

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

A.D. A. ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2008

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal fund-raising drive has reached **\$18,857.00** As of today **41.8%** of our parishioners have contributed. We need each of you to get involved if we are to reach our goal of **\$44,770.00**. Please make your pledge today. Pledge envelopes and brochures can be found in the entrance of the church. **Don’t forget - every dollar received over our ADA goal is returned to our parish.**

ATT: PRESENT AND FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS!

Fr. Leonardo will be having two meetings for all our present altar servers and those who want to be one. On Saturday, February 23rd from 9:30AM - 10:30AM in the church. Participation is mandatory at least in one of the meetings during which we will go over some polices about being altar servers.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Any baptized Catholic who is **dangerously ill** due to sickness, injury, or old age may receive the Anointing of the Sick, even though there is no apparent danger of death. The sacrament should be received when the sick person is best able to profit from it, and not be delayed until the person is at the point of death. The elderly who are in a weakened condition are encouraged by the Church to receive Anointing, even though no dangerous illness is present. On Saturday, March 8th, during the 5:00 P.M. evening Mass we will have the *anointing of the sick*. For those who fulfill the requirements.

PRAY FOR THE SICK † OREN POR LOS ENFERMOS

Alberto & Socorro del Alto, Natalina Andreini, Alice and Becky Avelar, Marlene Aza, Carmen Bondi, Ann Fitzgerald, Alice Garcia, David Garcia, John Germaine, Mark Holmes, Yvonne Kuzinich, Lilian Macri, Josephine Martino, Joseph, Gerome, Jeffrey, Violeta, Magsuci, Frank Pacheco, Joseph Piazza, Blas Ramos, Louise Cava Rodolfa, Benedetto Rossallo, Clifford Sciba, Frank & Pearl Sunseri, Alice G. Torres, Pordina Toschi, Edith William, Aatha YOUNG *If you wish to add your name in our sick list, please call the rectory office. Thank you.*

FIANCE COUNCIL

Will be meeting on February 21st at 7:00 PM.

Liturgia Della Settimana * Lecturas De La Semana

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday/Lunes:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday/Martes:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday/Miércoles:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday/Jueves:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday/Viernes:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday/Sábado:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday/Domingo:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



COMMENTO ALLE LETTURE

La seconda tappa del cammino quaresimale ci presenta Gesù trasfigurato sul monte. Più che un racconto da ascoltare è un'icona da contemplare, come uno spiraglio aperto su un mondo divino e misterioso, vicino e nello stesso tempo molto lontano. La trasfigurazione ha lo scopo di rafforzare la fede dei tre discepoli che saranno testimoni del sudore di sangue. Sul volto umano reso triste dall'ombra della morte, risplende la luce pasquale, troppo bella per non scomparire e pertanto piena di speranza. La voce di Dio Padre che parla dalla nube, sembra volerci dire. Accettate in Gesù e in voi stessi, lo stretto intrecciarsi della gloria e della sofferenza, della forza e della debolezza, della morte e della risurrezione... Sul Calvario apparentemente non ci sarà apparentemente più nulla da contemplare e da sperare, ma la luce della Trasfigurazione non è ingannevole e la visione non ha nulla del sogno...dopo tre giorni l'alba della Pasqua mostrerà che la vita risorge dalla morte. È questo il nostro esodo!?

THANK YOU ITALIAN CHOIR

The parish is very thankful to the Italian Choir for donating \$7,031.00 to the parish from their **Madri Gras Dinner Dance**. *God bless you.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we invite all our parishioners to join us every Friday at 7:00 P.M. for our traditional Tri-Lingual Stations of the Cross.

By praying and mediating on the Stations of the Cross it is one way of drawing us closer to Christ by making us realize that we too have to suffer like Jesus.

LENTEN WORKSHOPS

During the season of Lent, our Religious Staff will be conducting *Lenten Workshops* beginning Tuesday, February 12th in the C.C.D. building at 7:00PM. The classes will be held on the following evening dates: February 19 - Spanish, February 26 - English, March 4 - Spanish.

EARLY C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

During the month of March, we will be registering new students and returning students in our Religious Education Program. Whoever takes this early registration opportunity and pays their tuition in full will save \$10.00 off their regular tuition.

