February 16, 2020

Rev. Peter M. Escalante, Pastor
Rev. Bill Springer and Rev. Billy Zondler, Associate Pastors
Deacon Ernest Grosso

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
5:30 p.m.  Saturday—Congregational Singing
7:00 a.m.  Congregational Singing
8:00 a.m.  Congregational Singing
9:00 a.m.  Folk Music in St. Francis Chapel
10:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
11:00 a.m. Spanish in St. Francis Chapel
12:00 noon Mission Choir
5:30 p.m.  Congregational Singing

WEEKDAY MASSES:  7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

CONFessions:  Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 p.m., or by appointment, please call the Parish Office.

ADORATION IN LA CAPILLA
First Friday  3:00-5:00 p.m.
First Saturday  7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Call the Parish Office to volunteer.

BAPTISMS:
Please call the Parish Office at (619) 283-7319

MARRIAGES:  Preparation with priest/deacon at least 9 months in advance.

NAZARETH SCHOOL:  Principal
Dr. Colleen Mauricio, (619) 641-7987
Mass Readings and Intentions

**Sunday, February 16**
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
7am Richard Peyronel  8am Margaret Dempsey  9am David Blanchard  10am Parishioners of Mission San Diego  11am Don and Lorraine Walby  11am (Sp) Artemio Reyes  12pm Anneliese Meyer  5:30pm Aurea Custodio

**Monday, February 17**
**Presidents Day**
Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
9am Dr. James Robinson

**Tuesday, February 18**
Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
7am Virginia Escalante (Birthday)  5:30pm Jack Korelak

**Wednesday, February 19**
Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
7am Sean Russell  5:30pm John Resch

**Thursday, February 20**
Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
7am Raymond Peyronel (Birthday)  5:30pm Jay Brunga

**Friday, February 21**
**St. Peter Damian**
Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
7am Marcela Fernanda Parodi  5:30pm Willy Nagel

**Saturday, February 22**
**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday**
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
7am Ed Seliga  5:30pm Patricia Stender

**Sunday, February 23**
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
7am Riley Ramsey  8am Aida Weedman  9am Evelina Calderon  10am Raymond Altmeyer  11am Parishioners of Mission San Diego  11am (Sp) Cesar Alvarez  12pm Frances Pryatel  5:30pm Sid Williams

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

CONSCIENCE - Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience. — George Washington

**Activities this week at the Mission . . .**

**Monday, 2/17** . . . Presidents Day, Parish Office will be closed. Gift Shop will be open.

**Tuesday, 2/18** . . . Adult Formation, Parish Office will be closed.

**Wednesday, 2/19** . . . Young Adults Bible Study, Fr. Serra Room, 6pm Dr. Bill Creasy event, St. Francis Chapel, 7pm Seasons of Hope, Alcala Room, 7pm

**Thursday, 2/20** . . . Mission Choir Practice, Mission Church, 6:30pm RCIA, California Room, 7pm Grief Support, Alcala Room, 7pm

**Friday, 2/21** . . . Nazareth School Mass, St. Francis Chapel, 8:30am

**Saturday, 2/22** . . . Lectors Practice, Mission Church, 9am

Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets to the Lenten Fish Dinners after all the Masses this weekend.
PREPARING FOR LENT - Please join us Wednesday, February 19 from 7—8pm in the St. Francis Chapel for an evening of reflection and preparation for the 40 days of Lent presented by the renowned Biblical scholar and speaker, Dr. Bill Creasy. This event is sponsored by the Mission Social Action Committee. Please feel free to email marlenericci2008@gmail.com with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you. Blessings to you all!

ASH WEDNESDAY — February 26, The beginning of Lent
The origin of the custom of using ashes in religious rituals is ancient! The prophet Jeremiah calls for repentance this way: “O daughter of my people, gird on sackcloth, roll in the ashes.” In the Book of Judith, we find that penances specified ashes as being put on people’s heads: “And all the Israelite men, women and children who lived in Jerusalem prostrated themselves in front of the temple building, with ashes strewn on their heads, displaying their sackcloth covering before the Lord!”

