

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

It seems fitting that our readings on this First Sunday of Lent begin with the Old Testament Book of Genesis. The book was first called “Genesis” — *ΓΕΝΕΣΙΣ* — in the Greek Septuagint translation, as it presents both the origin of the world and mankind, and in particular, the Hebrew people. The book in Hebrew was known by its opening expression, “In the beginning.”

In today’s particular reading from Genesis 9, we hear of God’s relationship with Noah and his family. God says, “I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you.” God goes on to say, “I set my bow (rainbow) in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings.”

As is often the case, we have lost sight of the significance of the rainbow in relation to our faith. Yet it is biblically confirmed as a sign from God. Some live in areas where rainbows are common, and others in areas where they are rare. Regardless, there is something divine about a rainbow. When you look up in the sky and see a multi-colored arc looking back at you, you should be filled with wonder. It is a reminder that we live in a world of wonder, of beauty, of adventure. A rainbow should give us hope that life really isn’t just about death and taxes, but much, much more. It is a clue to the meaning of the universe and where we stand within it.

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *Lenten Weekday*
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: *Lenten Weekday*
Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: *Lenten Weekday*
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)*
1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Friday: *Lenten Weekday*
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: *Lenten Weekday*
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Lent*
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Mark 9:2-10

This Week’s Program Schedule

Monday, February 19 ~ Presidents’ Day ~ Office Closed

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Bible Study	Lounge
6:00PM	<u>No</u> Adoration/ <u>No</u> Reconciliation	

Tuesday, February 20

8:00AM	Mass	Church
6:30PM	Knights of Columbus	Lounge

Wednesday, February 21

1:00PM	Mass @ CSUS	Bizini Hall, Rm 245
4:00-5:00PM	1 st Session CRE	Church
5:15-6:30PM	2 nd Session CRE	Church
6:45-8:00PM	3 rd Session CRE	Church

Thursday, February 22

Friday, February 23

4:30PM	Mass	Church
5:15PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
5:30PM	YLI Soup Supper	Lounge
7:30-9:00PM	Summit (CSA)	Church

Saturday, February 24

6:15AM	That Man Is You!	Church
10AM-3PM	Charismatic Prayer Group Retreat	Lounge
3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, February 25

9:00AM	Mass	Church
6:00PM	Mass	Church
7:00PM	CSA	Lounge

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today’s Gospel?

SIITRP	EETRDS	RYOTF
SAYD	OMDIGNK	SPLEGO

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday’s Offertory: \$ 6,271.91
Building Fund: \$ 4,137.15

Thank you and God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM	Saturday, February 17	David Amesquita†
9:00AM	Sunday, February 18	Assunta Moschetti†
6:00PM	Sunday, February 18	All Saints Community
8:00AM	Monday, February 19	Joseph M. & Ernestine O. Salas†
8:00AM	Tuesday, February 20	Maria Simoes†
4:30PM	Friday, February 23	Maria Rocha† & Benjamin Garcia†

OFFICE CLOSED/NO ADORATION: The office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. There will be Mass at 8:00AM. However, there will be no adoration or reconciliation that evening.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held after the 4:30pm Friday afternoon Mass (at approximately 5:15pm) throughout the season of Lent. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.



YLI SOUP SUPPER: Please join our YLI for a meatless soup supper sponsored by our YLI members on Fridays, February 23, March 9, and March 23. All parishioners are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY will take place on the Lenten Fridays of March 2 and March 16. Tickets will be sold after all masses. Meals are \$11.00 and include fish, cabbage crunch salad, baked potato, dinner roll and dessert. Thank you and God bless our Knights of Columbus.

RITE OF ELECTION: At the 9:00AM Mass this weekend we send one individual to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election celebrated by Msgr. Richard Ryan. She is Kayla Renee Ghidinelli. Please keep Kayla in your Lenten prayers.

MINISTRY DAY, MARCH 3: Ministry Day is only two weeks away...it's not too late to register! Ministry Day is a one-day event in which adults can expand their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. Our theme this year is Go Forth! You can pick up a registration booklet on the table in the lobby. Hope to see you there.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC IS COMING TO ST. PATRICK'S! The national speaker, Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic, is coming on Saturday, March 17 from 9:30am-2:00pm for a "Find your Greatness" Event – Four habits that will transform your life. **For tickets** visit www.dynamiccatholic.com/Ripon or call Chris at 232-0017 or Beth at 275-0306.

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIPS: All Saints is offering scholarships to church members who are attending or planning to attend any university, community college, or trade school. In addition, any student, regardless of religious affiliation, who is attending or planning to attend CSU Stanislaus is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Application forms are available in the office and will be due on **Monday, April 16, 2018.**

Please note: If you would like to offer a scholarship in your family's name or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Michaeleen Klarich
Children's Liturgy ~ Nicci Malm

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: SPIRIT, DESERT, FORTY, DAYS, KINGDOM, GOSPEL. *How did you do?*

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

Gustavo Delgadillo	Socorro Aguilar	Ed H
Peggy Howard	Rita Yonan	Tom Abram
Sarah Anderson	Linda Seymour	Stephen...
Jim Perdomo	Flynn Hillman	Janet Fiorini
Taurino & Concepcion Lopez	Jeanne Neu	Shelly...
Sherry Mailloux	Mike Baer	Karen ...
Cynthia Basco	Jackie Ferreira	Jacki...
David Rodriguez	David & Linda Back	Sharon...
Patti & Tom Scott	Charlie W.	Ed Rocha
David & Paula Baca	Catherine Harris	William Jackson
Joanne Mattos	Isabel Rodriguez	Edward Lytle
Bishop Stephen Blaire	Pat B.	Kevin Downs
Bernard & Ann Pannella	June Zuniga	Raul Campusano
Brian Diehl	Infant Rosie	Taylor Holt
Ray Morris	Teresa Diamond	Geralyn Weston
Lillian Lopez	Harry Sullivan	

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

Wednesday, February 21: CRE will hold mandatory parent information meetings for the Confirmation classes on February 21. Stephen Valgos' class will meet at 5:15pm and Donna and Andrea's class will meet at 6:45pm.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Sunday, February 18: CSA is having a faith night Q & A after the 6pm Mass. All college students are welcome.

Wednesday, February 21: There will be a Bible study at The Vista at 7:00pm.

Friday, February 23: CSA will be having Summit. Please meet at the church at 7:30pm.

Saturday, February 24: CSA will be feeding the homeless at We Care. Meet at the We Care facility at 213 S. Broadway at 5:30am.

Saturday, February 24: Meet at All Saints at 3:00pm for Body and Soul: Ultimate Frisbee.

As always, all college students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: Tom & Leslee Abram would like to thank our community for all the *prayers* and *good wishes* for Tom. They wanted everyone to know that they certainly feel the love and support of our wonderful community. (Tom is out of ICU but still in guarded condition.) Please continue your prayers.

RETROUVAILLE: You Can Help your Marriage. 25% of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages at any level of difficulty. For information, or to register for the Modesto Retrouvaille program beginning with a weekend on Mar.2-4, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com, email Modesto@RetroCA.com, or call 209-232-5315.