The tuition for families who are registered in the parish and using their Sunday Envelopes will be \$50.00 for one child and \$60.00 for two or more children. Tuition for non registered parishioners will be \$80.00 for one child and \$100.00 for two or more students.

All new students are required to bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate at registration. As a reminder to parents whose children will be receiving their First Communion this year, remember that your child's faith formation does not end after First Communion or return when it is time for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

INCOME TAX

IMPUESTO

Dear Parishioners, The parish has already mailed the *Annual Income Tax Donation Record for the year 2007* this week. If you did not receive your *Income Tax Donation Record* please call the rectory.

PICK UP YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your offertory envelopes in the church, please call the rectory office at (408) 294-2440.

Your donation counts!!!



Tú donación cuenta!!!

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Sunday, February 17 Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM †Benny Di Salvo by Teresa Mancino
 †Dolores Spada by Pauline Ciraulo
8:30 AM †Joe Kuzinich by Barbara Tardio †Andres Ruiz
 †Dolores Spada by Rose Santonocito
10:00 AM †Jose & †Gloria Valencia y †Isabel Causor
11:30 AM †Fabian & †Purificacion Quimado †Mariano Gali
1:00 PM †Rosario Di Vitorio †Mary & †Cristofolo Russo
 †Caterina Orlando
6:00 PM †Angelina Suarez
 *Lucia Vasquez & Jesus Alvarado, Ann. de Bodas
Monday, February 18 Presidents' Day
7:30 AM *Joann Huh
Tuesday, February 19
7:30 AM Special Intention for Paul & Tina
Wednesday, February 20
7:30 AM Ted Macialek, Successful Recovery
6:30 PM *George Gomez, Birthday
Thursday, February 21 St. Peter Damian
7:30 AM All Souls
Friday, February 22 Abstinence
7:30 AM Antonio Spada
6:30 PM All Souls
Saturday, February 23 St. Polycarp
7:30 AM All Souls
Sunday, February 24 Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM †Audrey Cancilla †Dolores Spada
8:30 AM †Joe & †Mary Cancilla
 †Joe Kuzinich by Mr. & Mrs. Sprugasci
 †Toni Kuzinich Briggs, 30th Death Anniversary
10:00 AM †Emiliano Rodriguez & †Maria Garibay
11:30 AM †Speciale & †Barsuglia Families
1:00 PM †Guido & †Rosina, †Ann Pioli Rutan
 and †Paul Pioli
 †Nicole D'Anna †Giuseppe Balistreri
6:00 PM People of the Parish

LENTEN SACRIFICE BOX

Lent is a time of to look into our lives and soul and say how can I become a better adult, parent, child, student and catechist. Without a prayer and being active at Sunday Mass, our spiritual life is dull. As Catholics we have to be witnesses to each other and be strong in our faith. During this Lenten Season please take an active role in our religious celebrations. This year each student and catechist and parishioners received a *"Lenten Sacrifice Box"*. As was stated all the proceeds will go toward the education of our Scalabrini Seminarists in: United States, Mexico and Guatemala. Once your *"Lenten Sacrifice Box"* is full you can return it in the C.C.D. Office, or to the religious staff.

SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Will sign-up parishioners for the Escrip Program to raise funds for their school through Safeway and P.W. on February 24th at the 10:00AM & 11:30AM Masses.

Lectors/Lectores/Lettori and Communion Ministers
Sunday/Domingo/Domenica, February 24, 2008
5:00 PM (C) Rebecca Ruano (1L) Rocio Ruano
 (2L) Pat Fifield (M) Lyle Fifield
8:30 AM (C) Frank (1L) Mae (2L) Rose (M) Celia
10:00 AM (C) Maria Aguiñiga (1L) Graciela Cortes
 (2L) Jesus Cortes (M) Maria Elena Medina
 (M) Salvador Medina
11:30 AM (C) Sonia (1L) Patty (2L) Gloria (M) Laddy
1:00 PM (C) Maria Della Pema (1L) Rosa DiVittorio
 (2L) Maria Landino (M) Francesco D'Anna
6:00 PM (C) Imelda Garcia (1L) Guadalupe Plascensia
 (2L) Socorro Luna (M) Susana Ramirez

