



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ MARCH 3, 2019



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First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

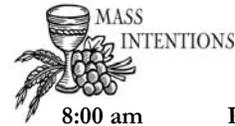
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

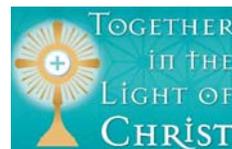


Sunday, February 3	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	In Memory of Monica Pham T. Chien Req. by the Nguyen Family
Monday, February 4	8:00 am	Intention of Michael J. Creegan Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Tuesday, February 5	8:00 am	Special Intention Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Wednesday, February 6	8:00 am	Special Intention
	7:30 pm	Intention of General Ron Beckwith Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Art Blades
Thursday, February 7	8:00 am	In Memory of Aggi Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Jones
Friday, March 8	8:00 am	In Memory of Don Dean Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril May
	7:30 pm	Special Intention
Saturday, March 9	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	In Memory of Cindy Perlberg Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dash

Upcoming Second Collections

March 6:	Eastern Europe Church
March 10:	Black & Indian Home Missions
March 31:	Catholic Relief Services

2019 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!



This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single

individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that furthers the Mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Your gift is very important! Every donation, regardless of the amount, is vital to the success of the BLA.

*** Parish Schedule ***

Thursday, March 7
Choir Practice, 7pm

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Thursday, March 14
Choir Practice, 7pm
Knights of Columbus: Rosary, 7pm
Meeting 7:30pm, church basement

Saturday, March 16
Knights of Columbus Rosary
Before 5:30 pm Mass

*** Religious Education News ***

Regular classes today, March 3rd
~~ Operation Rice Bowl begins ~~

Saturday, March 9th, 10:30 am, 2nd Graders First Penance

Regular classes Sunday, March 10th
Regular classes Sunday, March 17th
Regular classes Sunday, March 24th
Regular classes Sunday, March 31st

Parents of 2nd Graders preparing for First Holy Communion:
You are asked to attend a meeting with Fr. Lehning on
Sunday, March 31st, 11:45 am, in the Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

What is Lent? Lent is our time of preparation. A 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, Lent is a journey that spans Ash Wednesday through Holy Week, culminating in the great celebration of Easter. As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neighbor—no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent ultimately leads to Easter—and the hope of the Resurrection. And as Catholics, we are called to share that hope with every member of our global human family.

Lenten Alms Change Lives Our almsgiving has the power to transform the world. During Lent, CRS Rice Bowl invites you to reflect on some of the lives that are changed through Lenten almsgiving. Read stories of hope from Guatemala, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone and Gaza.

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Stewardship Reflection -- 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.”
(LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended?
Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you
don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have?
God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan.
Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts,
to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



Lent begins March 6, 2019

Abstinence: those aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat. According to the mind of Church, the obligations to fast and abstain on the appointed days are serious but do not normally involve mortal sin.

Fasting requires that we not have snacks between meals and that we reduce the size of our meals. The law on fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years old, subject to health considerations.

Lent Schedule (Week 1)

- March 6:** Ash Wednesday: *Day of Fast and Abstinence*
Distribution of Ashes during both Masses.
8:00 AM & 7:30 PM
- March 8:** Friday, *Day of Abstinence*
7:30 PM: Mass, Stations, Benediction
- March 9:** Saturday, *Confession*
4-5 or by appointment
- March 13:** Wednesday, *Confession*
6:30-8:00 PM

**** AROUND THE DIOCESE ****

PVI Close Up Night at St. Paul VI Catholic High School
This is a special evening for all students accepted into the Class of 2023 and 8th graders and their families who are considering a Catholic High School Education. **Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5th** at 10675 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax, VA and experience all PVI has to offer your high school student.
Questions: ehanley@pvipanther.net

Live Jesus! 2019

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to complement your Lenten journey by attending the **16th Annual Live Jesus! on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at St. John Neumann Catholic Community, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA.** This year's theme is "Jesus, Church, and Me: Finding True North. Don't miss this opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the DMV, as we gather for a morning of prayer and fellowship. Sign in and continental breakfast begin at 8:00 am and the program begins at 9:00 am. To register, go to www.oblates.org and click on the *Live Jesus!* icon.



Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on. The Light is On is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington in which all Catholic churches across the DC metro area are open for **quiet prayer and Confession, 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent**, beginning March 13th. Use our Confession Finder Map to locate times and locations near you! Visit thelightison.org

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“As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of the tree shows the care it has had, so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he speaks for it then that people are tested...a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.”

The scriptures use so many images to teach us, form us, and lead us. Consider for a moment... the potter shapes an object, maybe your coffee mug, a vase to hold a spring flower, or even ourselves. (Abba, Father). Soon trees will begin to bud, and the care we give them now, pruning, trimming, fertilizing, will produce long awaited fruit. The words we use, reflect how we feel, what we know and what we desire.

We need not limit ourselves to the image of a tree, but apply the teaching to our own way of life. How we walk the path of holiness according to the teaching of Pope Francis is found in the beatitudes. Our words, our thoughts, our good works are the steps we take on that path, accompanied by God’s grace and the support of one another.

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