

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## 08 MARCH 2009

“This is My Beloved Son.  
Listen to Him.”

Mark 9: 7



## CALENDAR

### FIRST READING

I will make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky.

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

### PSALM

To You will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Psalms 116

### SECOND READING

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8: 31-34

### GOSPEL

He was transfigured before them.

Mark 9: 2-10

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 08-14 MAR

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Mary Giovanzana; the Berrone and Giovanzana families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Elyse Barca
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Ruder and Cahalan families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Linda Potter
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Maryann Spahni
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF Branch #351 living and deceased members
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Ricardo and Marie Aguinaldo; † Evangeline Balmonte
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	† Anita Rel
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Kaden Vierra
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	All families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Francisca Llayana
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Matilda Stoltman


### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday** during **Lent**, following the **05:30 PM** Mass. Please join us.




### MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS


<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>08 MAR</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
<b>09 MAR</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
<b>10 MAR</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Lenten Talk: St. Paul
<b>11 MAR</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<b>12 MAR</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>13 MAR</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross 
		Evening of Reflection
<b>14 MAR</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	
	10:00 AM	First Reconciliation
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	01:00 PM	Natural Family Planning
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)



### NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN






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### SECOND COLLECTION

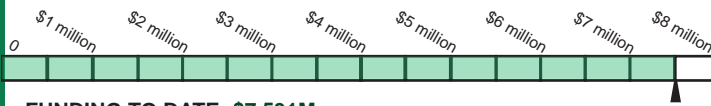
There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this week for **Catholic Charities CYO "Loaves and Fishes"**.



### PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEKEND OF  
**21-22 FEB**

TOTAL: \$ 8,423



**FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.531M**

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**08 MAR (Sunday):**

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

At **02:00 AM** on Sunday, clocks are set *ahead* one hour to **03:00 AM**. Daylight Saving Time remains in effect until **01 November 2009**. At **02:00 AM** on that first Sunday of November, clocks will be set back one hour to **01:00 AM**. The “second-Sunday-in-March” date was set by legislation in 2005 and went into effect in 2007. Prior to that, the date moved around considerably: the last Sunday of April, the first Sunday of April, and even as early as 06 January in 1974 and 23 February in 1975, during the “energy crisis” years.

## BEGIN A NOVENA TO SAINT PATRICK

You can observe a solemn novena to **St. Patrick** beginning on **Monday, 09 March 2009**. The ninth day of the novena will be his feast day on **17 March 2009**.

**09 MAR (Monday):**

## SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)

An aristocrat by birth, she became a Benedictine and Foundress of the *Oblates of the Tor de'Specchi (Collatines)*. She spent her life and fortune, both as a laywoman and religious, in the service of the sick and poor. She is said to have been guided by an archangel that only she could see.

On her feast day, priests bless cars due to her patronage of cars and drivers. Though Frances certainly never drove, legend says that when she went abroad at night, her guardian angel went before her lighting the road with a headlight-like lantern, keeping her safe in her travels.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE

The *Blessed Mother* windows will be reinstalled, weather permitting, beginning **09 March 2009**. Hogan Art Glass has worked very hard to get our beautiful window back to us quickly. Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we have been able to move forward with the restoration of the windows much more quickly than we ever imagined. The following windows are still available: #3, #7, #8, #12, and #18, which is **\$6,000** to restore; and #25, which is **\$2,800** to restore. If you are interested in making a financial contribution to this effort in any amount, please contact **Msgr. Otellini** at **650/323-7914**.

## SHARE YOUR TALENTS - 09:30 MUSIC GROUP

The **09:30 music group** is always looking for more singers and musicians. If you like to sing or play an instrument: flute, guitar, bass, horns, sax, strings - you name it - consider being a part of this fun ministry! Teenagers welcome. Rehearsals are **08:30 AM Sunday** before Mass in the **O'Hare Center**. Interested? Contact **Barbara Nelson** at **650/839-1010** or **bnelson1015@gmail.com**. Or just see one of us after the 09:30 AM Mass on Sundays.



## CARNIVAL PLANNING

The next **Nativity Carnival Planning Meeting** will be on **Saturday, 14 March 2009** at **09:00 AM** at the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Merrill Street (at the Menlo Park train station).

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come to visit our Lord during the week, as the church is open 24x7 and He awaits you. Also, everyone is encouraged to sign up for one hour. This will ensure your weekly meeting with Jesus. You may sign up for any hour. Please consider the following hours which currently have no one assigned:

**FRI: 01:00 AM - 03:00 AM (1st Friday of each month)**

Please call **650/322-3013** for more information or to sign up.



## CLOTHING NEEDED

The Clothing Distribution Center at **St. Anthony's Church** is in great need of clothing for children, women, and especially for men. You may drop your donations off between **09:00 AM** and **04:00 PM, Monday** through **Friday**. Your donations are greatly appreciated. 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, **650/366-4692**.