EL VIAJE DE LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN

“Solíamos ser tan buenos amigos. ¿Por qué te has alejado tanto?” un hombre le preguntó a otro. “Quizás”, le respondió el otro “tú te has alejado al quedarte quieto”. Este diálogo bien podría haberse dado entre Pedro y Jesús si a Pedro se le hubiera permitido armar tiendas para quedarse en el monte de la Transfiguración. Casi sucumbió a la tentación de quedarse en un lugar de maravilla y luz. Pero Jesús sabía la difícil verdad: estamos en un viaje continuo cuando transitamos los caminos de la voluntad de Dios. No es bueno que nos quedemos en un lugar en nuestro viaje de fe. Es igualmente malsano estancarnos en los momentos de alegría y milagros para evitar las dificultades de la vida que ensimismarnos en nuestros sufrimientos y tentaciones para evadir ser buenos compañeros de nuestras hermanas y hermanos que también están sufriendo; ¡o celebrar! La Iglesia peregrina debe hacer una cosa en su viaje de Cuaresma: caminar continuamente con Cristo como su Cuerpo nacido del agua y del Espíritu, buscando la voluntad de Dios, ayudando a que se conozca en la tierra el Reino de Dios, siendo guiada al final de nuestro viaje, transfigurada para siempre en la compañía del cielo. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

CAJA DE SACRIFICIO CUARESIMAL

La cuaresma es el tiempo para examinar sus vidas y almas y ver como podemos ser mejores, parroquianos ,papas, hijos(as), estudiantes y catequistas. Sim oración y participación activa en la Misa, nuestra vida espiritual se vuelve apagada. Como Católicos tenemos que ser testigos los unos a los otros y fuertes en la fe. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma favor participar en las celebraciones religiosas.

Este ano cada estudiantes, catequistas y parroquianos recibirá una *"Caja de Sacrificio Cuaresmal"* y todas las ofertas serán enviadas para la educación de los seminaristas Scalabrinianos en los Estados Unidos, en Mexico y en la Guatemala. Así que la *"Caja de Sacrificio Cuaresmal"* este llena, favor regrasarla a la oficina de la Catequesis.

RECOGER TUS SOBRES

Si no has recogido tus sobres en la Iglesia, por favor llama a la rectoría al (408) 294-2440.

EL VIACRUCIS

Es un peregrinaje, en el cual conmemoramos las escenas más importantes de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en Jerusalén. **Invitamos a los parroquianos todos los Viernes durante las Cuaresma a las 7:00 P.M.** para rezar juntos y acercarnos mas a Cristo para prepararnos a vivir la Pascua.

TALLERES CUARESMALES

Durante la cuaresma, habrá talleres cuaresmales en Inglés y Español que comienzan el Martes, 19 de Febrero en el edificio de C.C.D. a las 7:00PM. Las clases serán llevadas a cabo el la noche: Febrero 19 - Español, Febrero 26 - Inglés, March 4 - Español.

ATENCIÓN: MONAGUILLOS PRESENTES Y NUEVOS REUNIÓN MUY IMPORTANTE!

El P. Leonardo tendrá dos reuniones para todos los monaguillos (as) y los que desean ser monaguillos (as). El Sábado, 23 de Febrero de 9:30 - 10:30 AM en la Iglesia. La participación es obligatoria por lo menos a una de las reuniones, durante las cuales se les dará las reglas para ser monaguillos (as).

NOTICIAS DE CATECISMO

Durante el mes de marzo estaremos inscribiendo nuevos estudiantes y estudiantes que seguirán el programa de Catecismo. A los que se inscriban en marzo se les dará un descuento. El descuento sera de \$10.00 de su pago normal.

APELACIÓN DIOCESANA

Hasta la fecha, nuestros parroquianos han contribuido **41.8%** han hecho su compromiso Diocesano y hemos colectado **\$18,857.00**. Estamos muy agradecidos con su ayuda en los principios de la campaña. Esta es nuestra oportunidad de demostrar a la diócesis nuestra ayuda. Y no olvidar - cada dólar recibido sobre nuestra meta del ADA se vuelve a nuestra parroquia. Para alcanzar nuestra meta del ADA que es de **\$44,770.00**. Necesitamos la participación de todos los miembros de la parroquia. Los sobres y los folletos del compromiso para esta Campana los pueden encontrar en la parte posterior de la Iglesia.

La oficina de **SERVICIOS SOCIALES** estará abierta los Jueves y Viernes de 5:00 a 7:00 P.M. El teléfono es (408)279-9805. Para mas información llamar.