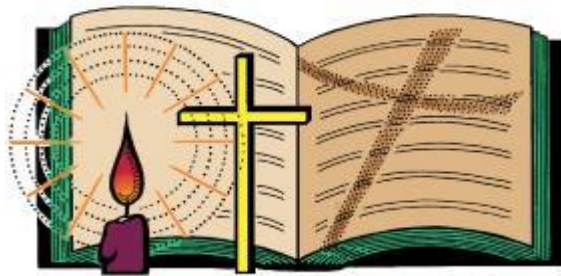


March 5, 2023



TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

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: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: Bernardino Matos+, Maria Cabral+, Teresa Neves+, Isabel Azevedo+, Cosmo Johnson+

6:30pm/Spanish: Mia Jimenez Alcocer+

Sunday

8:00am: Alicia Andes+, Tony Mello+, Manuel & Maria Cunha+, Tristan Mello+, Jack Kasper+

10:00am: Tony Mello+, Bill Griffin+, John & Dianne Kardash+, Mary Meirinho+

11:30am: Mia Jimenez Alcocer+

9:00am/(M): Daily Mass

9:00am/(T): Daily Mass

9:00am/(W): Daily Mass

9:00am/(Thurs): Daily Mass

9:00am/(F): Daily Mass

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called "elect" during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism. It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.—Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 5PM-7PM.

Please join us each Friday of Lent, as we pray the Stations of the Cross, 9:00AM, after the daily mass.

Daughters of Isabella will hold their Spring Tea on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The theme is "An Elegant Affair". Please contact Betty Pratt at (209) 745-4767 or Teresa Schmidt at (916) 849-0924 for tickets or information.

Thank you Daughters of Isabella

For your generous donation of proceeds made from the advent/christmas bake sale. A total of \$1004.00, was donated back to the parish. Also, Thank you to the many parishioners who continue to support our parish. -Father Miguel.



The Invitation to become an Altar Server at St. Christopher

Serving at the altar, Pope Francis has shared with the young people, is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn enables you to open yourselves to others. Altar Servers assist the clergy in celebrating that Sacred Liturgy, especially the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Becoming an Altar Server gives you the opportunity to serve God, become more involved in Parish Life, grow in respect and understanding of the Mass, make new friends, strengthen your Catholic faith. If you are in 4th grade, have received the sacrament of Holy Communion and are interested in becoming an Altar Server for the 4:30 pm, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses, please see Eva Delgado after all the Masses on March 4 & 5 and March 11 & 12. A formal altar serving training session will be coordinated at a later time. For questions, please contact Eva at (209) 814-1106.

2023 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) to Indianapolis, Indiana

Our youth who will be participating in the 2023 NCYC will be having a fundraising event after all the Mass on March 4 & 5 and March 11 & 12. They will be selling religious items from Totally Catholic Fundraising. All proceeds made will help cover upcoming expenses for their trip. We are grateful for all your support. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Eva at (209) 814-1106.



The Knights of Columbus will hold their Lent Fish Fry on Friday, March 3rd & 10th, and 31st. They will serve ceviche and seafood tacos. All events held at the CCC. Tickets on

sale after the masses and at the door or call Joe, 916 -862-5105.

5 de marzo de 2023



PUNTOS DE INFLEXIÓN

Nuestras lecturas de hoy describen puntos de inflexión para aquellos a quienes Dios ha elegido. En el Génesis, Dios llama a Abram para que abandone su tierra natal, con la promesa de formar un pueblo en una nueva tierra. En el Evangelio, los discípulos ven a Jesús literalmente bajo una nueva luz, la luz brillante de la transfiguración de Jesús. Empiezan a ver a Jesús, y a ellos mismos, de una manera nueva. Son momentos en los que Dios presenta un nuevo camino hacia adelante, proporcionando un nuevo propósito y energía. Nuestras vidas también tienen sus propios puntos de inflexión, en los que Dios trabaja (normalmente de forma menos espectacular) para llevarnos a una mayor madurez y a una unidad más profunda con Dios y con los demás. El camino que tenemos por delante, como el de Abram, Jesús y los discípulos, puede ser largo y difícil. La Cuaresma puede ser un tiempo en el que reflexionemos sobre estos puntos de inflexión en nuestro pasado, y consideremos cómo Dios puede estar suscitando algo nuevo en nosotros hoy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).

Salmo — Confiamos en ti, oh Dios; muéstranos misericordia (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).

Evangelio — "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo" (Mateo 17:1-9).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]