## NATIVITY DAYS IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

During Lent, Nativity will schedule people for a prayer vigil on **Saturday, 14 March 2009** and **Wednesday, 25 March 2009**, the Feast of the Annunciation, as part of the nationwide **40 Days for Life** effort praying for an end to abortion. The prayer vigil will occur on public property near an abortion clinic in San Mateo between **07:00 AM - 07:00 PM**. There will be a minimum of 2 people per hour. Please call **Eileen** at **650/799-4722** to sign up for hourly time slots and more information.

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT! THE TICKETS ARE ALMOST GONE!

Join us for the **Nativity Parish 2009 Crab Cioppino Feast**. In addition to the best crab cioppino anywhere you will be treated to the warm tenor voice of **Pasquale Esposito**, a very popular local Italian singer of both contemporary and classical music. Tickets are on sale for Nativity's Crab Cioppino Dinner on **14 March 2009** at the Sobrato Pavilion at Nativity School. The dinner will include Dungeness Crab Cioppino with clams and shrimp, hearts of romaine salad; sourdough bread, and biscotti and sorbet. Wine and beer will be available. The tickets are \$40.00 per person and include 2 drink tickets per adult. **All tickets must be purchased in advance**. Reservation forms are available at the entrance to the church or you may see one of the men outside church today. If you have any questions please contact **Paul Hernandez** at **650/670-7513** or **paulh@pro-bel.ca**.

*Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact First Resort (650/261-9115), the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Msgr. Otellini,

I wanted to write you and say a heartfelt thank you for supporting your parish's blood drives. The Church of the Nativity has been a long-standing dependable blood drive location for us for many years and we at the Stanford Blood Center are very grateful. The selfless donations of your parishioners have helped save countless lives. None of this would be possible without your help and support. We look forward to seeing you again in April! Thank You!

Clayton Toller,  
Account Manager

### LOST AND FOUND

**Found:** a small prayer book entitled "Pagdalaw sa BANAL NA EUKARISTIYA" There are many prayer cards and some passport type photos in this booklet. One of the prayer cards is from a church in Federal Way, Washington. It is in the church office **650/323-7914**.

### NATIVITY BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

We still have a number of copies of both the Parish Directory and the beautiful *Nativity Illuminated*.

### CATHOLIC RADIO PLEDGE DRIVE

**Immaculate Heart Radio's** On-Air Pledge Drive will be held **Tuesday, 10 March 2009** through **Thursday, 12 March 2009** -- from **06:00 AM-06:00 PM** daily at Immaculate Heart Radio's Live Studio located at **Mater Dolorosa School** in **South San Francisco**. Please join the Immaculate Heart Radio Staff at our upcoming Pledge Drive. Meet Catholic Radio personalities, be interviewed live on the radio, pray the Rosary with our staff, participate in Adoration, enjoy fellowship with Catholics in your area, talk with listeners and witness their testimonies, and experience the joy and peace that comes from sharing your Catholic Faith. Refreshments served all day. Free Giveaways!!

Spaces are limited -Sign-up for any time during the Pledge Drive. Call **Debora Heinrichs** at **866/774-3278 x221** or email her at **dheinrichs@ihradio.org**.

Visit our website at **www.ihradio.org**.

### ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

Join a nationwide prayer event this May, praying one million rosaries for an end to the killing of the unborn. Information at **saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org**.

### LENTEN TALKS ON ST. PAUL

Please join **Dr. Ruth Ohm** for the second of five talks about St. Paul at Nativity in the **O'Hare Center** beginning at 07:30 PM (**03-31 March 2009**). Dr. Ohm teaches New Testament at St. Patrick's Seminary and University. Her special interests include Pauline material, Christian period archaeology in the Greek East with a focus on the ancient city of Ephesus, and ancient Byzantine Rite liturgy. For over 10 years she has collaborated with the Director of Christian period excavations in Ephesus, Dr. Renate Pillinger (University of Vienna). She speaks and publishes on Ephesus' ancient chapels and the so-called Cave of St. Paul.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend is **Catholic Charities CYO "Loaves & Fishes" Sunday**. Catholic Charities CYO receives no funding from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal or directly from the Archdiocese. Catholic Charities CYO needs our support to continue offering quality social services in our community. Please donate as generously as possible to help Catholic Charities CYO reach its spring goal of **\$300,000**. Every dollar contributed directly supports programs that provide relief for homeless families, ailing seniors, immigrants, the working poor, troubled teens, and many other clients in need.

Checks for the special collection should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Catholic Charities CYO*.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### EASTER ON EWTN

The 24/7 Catholic Cable Television Network, **EWTN**, will air specials for the Easter Season. This will include the following live (and encore) broadcasts from the Vatican: **05 April 2009 (01:30 AM live and 05:00 PM encore) the Mass of Palm Sunday; the Mass of the Lord's Supper, 09 April 2009 (live 09:30 AM and encore 09:00 PM); The Way of the Cross with Pope Benedict on 10 April 2009 (tape delay 09:00 AM), Easter Vigil Mass on 11 April 2009 (live at 01:00 PM, encore at 09:00 PM), and the Urbi Et Orbi Message and Easter Blessing on 12 April 2009 (04:00 AM live and encore at 10:30 AM)**. Other specials include the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and Sr. Faustina.

