

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers,
send his messengers to them,
for he had compassion on his people and his
dwelling place.
But they mocked the messengers of God,
despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets,
until the anger of the LORD against his people was
so inflamed
that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

PHONES:

Rectory/Parish Office: (650) 344-6884

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MASSSES:

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day: As announced in bulletin

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays from 4:00 pm. to 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office two months in advance of
planned date.

MARRIAGES:

Couples intending to marry should call the parish office
at least six months prior to the marriage date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office to speak to one of the
priests.

STAFF:

Rev. John Ryan, Pastor

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Dennis O'Leary, Church Maintenance

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

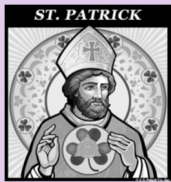
What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

"One Lord...One Baptism...One God and Father of all".

Ephesians 4

LENT
2024


The Fifth Sunday of Lent will take precedence over the feast of St. Patrick on March 17. However, because St. Patrick is a principal co-patron of our Archdiocese, his feast will be observed at our **Masses on Monday, March 18.**

Masses are:
7:00 AM & 12:05 PM



Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

Masses are:
7:00 AM & 12:05 PM

Second Part of LENTEN SERIES

Monday, March 18, Parish Center, Siena Room
7:00 PM—8:00 PM

**The historical context of the
 Passion of Jesus Christ**

Speaker: Dr. Nikolaus Hohhman
All are welcome!

2023 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



THE 2024 APPEAL HAS BEGUN.
Our Assessment is \$183,323.00

A word of thanks to parishioners who have already made a pledge or gift to the Appeal for 2024.

There is a video available online that explains the importance of your generous donations. Visit SFArch.org/AAA. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Your gift has a two-fold effect: Your commitment to the works of the Archdiocesan services and ministries is acted upon. Also your gift assists our parish in meeting our responsibilities, because every dollar you give to the Appeal goes toward our parish goal. Registered parishioners should have received the brochure by now.

Extra brochures are available at the Church exits. The brochure you receive outlines the varied ways of responding. I thank you for your care and generosity.

Blessings,
Fr. John



Second Collection
this weekend is for
Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services eases suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

CRS is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas Internationalis. Catholic Relief Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; Donations to CRS are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable under the law. Please give generously.



FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SCHOOL

March 15 2:30 PM
March 22 2:30 PM

PARISH GROUP

March 15 7:00 PM
Men's Club
March 22 7:00 PM
Women's Club

Various versions for private use are available on a table outside the chapel.



RCIA LENTEN RITES

Lent is a time of intense preparation for those preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

The entire parish community prays with them during these 40 days as we prepare to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter.

Pray for
Xavier Samayoa,
who is preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.



Religious Education/CCD and Confirmation Classes

The First Holy Communion Retreat for both school and religious ed. families and their children that are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, March 23 from 9am-11:15am.

There will be a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 23 from 2pm-6:15pm. All eighth grade students and religious ed. students enrolled in faith formation are required to attend. The retreat will take place in the Parish Center and will conclude with Mass at 5pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Want to refresh your soul and expand your mind?

Join the St. Catherine Scripture Study Group as we read the Gospel of Luke with emphasis on the Parables of Jesus every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

Readings are projected and read aloud. No Bible needed. We meet via ZOOM.

**To join our email list and obtain
ZOOM ACCESS CODE and PASSWORD, contact:**

**Patty Fucilla: patriciageorges@icloud.com
Dr. Tom Kilbridge: ssftmk@aol.com**



MUSIC MINISTRY

We are preparing for Holy Week & Easter! If you would like to join our choir or play an instrument, please contact Aki Amai, our music director at happysfpiano@gmail.com

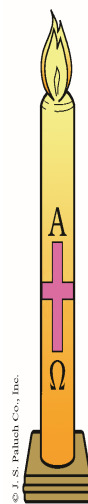
We sing at the 10:30 AM Choir every Sunday and rehearses every Thursday at 6:30 PM in Church .

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 9—MARCH 16, 2024

Sat (3/9)	5:00 PM	Charlie Kavanagh †
Sun	7:30 AM	All Parishioners
(3/10)	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Murphy †
	10:30 AM	Blessings & Special Intention of Louis Fucilla
	12 Noon	Blessing for the Bosa Family
Mon	7:00 AM	Special Intention of Kathy Furrer
(3/11)	12:05 PM	Margaret Raggio †
Tue	7:00 AM	Amelia Tirona †
(3/12)	12:05 PM	Francisco Palomo †
Wed	7:00 AM	Virginia & Laurie Houts †
(3/13)	12:05 PM	Eugenio Fanucchi †
Thurs	7:00 AM	Elizabeth Ascuitto †
(3/14)	12:05 PM	Sharon Campodonico †
Fri	7:00 AM	Special Intention of Milagros Aquino
(3/15)	12:05 PM	Robin Waseen †
Sat(3/16)	8:00 AM	George San Pietro †

LET US PRAY....



that all the departed especially Alfredo Herrera and Virginia C. Rebata, may enter into the reign of everlasting joy, and for those who are sick or recuperating: Jerry Marr, Teague Mayfield, Nancy Campana, John Meyer, Tim Johnson, John Chu, Fred Yeager, Melanie Yeager, Lin Cardelli, Gloria Cardelli, Maureen Sullivan, Irma Peri, Jean Kilbridge, Fernando Go, Kathleen Linehan, Elizabeth Beaulaurier, Theresa Contreras Glaser, Daniela Dimitri, Maria Dimitri, The Catalano Family, Leafa Taumoepeau, Joseph Georges, Liana Ang and Mother Pierfranca, Crobe, MSC.

