as to invite those who have not yet made any financial contribution to consider supporting their parish during this season of Lent in which we are invited to practice almsgiving. Giving to the poor truly pleases God but your own parish also needs your support.

In Christ,
 Fr. Alessandro

PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE FOR LENT: Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. During Lent it is important to try and develop a stronger relationship with Jesus by giving him more time. Individuals can do this by attending daily Mass, reading a chapter of Scripture each day, saying the rosary while on the way to work rather than listening to the radio. Going to confession is an essential aspect of this penitential season.

ALMSGIVING: FOOD BANK LENTEN DRIVE. Lent is a sacred season when we are called to show our love and appreciation of Christ's sacrifice through our good deeds and acts of sacrifices. Please help those in need from our community. Items lists are placed in the lobby of the church for you to pick them up. You can bring your donations next Sunday to the church, or drop it off at the rectory during the office hours. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL). Please join us for our next General Meeting, on Wednesday March 20th at 7:00 pm in the Church basement hall. We are still accepting 2019 CWL membership dues. You can pay by putting cash or cheque (payable to St. Helen's CWL) in a sealed envelope marked **CWL** in the Sunday collection basket.



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS. If you wish to donate money for the Easter flowers, please pick up special envelope marked "Easter Flowers Donation" from the lobby. You can drop envelope of in the collection basket or at the rectory. Donations will be included in your income tax receipt for 2019. Thank you for your support.



HOST AND WINE donated for
 March 24th Masses In Loving Memory of **Giuseppe Marrone**
 Gift of Chiarina & Family

If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine in memory of a dear one please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-INTENSIVE PRAYER. The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade, a prayer warriors group of the Office of the Filipino Ministry (<https://rcav.org/Filipino-Ministry>) will be on March 24, 2-5 p.m., at St. Helen's Church, Burnaby. Prayers are in English and all are invited to participate. Petitions and Thanksgiving boxes are provided and will be brought to the Blessed Sacrament before start of the Adoration.

We Pray For

Saturday, March 16 [Lenten Weekday]
 9:00 am - † Mrs. Jackson, Spec. Int. for Costanza Colapinto
 4:00 pm - † Rita Boivin, † Remo Valente, † Anthony Grippo, Spec. Intention
 † Margaret, Mary, Agnes & Joseph Wong, † Agostiono Picicci
 † Maria Spitale, † Nicola Arcadi, † Johnny Mahovlich

Sunday, March 17 [SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT]
 8:30 am - † Bernadette Boe
 10:00 am - † Filippo & Olga Solda, † Marcella Carniel, † Giuseppe Bosa
 † Luigi & Rosina Viani, † Dec. of Settimio & Filippo Briglio's Family
 † Cesira Padovan

11:30 am - † Giovanni Gambron, † Stan Shaw, † Angelina & Domenico Fata
 † Mercedes Sunico
 7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

Monday, March 18 [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
 7:45 am - † Didi Yap, † Robert Battle

Tuesday, March 19 [St. Joseph Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary]
 7:45 am - Spec. Intention for David Rezmer, † Paddy Jordan

Wednesday, March 20 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am - † Ernesto & Domenica Cioffi, † Fr. Jack Hennessy

Thursday, March 21 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am - † Mr. Abbs, † Elvis Presley

Friday, March 22 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am - † Patricia Battle, † Bing Crosby

7:00 pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday, March 23 [St. Turibuis of Mogrovejo, Bishop]
 9:00 am - † Sasha Povah, † Kay Ehingel
 4:00 pm - † Sr. Carmel Stancato, † Loretta Findlay, † Bruno Avignone
 † Mary Alvaro, † Alfonso Crescenzo

Sunday, March 24 [THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT]
 8:30 am - † Senecio De Casa, † Pietro Luongo
 10:00 am - † Cesare Santagiuliana, † Sergio & Elio Infanti, † Nicolina Marini
 † Luigi Lucia
 11:30 am - † Giuseppe Marrone

7:30 pm - Our Parishioners
Monday, March 25 [The Annunciation of the Lord]
 7:45 am - † Bob Hope

Tuesday, March 26 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am - † Dean Martin

Wednesday, March 27 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am - † Alejandro Villanueva

Thursday, March 28 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am -

Friday, March 29 [Lenten Weekday]
 7:45 am -

7:00 pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 30 [Lenten Weekday]
 9:00 am -
 4:00 pm - † Elisabetta Arcadi, † Sam Pelaia

Sunday, March 31 [FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT]
 8:30 am -
 10:00 am - † Pasquale Sabelli & Family, † Pina, Emma & Vittorio Benedet
 11:30 am - † Angelina & Domenico Fata
 7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

MARZO 17 & 24, 2019
I & II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

GESÙ È PROCLAMATO FIGLIO DI DIO. ABRAMO, padre nella fede, per primo imparò a fidarsi di Dio nelle vicende liete e tristi della vita. Dio gli promette una discendenza numerosa come le stelle del cielo, alludendo al dono di Isacco, ma anche il possesso della terra. Segno delle divine promesse è l'alleanza che Dio stipula con Abramo, espressa mediante il linguaggio del sacrificio (I Lettura). Anche per noi, come per Abramo, la salvezza dipende dalla fede, che è adesione al Figlio di Dio, Gesù, il quale sul Tabor -- luogo della divina rivelazione -- dinanzi a Pietro, Giacomo e Giovanni, che sarebbero stati suoi compagni nel Getsemani, si trasfigura mentre prega, manifestando la sua identità. Mosè ed Elia, simbolo delle Legge e dei profeti, parlano dell'esodo del Messia, cioè della sua beata passione. La salita sul Tabor prepara la salita sul Calvario, rafforzando la fede degli apostoli nell'imminenza della passione di Gesù. In ubbidienza al Padre ascoltiamo e seguiamo Gesù (Vangelo). Mentre aspettiamo come salvatore Gesù Cristo che trasfigurerà il nostro misero corpo per conformarlo al suo corpo glorioso, rimaniamo saldi in lui, facendoci suoi imitatori (II Lettura).

Francesco Dell'Orco

LA QUARESIMA ci richiama alla conversione e a praticare la penitenza in modo più profondo. In questi quaranta giorni ispirati dalla Bibbia, il cristiano e la comunità si prepara a celebrare i Misteri Pasquali. Dobbiamo cercare di sviluppare una relazione più personale con Gesù dandogli più tempo, leggendo qualche passo della Bibbia ogni giorno o pregando il Rosario andando o tornando dal lavoro, approfittando del Sacramento della Confessione che è essenziale per una vera penitenza. Durante la Quaresima siamo chiamati ad osservare l'astinenza ogni Venerdì. I cattolici dai 18-59 anni sono obbligati al digiuno e astinenza. Dai 14 solo all'astinenza. E tutti sono invitati a partecipare anche se fuori dall'età obbligatoria.

BANCO DI ALIMENTI - CIBO PER I POVERI. In fondo alla chiesa si trova la lista di articoli di cibo più necessari per i più bisognosi. Durante questo tempo di Quaresima la carità sincera verso i più bisognosi è un modo di vivere il nostro impegno quaresimale. Grazie per la vostra collaborazione.



SE VOLETE OFFRIRE IL PANE E IL VINO da usare durante tutte le Sante Messe della settimana a ricordo dei propri cari, per favore chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.



DONAZIONE PER FIORI DI PASQUA. Coloro che desiderano cooperare per la compra dei fiori per le celebrazioni Pasquali, per favore selezionate la busta con la nota scritta "Donazione per i fiori di Pasqua", che troverete all'entrata della chiesa. Potrete mettere la busta nel cestino della colletta oppure consegnarla presso l'ufficio parrocchiale. Le ricevute per le donazioni saranno incluse nelle ricevute delle tasse del 2019. Grazie per decorare l'altare di nostro Signore Risorto.

CHURCH CLEANING – MARCH – TEAM 2 – Beatrice, 604-291-9552

COFFEE HOUR – March 24 – M&M Ladies- Iole, 604-291-9096

March 31 – Choirs-Mary, 604-298-7101; Maria, 604-298-9082

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SUNDAY COLLECTION (WEEKLY GOAL \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
March 10	\$ 6,512.00	\$ 1,042.00	\$ 7,554.00
Ash Wednesday			\$ 1,977.00
St. Joseph Society			\$ 1,352.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>			