

## FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's Readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament Readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the Gloria, "Glory to God in the Highest." Soon the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us.

For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

## WHY IS LENT FORTY DAYS?

The Lenten Season is a time of preparation for the Liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The forty-day period of Jesus' trial in the desert echoes a number of events in the Old Testament:

- The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of days and nights that rain poured down during the great flood—*"I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made"* (**Gen 7:4**).
- The face of the earth was renewed during a forty-day period after the mountain tops appeared and the waters of the great flood receded—*"The tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made"* (**Gen 8:5-6**).
- Moses spent forty years as a shepherd in the desert before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery—*"Moses fled when he heard this and settled as an alien in the land of Midian . . . Forty years later, an angel appeared to him in the desert near Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning bush"* (**Acts 7: 29-30**).
- Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant—*"So Moses stayed there with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments"* (**Ex 34:28**).
- The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land—*"Now the Israelites had wandered forty years in the desert, until all the warriors among the people that came forth from Egypt died off because they had not obeyed the command of the Lord"* (**Jos 5:6; see Num 32:13**).
- The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb—*"[Elijah] got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb"* (**1 Kgs 19:8**).
- The Ninevites were given forty days before God was going to destroy the city, allowing time for repentance and conversion—*"Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,' when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth"* (**Jon 3:4-5**).



### **PALM BURNING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

OLD BLESSED PALMS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>. THESE OLD PALMS WILL BE BURNED BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023.

PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET THAT IS IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH OR BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE.

IT IS AN OLD CATHOLIC CUSTOM FOR THE PRIEST TO COLLECT THE OLD PALMS, BURN AND BLESS THE ASHES.

PALMS SHOULD NOT BE DISPOSED OF AS WASTE MATERIAL.

### **CATHECHISM NEWS**

On Friday, February 17, 2023, Father Pacheco will have a mandatory meeting to parents of the children who attend catechism.

The meeting will be held in the Church Hall at 5:30pm.



### **TAMALE SALE (PRE-SALE)**

**San Jose Sanchez Del Rio Catholic School- Fundraiser**

**Place order by Feb. 20th**

**Call or Text: (209)606-9225 (text is preferred)**

\$30/dozen \$15/half dozen

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**Pick up time:** 12-4 pm

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IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

### **MASS INTENTIONS** **FEBRUARY 11 - 17, 2023**

Saturday (11)	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Rafaela Terán Salgado † Gabriela Ramírez † Victor Martin Mendez † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (12)	8:00am	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Victor Martin Mendez †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (13)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (14)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday (15)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Thursday (16)	12:05pm	Victor Martin Mendez †
Friday (17)	12:05pm	Alberto Magaña †

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2023...\$1,756.00

LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$645.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE**

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in the region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



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