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Liturgical Life

“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

- Jn 3:20-21

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Ephesians that by God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?

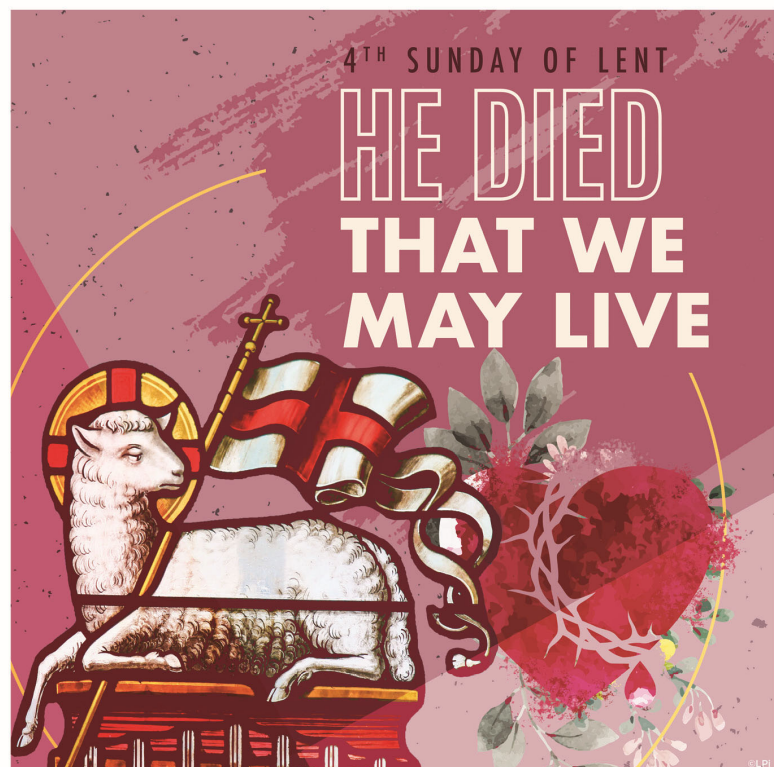
Gospel Reading

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?



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Content for Parishes to Navigate Ethical Issues

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The Archdiocese of San Francisco has partnered with the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) to help pastors and their parishioners navigate ethical issues associated with health care, end of life care, abortion, contraception, gender ideology, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, and other topics. As part of this Archdiocesan Parish Partnership Program, the NCBC provides a monthly newsletter that features helpful content for use in parish bulletins and in other promotional channels.

Here are links to content examples from the February NCBC newsletter:

Living a Catholic Life, "Making the Right Choices"
 Making Sense of Bioethics, "Challenging the Establishment on Childhood Gender Transitions"
 Bioethics Public Policy Report

Here are links to the archives of Living a Catholic Life, Making Sense of Bioethics, and NCBC webinars. Pastors and their parishioners may use any of these NCBC resources in their parish ministries.

For questions about the Archdiocesan-NCBC partnership, contact Deacon Fred Total at totah.fred@sfarch.org.

For questions about the NCBC, please contact Sarah Zerr at szerr@ncbcenter.org.

More helpful content and monthly updates can be found on the Archdiocesan website at sfarch.org/bioethics.

Save the Date: National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage: St. Junipero Serra Route Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:00am

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral – 1111 Gough St.
 Contact: Sandra Kearney | 415-614-5505 |
 kearneys@sfarch.org

Join us for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route. Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for 11:00am Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge.

St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday Afternoon "Musical Meditations" livestreamed on the St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel.

Enjoy the longest continuously running organ concert series in San Francisco, and other instrumental and vocal recitals as well, Sundays at 4:00 pm. These Sunday Musical Meditations are open to the public at the Cathedral (1100 Gough Street, San Francisco).

Upcoming LIVE and Livestreamed:

Sunday, March 10, 4:00pm: Christoph Tietze, Organ. Works by Sigfrid Karg-Elert.

Sunday, March 17, 4:00pm: Ben Bachmann, Organ.

Sunday, March 24, 4:00pm: Heegeun Song, Violin, with Jin Kyung Lim, Piano.

Sunday, March 31, 4:00 pm: Michal Szostak (Poland), Organ.

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm: Friedrich Edelmann, Bassoon, Rebecca Rust, Cello, and Dmitriy Cogan, Piano.

For more information, contact Mr. Chris Tietze at 415-567-2020, Ext. 213

The Church regulations for FAST and ABSTINENCE during Lent are:

ABSTINENCE

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.

FAST

Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.