

**MARCH 15 & 16, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



Today's Gospel... brings out the close connection between the Transfiguration and the Passion of Jesus. Moses and Elias appeared on Thabor on either side of the Savior. They conversed with Him, and as St. Luke explains, talked specifically about His coming Passion: "They spoke of His death, that He should accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31).

The divine Master wished to teach His disciples in this way that it was impossible—for Him as well as for them—to reach the glory of the Transfiguration without passing through suffering. It was the same lesson that He would give later to the two disciples at Emmaus: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and so to enter into His glory?" (Luke 24:26). What has been disfigured by sin cannot regain its original supernatural beauty except by way of purifying suffering.

COLLOQUY

"You only do I love, my God. You only do I wish to seek and to follow; I am ready to follow You alone. I wish to be entirely at Your disposal. I beg You to order and command whatever You will, but cure me, open my eyes, that I may see Your slightest gesture. Cure me completely, that I may recognize You. Tell me which way to turn my attention in order to see You; and, I hope that I shall be able to do all that You command me" (St. Augustine).

-excerpt from *Divine Intimacy*, by Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

English: 12:45 p.m.
Spanish: 6:00 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Last Friday, we were privileged to welcome the newly restored Stations of the Cross back to their rightful place on the side walls of our church, just in time for us to make the Way of the Cross together for the first time this Lent. The original paint within the medallions was remarkably well-preserved, requiring only minor touch-ups. However, the decorative moulding, which had been repainted at some point in a dull beige, had become worn and chipped over time. The artist has now restored the moulding using what is formally known by the French term *Faux Bois*, a technique that imitates wood and woodgrain, and has accented it with gold to highlight the foliage and crosses.

These Stations are an important part of our parish history, having come from the original church built in 1890 on the corner of Main and Oak Streets (which was later relocated and now serves as the Portuguese Hall). As such, they are a precious link to our past and a treasure for our community. Consider the countless souls who have meditated on the Passion of Our Lord and followed the Way of the Cross before these works of art over the years!

In light of this restoration, I would like to offer a brief history of the Stations of the Cross devotion.

Upon entering a Catholic church, one typically finds 14 depictions along the walls of the nave (the main body of the church), each representing a significant event from Christ's Passion. These "stations," whether painted, carved, or engraved, are invariably marked with a wooden Cross.

As early as the 4th century, Christian pilgrims in the Holy Land would walk the very path Our Lord took on His way to Golgotha, a journey that marked the culmination of His Passion for our salvation. When, in the year 1187, Jerusalem fell under Muslim rule and pilgrimage became perilous, Christians began to replicate these sacred sites in Europe, giving rise to the devotion known as the "Stations of the Cross" (also referred to as the "Way of the Cross," or by the Latin terms *Via Dolorosa* or *Via Crucis*).

This devotion involves meditating on 14 pivotal events in the Passion of Christ, from His condemnation to His burial, a number formally fixed in 1731 by Pope Clement XII. The Franciscans were instrumental in spreading this devotion, which was originally observed outdoors, often along roads leading to churches and shrines. Today, the Way of the Cross may still be prayed outdoors or privately at home, with or without visual aids, but is most commonly prayed in a church before the blessed images. Though it can be prayed at any time, the devotion is especially significant on Fridays, particularly during the season of Lent.

I would like to reiterate the expression of my gratitude to the generous parishioner whose contribution made this restoration possible, as well as to all those who assisted with the removal and rehangings of the Stations. May these beautifully restored works of art guide us into a deeper appreciation of the saving Passion and Death of Our Lord.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco

MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 15 - 21, 2025

Saturday (15)	5:00 p.m.	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Alfredo Barba †
	6:30 p.m.	Victor Martin & Raquel Dzul † Candelaria & Raquel Campos †
Sunday (16)	8:00 a.m.	Ana-Karen López (b-day)
	10:00 a.m.	Missa pro populo
Monday (17)	12:05 p.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday (18)	5:30 p.m.	Lorraine Huberts †
Wednesday (19)	12:05 p.m.	Open Intention
Thursday (20)	12:05 p.m.	Fred White †
Friday (21)	12:05 p.m.	Open Intention

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

MARCH 8 & 9, 2025...\$2,188.00
 MAINTENANCE FUND...\$934.00
 ASH WEDNESDAY...\$1,662.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES & CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
 FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

CHURCH RESTORATION

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Gerardo Escobedo, Cuca Soto, Yolanda Soto, Rosalio Martínez,
 Felix Santillán, Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela,
 Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara,
 Martha Sánchez, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater,
 Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary
 Servis, Matty Walker & Ofelia Ybarra.

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBER
 AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Edgar Salinas, Uriel Osorio, Nerio Salazar, Jovany Baez,
 María de la Luz Ramirez, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



The Sacrament of Confession

Tuesdays from 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
& Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.



INVITATION TO THE MASS OF THE CHRISM

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the priests serving in the diocese, invites the community to attend the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**

The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year to bless the Sacred Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood exercised by the bishop. It also honors the bond of unity our priests share with our bishop, participating in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ. Poignantly, during this Mass, our priests will renew their commitment of priestly service in the presence of the bishop and the assembly.



CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Knights of Columbus' Educational Grant applications for Graduating Seniors are available in the Parish Office.

Applicants must come to pick it up.

Also, they must be registered members of our parish.

Send completed applications to the Knights' Post Office Box by April 30th.

For more information, you may contact
 Steve Beeman: 707-480-4614.



Easter Sunday this year will be April 20th and we would like to ask for donations of candy for OLGC's yearly Easter Egg Hunt.

You can bring them to the Parish Office,
 Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now offers
“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!

To get started, you can go to **olgcinfb.org**.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account,
set up recurring giving on a date you want or a one-time
donation, and you can set it up with your credit card, debit
card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office
707-964-0229 ext 1.