Mass Schedule February 26 with distribution of Ashes
7:00am and 6:30pm—Mass in Mission Church
8:30am, 12:00, 5:30, and 7:30pm—Mass in St. Francis Chapel

The Parish will offer Adults 18 and older Confirmation Preparation on Wednesdays, April 15 through May 6 in the St. Francis Chapel from 7-8:00pm. If you have been baptized in the Catholic Church and have received your First Holy Communion, but for whatever reason never made your Confirmation, you may be interested in this formation process involving formal instruction and faith sharing. You should be a registered parishioner, attend weekly Sunday Mass at the Mission, and have a sense of commitment to your faith. Interested Adults should email Fr. Billy Zondler at frbilly@missionsandiego.org or call (619) 283-7319.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal
Each year the Diocese of San Diego invites all of our parishes to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). This year’s theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal is Gratitude in Action. The ACA provides an opportunity to support the work of the local church at both the Diocesan and Parish levels. Once again, Mission San Diego has been assessed a goal of $85,000. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to reach our goal in the past and we are confident that with your help, we will be able to reach our goal again this year. Of course, if we exceed our goal, that money will come back to the parish and will be used for the ongoing preservation and restoration of the Mission.

Fr. Bill Springer and Fr. Billy Zondler, our two wonderful associate pastors, join me in asking for your support. The success of this annual appeal is essential to maintaining the tremendous work that continues to take place at our Diocesan Offices such as Vocations and Seminary Formation, Religious Education, Support of Catholic Education and Tuition Assistance, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Family Life Services, Catholic Charities and the Ongoing Education and Formation of Clergy, just to name a few.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you are able to help us reach our goal. Registered parishioners should have received in the mail a letter from us and a pledge form. For those of you not receiving it via the mail, there will be pledge form/brochures in the pews this weekend. Simply review, fill out and return the pledge form to the regular collection on a Sunday or drop it off at the parish office. You may also pledge online at www.diocese-sdiego.org.

As I am sure you will agree, Mission San Diego is a very special place to worship. All of us who have been entrusted with the care of the Mission consider it a privilege to serve you. We thank you for your support and goodness and wish to assure you of our ongoing prayers and remembrance each time we gather at the Lord’s Table.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Peter M. Escalante, Pastor.
Senior Men’s Group: This group meets for lunch the 3rd Wednesday of each month, February 19 this month. Lunch will be at 12 noon at the Chicken Pie Shop, 2633 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego 92104. If you would like to join this ministry, call Pete Corrao at (619) 582-9386 or email pete92120@cox.net. All senior men are welcome.

Children’s Faith Formation - What do Single Life, Marriage Life, and Consecrated Life have in common? They are all a vocation! God calls each of His unique children to a way of life that will best suit them in their path to holiness. This Sunday, Deacon Bob will present a talk on "Vocations" to the children in Faith Formation. May God bless their listening ears! "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you--[says] the LORD--plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope." Jer 29:11

Back by popular demand! Lenten Fish Dinners cooked by our Knights of Columbus, will begin Friday, February 28, 4-7:30pm and continue through and including Friday, April 3. Special ticket sales will be held after all the Masses, this weekend, Feb. 15/16, and again Feb. 22/23. Tickets will be $13 per adult, $5 per child (12yrs and under). And if you’re a parishioners, you will be able to purchase tickets for $25 for 2 dinners, $50 for 4 dinners and $10 each dinner for 7 or more tickets. The 2020 Lenten Dinner Menu is being worked on and we will have a “big reveal” very soon! And you know the Columbiettes will have a wonderful display of raffle items. This is a great way to prepare for Easter! Attend the 5:30 pm Mass, join your fellow parishioners at the Stations of the Cross and then have dinner with the Knights and Columbiettes! What could be better?

Pasta Bolgnese Luncheon—Sunday, February 23, 2-4pm—Join the Mission Choir members as they prepare a delicious Italian meal complete with a green salad, garlic bread and Tiramisu, all for the price of $20! And that includes one complimentary beer, wine or soda. Children ages 8 to 15 are $15 with one complimentary soda and those under 8 with a paying parent are free. Tickets will be sold after all the morning Masses Sunday, February 16 or email SDMissiondeAlcalaChoir@gmail.com. The Choir thanks you for your support. More information on the parish website.

Please join us for a Lenten presentation of "A Journey of Homecoming," based on Henri Nouwen's book, The Return of the Prodigal Son. The evening will focus on the themes of mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation as we study the Gospel of Luke 15:11-32 with Lectio Divina and Visio Divina. We'll meet in the California Room on Tuesday, February 25, from 7pm to 8:30pm. For further information, please contact Virginia McCarron at eggrod0422@ymail.com.

United in Prayer Day—The Wisdom of the Desert—Saturday, March 21, Mission San Diego de Alcalá Fr. Joseph Boyle was a Trappist monk, and abbot of St. Benedict’s Monastery in Colorado until his death in 2018. He loved the monastic life and was an avid hiker in the hills near St. Benedict’s. We will show a DVD in which he shares his experience of the wisdom of God and His loving protection, as he finds himself lost in the Borrego Springs desert near San Diego. Come and enjoy a morning in the desert of your own heart with Fr. Joseph. There will be two centering prayer periods, Taize chant and time to share the morning’s experience. This Lenten event is sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of San Diego and North San Diego, and will be held in the California Room of the St. Francis Center. Registration at 9am, event begins at 9:30am to 12:30pm. To register, (needed to prepare seating and hospitality), please contact aew92123@aol.com.

OLD MISSION CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT, Friday April 24, 2020 - Admiral Baker Golf Course

Here is how you can participate:

• Play in the tournament - Registration forms will be available soon.
• Become a Sponsor - Hole Sponsor = $100; Event Sponsor = $250; Tournament Sponsor = $500. Details soon.
• Be a volunteer - Help the committee to recruit golfers, golf related prizes and sponsors. There will be numerous opportunities available on the day of April 24 to assist in the success of the tournament.
• Attend the dinner! You can attend the catered “after tournament dinner” to be held in the California room. You need not be a tournament participant to attend the dinner. Stayed tuned for more information!
• Provide donated prizes for the raffle at the dinner.

Please call Joe Bartel (619-750-9330) or email him at joejanbart@aol.com to volunteer, donate or for more information.
End-of-Year Contribution Statement. Please email Kay Lentz at bookkeeper@missionsandiego.org for a year-end statement of your 2019 contributions. The parish office is able to track the contributions of registered parishioners who donated by use of their envelopes, checks or direct bank withdrawals and produce the required statement of these contributions. If you donated through online WeShare, you will automatically receive a contribution statement from them.

MUSICIANS/SINGERS NEEDED - Interested in being a part of the music ministry? Come join the Mission Folk Group that sings and plays at the 9:00 Mass in the St. Francis Chapel! There are two groups (we switch off every other week), and we would love to have you join either one or both groups. It’s a great way to be a part of the Mission’s music ministry and share the love of music with the congregation. If you’ve been sitting in the pews thinking “I’d really like to sing/play with that group!,” now is the time – take that first step by contacting the following people: Jennie Amison: jennie287@yahoo.com or Molly Nocon: mncon@noahhomes.org. Or, if you’re attending 9:00 mass in the St. Francis Chapel, stop by afterwards and introduce yourself. We look forward to hearing from you!

Rachel’s Hope Healing Ministry Presents:
“Christian Women Do Get Angry (and it’s okay)”
When: Saturday, March 14, 9:00am to 4:00pm
Where: Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave, Oceanside;
Cost: $25.00—Includes snacks, lunch and materials, Confidential—Casual Group Setting—Fun introspective exercises—Identify the sources and types of anger—Scriptural aids
Class size limited—Register Now!
To register contact Leslie Brunolli (760) 224-2361 or Patti Smith (760) 305-8044; or rachelshope@outlook.com

A Mediterranean Cruise, Sept. 25—Oct. 11, 2021
Join Dr. Creasy and the friends, relatives and former parishioners of Msgr. Richard Duncanson as we celebrate his 50 years as a priest and pastor. Beloved by so many, this promises to be a wonderful celebration of the life and ministry of Msgr. Richard on a Holy Land cruise throughout the Mediterranean aboard the Crystal Cruise Lines Symphony, a truly stunning and luxurious cruise ship. Together we’ll board our ship in Rome “Yvonne” at Devotion Travel (310.857.5000).

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7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
St. Francis Chapel

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All are invited to attend.
Join the Knights of Columbus in the California Room
Fridays of Lent - Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Apr. 3

Dinner Menu
• San Diego Mission-style Fish Tacos and Baked Fish
• Clam Chowder and Shrimp Scampi
• Plus, seasoned baked potato chips, salad, macaroni and cheese, cold drinks and ice cream

Dinner starts at 4:00 p.m. and served until 7:30 p.m.

Raffle hosted by the Columbiettes.

Prices
$13 Adult  ❖  $5 Youth (12 and under)
Ask a Knight about pre-sale special prices
Beer and Wine Tickets $3
Credit and Debit Cards Accepted

Lenten dinner and raffle proceeds used by the Knights and Columbiettes of Council #9498 to support church, family and parish youth activities.