### AT VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

Start a new Lenten practice! Come to begin your **Wednesday** mornings with quiet contemplative prayer. Gather in our beautiful chapel for an hour of gentle music, scripture and silent reflection, followed by an optional continental breakfast. Prayer will be led by **Sister Ingrid Clemmensen, OP**, Program Director at Vallombrosa Retreat Center.

**Wednesdays** during Lent, **07:30-08:30 AM**.

**25 February - 04, 11, 18, 25 March - 01, 08 April 2009.**

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*You are never too far gone for the Father's forgiveness and grace.*

# FROM THE HOLY SEE



## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness Benedict XVI asks for general and missionary prayer intentions.

For **March 2009**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**General:** That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

**Missionary:** That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the Bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.



# LENT AND EASTER

## LENTEN REFLECTION

*"This is the remedy: to fix my gaze on You, Incarnate Word, hanging on the Cross. As soon as You see a humble soul looking at You in this way, you are quickly moved to look at it, and the effect of Your divine glance is like that of a ray of sunshine on the earth; it warms it and prepares it to bring forth fruit. This is the way You act, O Divine Word, who by the light of Your glance, drain my soul of all its pride, and consume it in Your fire. No one acquires humility if he does not fix his gaze on You, O Word, on the Cross."*

St. Mary Magdalen dei Pazzi

## PRAYER

Father of light, in you is found no shadow of change but only the fullness of life and limitless truth. Open our heart to the voice of Your Word, and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for He lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

## WHAT CAN I GIVE UP FOR LENT?

- Give up complaining. . . . . focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism. . . . . become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments . . . think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry . . . . . trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement. . . . be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness . . . . . turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred. . . . . return good for evil.
- Give up being negative . . . . . be positive.
- Give up anger . . . . . be more patient.
- Give up pettiness. . . . . become mature.
- Give up gloom . . . . . enjoy the beauty  
that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy . . . . . pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping . . . . . control your tongue.
- Give up sin. . . . . turn to virtue.
- Give up on giving up. . . . . hang in there!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

During **Bach's** day, the organ and choirs were often silent throughout Lent.

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

**WEDNESDAY, 01 APRIL 2009**

**07:30 PM** Lenten Penance Service

**SATURDAY, 04 APRIL 2009**

**07:30 PM** Shroud of Turin Talk with Deacon Peloso

**THURSDAY, 09 APRIL (HOLY THURSDAY)**

**07:30 PM** Mass (*one Mass only*)

**FRIDAY, 10 APRIL 2009 (GOOD FRIDAY)**

**12:00 -01:30 PM** Reflections with Fr. Jeffrey Hubbard

**01:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

**02:00 PM** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**07:00 PM** Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, 11 APRIL 2009 (HOLY SATURDAY)**

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM** Reconciliation (Opus Dei priest)

**02:00-04:00 PM** Reconciliation (parish priest)

**08:00 PM** Easter Vigil

(*no other Masses*)

**SUNDAY, 12 APRIL 2009 (EASTER SUNDAY)**

**08:00 AM** Mass

**09:30 AM** Mass

**11:00 AM** Mass

**12:30 PM** Mass

(*no 05:00 PM Mass*)

**MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2009**

**09:00 AM** Mass (*one Mass only*)

## FIND-A-WORD

Can you locate all these words in the square full of letters?

TRANSFIGURE	ELIJAH
MOSES	PETER
JAMES	JOHN
DAZZLING	WHITE
APPEARED	MOUNTAIN
VOICE	CLOUD

C	L	O	U	D	S	M	R	T	S
T	N	O	H	J	J	O	H	N	A
R	A	U	A	W	S	U	N	J	D
A	V	M	R	A	R	N	X	E	A
N	E	U	Q	U	E	T	R	S	Z
S	E	S	O	M	T	A	T	U	Z
F	T	H	E	R	E	I	F	S	L
I	I	L	L	P	P	N	S	R	I
G	H	O	P	E	L	E	S	S	N
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R	J	C	E	A	V	O	I	C	E
E	L	I	J	A	H	O	L	Y	W

## DID YOU KNOW?

"The Transfiguration" is considered to be the last painting by the Italian High Renaissance master Raphael (Raffaello Sanzio). It was left unfinished by Raphael at the time of his death in 1520, and is believed to have been completed by his pupil, Giulio Romano. The painting, a high-end altarpiece, is currently housed in the Pinacoteca Vaticana of the Vatican Museum. It was commissioned by Cardinal Giulio de Medici (who later became Pope Clement VII) and work began in 1516. A mosaic copy of this painting was installed in St. Peter's Basilica in 1774.



(Just like in our lives, JESUS is always there, too.)

Unscramble the four words and use the letters in the numbered boxes to solve the puzzle. The solution will explain the meaning of the word "transfiguration".

RTHIBG          
7 1

HEINS        
4 6 8

CEAF       
5 3

IVECO         
2

1 2

3 4 5 6 7 8



Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain.