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**MOST REVEREND SALVATORE J. CORDILEONE, J.C.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO**

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

— *Phil 4:1*

MASS TIMES

MONDAY — SATURDAY:
12:15 PM

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM



CONFESSIONS

MONDAY—SATURDAY:
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Also by appointment

NATIONAL SHRINE HOURS

**HISTORIC CHURCH: 10:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

OPEN CERTAIN HOLIDAYS

**PORZIUNCOLA CHAPEL: 10:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 2:00PM SUNDAY**

SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY AT 2:30PM & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 3:00PM

FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH:

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP 10AM—1PM

Marriages at the Shrine • By special permission • All inquiries: Please contact the Shrine office for Rector's initial assessment • Note: Arrangements at least six months in advance

Baptism • Contact the Shrine office for details

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ELEVATOR ACCESS: Please ask the Rector or one of our Shrine volunteers if you need assistance with our Main Church elevator, or automatic door for the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (*Psalms 27*).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (*Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]*).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (*Luke 9:28b-36*).

DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary*
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
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Lent 2019

ALMSGIVING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means **donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity**. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Many dioceses hold special appeals for local needs during Lent and there are countless other ways to offer your time, talent and treasure to needy individuals and organizations during Lent and throughout the year. For ideas, contact your diocesan Social Concerns office, local Catholic Charities affiliate or immediate chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mass Intentions — MARCH 17 to 23

Sunday	11:00 am	† Alice Patricia Kennedy
Monday	12:15 pm	Nam Le & Lan Le (<i>Healing</i>)
Tuesday	12:15 pm	Mary Jane Di Theodore (<i>Intention</i>)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Julissa Salazar (<i>Healing</i>)
	7:00 pm	Rina Escallier (<i>Healing</i>)
Thursday	12:15 pm	Francisco & Irma Gomez (<i>Anniversary of Marriage</i>)
Friday	12:15 pm	† Elizabeth Maynard
	7:00 pm	† Irene Elshoff
Saturday	12:15 pm	Mary Jane Di Theodore (<i>Birthday</i>)

EASTER FLOWERS

As the Solemnity of Easter approaches, the Shrine of St. Francis offers you an opportunity to assist in beautifying the Church – as a sign of our praise of the Risen Lord.

YOUR DONATIONS will assist the Shrine in adorning both the St. Francis church and the Porziuncola chapel with beautiful flowers.

Please consider making an Offering for the intention of: a deceased or sick loved one

or

for prayers for yourself or others.

On a blank envelope, please identify your donation for "EASTER FLOWERS".

Along with your gift by cash or check *(payable to National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi), please provide: 1) the name of the person who is the intention of the offering, 2) whether deceased, sick, etc., and 3) your name and number.

OFFERING ENVELOPES may be placed in the Collection basket at Mass or deposited in the Donation boxes in the church and Porziuncola. You may also mail your donation.

Note: **Credit Card donations may be submitted on-line at ShrineSF.org**

In gratitude, the Shrine will post the names that are dedicated in our Bulletin and in the back of the Church in the weeks following Easter Sunday.



Wednesdays of Lent

Confession: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, and 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm

Mass: 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

Shrine Church hours: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Fridays of Lent * Except Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 1:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm (*Concluding with Benediction*)

Confession: 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Mass: 7:00 pm

Confession (after Mass): 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Shrine Church hours: 10:00am – 9:00pm



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

March 19

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.



By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Reflection

The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings: “Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary...?” (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46b).

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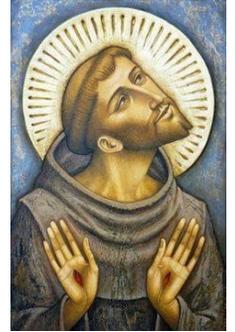
The Capuchins

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

Let us love God and adore Him with a pure heart and a pure mind. Second Letter to the Faithful.

As he grew up in a wealthy household, young Francis was used to good food. When he turned to the Lord, he learned to appreciate the value of food by fasting and sharing what he had with the hungry around him. He knew food is necessary for life, but also meditated on the Gospel words:



Life is more than food. And so he was always on the watch to make sure he kept his focus on the Lord. God bless and keep you throughout this time of Lent!

Fr. Robert Barbato, OFM Cap. is the pastor of Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, CA.



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the Shrine office. Peace

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Meetings every First Saturday of the month. The next meeting is April 6, at 10AM in the Shrine historic church.

ASSISI PARDON

PORZIUNCULA PARDON is always available under the conditions the Catholic Church has stipulated.

The conditions for receiving the Porziuncula Pardon are:

To receive the Porziuncula Indulgence, one must receive sacramental absolution and receive Holy Communion at Mass. Additionally, one must visit a church where one prays at least the Creed and an Our Father for the intentions of the Pope. Additionally, one must be completely free of any attachment to sin; if this condition is not met, the indulgence is partial rather than plenary.

At the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi, the Pardon of Assisi may be received on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (in the Shrine Church); on any two days of one’s own choosing during the year (one day in the Church and one day in the Porziuncula Nuova); and as often as one makes a formal pilgrimage as part of a group to the Shrine Church or to the Porziuncula Nuova. (One may receive a plenary indulgence only once a day and it may be applied to oneself or to the soul of one of the faithfully departed.)

ARCHBISHOP'S STATEMENT ON CALIFORNIA DEATH PENALTY MORATORIUM

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, in whose Archdiocese the death chamber is located, has issued the following statement on behalf of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops regarding the declaration of a moratorium on executions by California Governor Gavin Newsom:

"The Roman Catholic Bishops of California welcome the announcement by Governor Newsom today that he is declaring a moratorium on the use of the death penalty in the state of California. We appreciate this recognition that the state has the adequate means to defend human dignity and public safety without recourse to capital punishment. We ask the Governor to urge the legislature to find a permanent legislative solution that will end the practice of capital punishment in our state for good.

"We also encourage the Governor to use well the time of the moratorium to promote civil dialogue on alternatives to the death penalty, including giving more needed attention and care to the victims of violence and their families. Capital punishment is not a cure for the suffering and turmoil inflicted by violent crime; the restorative healing of victims and their families to the extent possible is an essential part of justice.

"With regard to the practice of capital punishment itself, it has been apparent for many years that such recourse to the ultimate punishment is not necessary in a modern society. Repeated studies have proven that it does not serve as a deterrent, that too many innocent people are condemned, and that sentencing is too often influenced by racial, economic and other discriminatory factors.

"The Catholic Church has long recognized these realities, beginning with Saint Pope John Paul II and continuing with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. They have been joined by numerous national conferences of bishops, including our own U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and other Catholic leaders throughout the world. Pope Francis in particular has modified the Catechism of the Catholic Church to assert that the death penalty is "inadmissible" in order to underscore that it undermines the respect for life demanded by the intrinsic dignity of every human life.

"We thank Governor Newsom for this decision, and pray that this moratorium will bear fruit for a more just and equitable solution to addressing the violence that plagues our society."

Archdiocese of San Francisco, March 13, 2019



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