



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2010

Mission of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's

To be Nurtured by Christ's Word, Supported by a Faith Loving Community, and to Serve the Need of Others as Called to Minister.

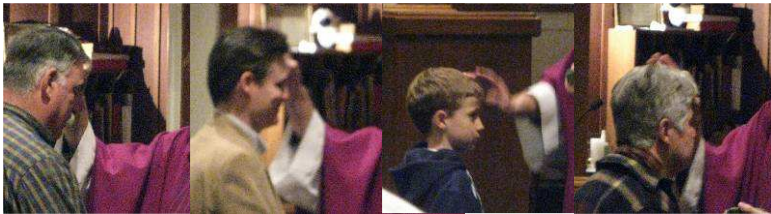


Mass Schedule	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

We begin the Lenten Season taking us all the way to Easter Week, into the Easter Season to Pentecost Sunday, fourteen weeks of theologies and liturgies. This is the largest liturgical season of the calendar year. It includes fasting, self denial, prayer, almsgiving, resurrection, proclamation, baptism confirmation, holy spirit, charisma's and discipleship. Nothing is omitted or forgotten during this season. So we begin February 17, 2010 - mortality and death, to May 30, 2010 – immortality and resurrection. This season emphatically stamps to outsiders what the Catholic faith represents to insiders. There is no room for debate in these doctrines we celebrate.

Many thanks to Margaret, Ray, Mary, Grace, Kathy from St. Mary's preparing the soups for Ash Wednesday's Soup Mass.



Mass Intentions: Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	...	Maureen Rocheford
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	...	Stacy Ratto
Wednesday	8 a.m.	...	John Trimble
Thursday	8 a.m.	...	Wong Family
Friday	8 a.m.	...	Joe Dignan

** No 8 a.m. Mass this Monday



2010 Lenten Series.

- ◆ Thur. Mar. 11th ... Pasternaks, Lecture on the *Haiti crisis* (St. Cecilia)
- ◆ Thur. Mar. 18th ... Ecumenical Presentations on *Theology of Evil* (SGVCC)
- ◆ Thur. Mar. 25th ... Sister Gervaise, *Spirituality of Catholic Schools* (St. Cecilia)

All lectures are at 7:15 p.m. Please note that event locations vary. This year's Lenten Season, Fr. O' encourages the use of symbols: Instruments of the Passion.

The parish will be visiting St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park during the Lenten Season. This is a historical seminary recently renovated. To sign up, contact Fr. O'.



From the Pew

This week, 2nd Collection is for audit.

Next week, 2nd Collection is for Catholic Charities.

St. Mary's Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, March 7th, 12:30 p.m. at Grace Farley's home.

Book of the Year for our parishes, *Curé d'Ars, St. Jean-Marie Baptiste Vianney, Patron for Priests*, and a really pleasant read.

St. Patrick's Celebration at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall, Sat, March 6th, 6:30 p.m. Come join us. All are welcome. Share your talents, let Fr. O' know.



Thanks to Ramon & Laura Ramirez for supplying tomares, donuts, Mexican coffee for Valentine's celebration at St. Mary; and Ginny Kerbs and Marie Dhority at St. Cecilia.



Universal Church – Tests of Catholic Education

According to statistics, total enrollment in U.S. Catholic schools has declined by nearly half a million students in the last 10 years. More than 1,400 schools have shut their doors since 2000. Many families are seeking financial aid (only 10% of students pay full tuition) or are forced to switch to public schools. Dioceses are struggling to subsidize schools, and parishes are finding it difficult because the collections are down.

Last Week's Collection:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 1,049.15
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 413.67
Total:	<u>\$ 1,462.82</u>



"What are you giving up for Lent?"