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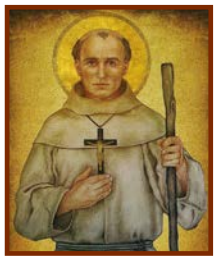

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5:30 p.m.	Saturday— Congregational Singing
7:00 a.m.	
8:00 a.m.	Congregational Singing
9:00 a.m.	Folk Music in St. Francis Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Congregational Singing
11:00 a.m.	Congregational Singing
11:00 a.m.	Spanish in St. Francis Chapel
12:00 noon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

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Please call the Parish Office at
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MARRIAGES: Preparation with priest/ deacon at least 9 months in advance.

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Mass Readings and Intentions

Sunday, March 22
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
7am George Peairs **8am** Lee Ottman
9am Susan Ann Humphrey
10am Parishioners of Mission San Diego
11am Claudia Davies **11am (Sp)** Bertha Ortiz
12pm Jacob Saldana **5:30pm** Maureen Becker

Monday, March 23
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
7am Paul Palmer
5:30pm Jose and Margarita Yanez

Tuesday, March 24
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
7am William Swierupski
5:30pm Jesus and Maria Casillas

Wednesday, March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
7am Mitchell Musson **5:30pm** Michael J. Evans

Thursday, March 26
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
7am Stanley Chen **5:30pm** Eddie Fung

Friday, March 27
Abstinence
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
7am McStay Family 5**:30pm** Joan Haskell

Saturday, March 28
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
7am **5:30pm** Ronald Touchette

Sunday, March 29
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
7am Beneranda Guerena **8am**
9am Parishioners of Mission San Diego
10am Connie Orante Bersamira
11am **11am (Sp)**
12pm Alfredo Carpio **5:30pm** Richard F. Kise

LIGHT

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep.

Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. *Copyright© J.S. Paluch Co.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David
(1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).
Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash
(John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

Activities this week at the Mission . . .

Monday, 3/23 . . . .All meetings cancelled
Tuesday, 3/24 . . . .All meetings cancelled
Wednesday, 3/25. .All meetings cancelled
Thursday, 3/26 . . .All meetings cancelled
Cancelled, RCIA, California Room, 7pm
Friday, 3/27. . . . . .All meetings cancelled
Saturday, 3/28. . . .All meetings cancelled

Docent on Duty 11:30am—1:00pm

A message from our Pastor . . .

As you know all public Masses have been cancelled throughout the Diocese of San Diego, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been dispensed until further notice. The Mission Church will remain open from 7am to 7pm daily. While you need not be here at the Mission to pray, we strongly encourage private prayer and devotions both here and at home.

Our Lenten Communal Penance Service, scheduled for March 30, has been cancelled. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available by appointment with one of our priest, call the parish office.

Nazareth School and all Religious Education Classes are suspended until further notice. All parish organizations and groups have suspended all classes, workshops, activities and gatherings.

The Diocese of San Diego has made available 'Online Sunday Mass' in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. This information is available on our website. Our parish office remains open and we will remain available to serve you.

When for various reasons, we are prevented from receiving Holy Communion at Mass, we are able to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a way to express to God our desire to be united with Him when we are unable to do so with the reception of Holy Communion. Spiritual Communion has been a long-standing tradition of our Catholic faith. (*see page 5*)

While our lives are being impacted in unprecedented ways, we encourage you to keep informed, to act responsibly and to be aware of the precautions that are being recommended.

Take time for one another and show concern, compassion and understanding for those who are most vulnerable, reach out to those you know and love, make a phone call, send a text message, offer your assistance to those who may be in need.

Let us unite our hearts and voices in prayer, that God will watch over and protect us, and grant wisdom to those who will guide us through these turbulent times. We assure you of our most fervent prayers.

May God bless and keep you. *Fr. Peter*

WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

Coronavirus is a type of virus that causes diseases, ranging from the common cold to more serious respiratory disease. The 2019 novel (new) coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus that hasn't been identified before in humans. As of March 13, 2020, San Diego County's general population is considered to be at low risk of contracting coronavirus disease, also referred to as COVID-19 (for the current status, visit www.coronavirus-sd.com or call 2-1-1).

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

- Close contact (within 6 feet)
- Respiratory droplets from a person coughing or sneezing
- Close personal contact (touching or shaking hands)
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

WHO IS HIGH RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS?

The current evidence, based on data from China and other parts of the world, indicates the following groups are at highest risk for COVID-19,

- Older adults (60 and over)
- Individuals with serious chronic medical conditions like:

  Heart disease Diabetes Lung disease

Keep in Touch—We are using our FlockNote program and the Mission Website to send messages from our Pastor, Fr. Peter Escalante and anything Fr. Peter learns from the Diocese. Please sign up for messages by texting alcala to 84576. Follow the steps once you get a response. You can also download the app for your smart phone. It is free.

This weekend has been designated for the **2020 Annual Lenten Collection**. Special envelopes are available for the collection which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services. Please respond to this worthwhile cause.

The Diocese of San Diego is providing Online Sunday Mass. This link will take you to a page that has English, Spanish and Vietnamese Masses.
https://www.sdcatholic.org/find-a-parish/on-line-sunday-mass/

EWTN also has Sunday Mass via this link:
https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live

Also providing Daily and Sunday Mass is Auxiliary Bishop Barron of LA. Use this link for those Masses.
https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

CORONAVIRUS—COVID-19
WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include:

Runny nose, Sore throat,
Headache, Fever, Cough,
Breathing problems,
General feeling of being unwell.

There is no specific treatment; however, many symptoms can be relieved. There is currently no vaccine available.

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

For current information about COVID-19, please visit:
www.coronavirus-sd.com
www.cdph.ca.gov
www.cdc.gov

What's Happening at the Mission and around the Diocese . . .

Parishioners and Visitors of Mission San Diego de Alcalá - We appreciate your annual patronage and support of the Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners. We enjoy hosting these events to promote community building as well as raising funds to support the Nazareth School, Mission Youth Group, Nazareth House, local Seminarian candidates, and Casa Hogar Children's Home in Tijuana. As you know, under the present circumstances, our remaining Lenten Dinners have been cancelled. However, please hold on to your tickets! We have begun planning a future event after the health advisories have lifted, and intend to honor your Lenten Dinner tickets for that event. Thank you for your understanding and support. *St. Junípero Serra, Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes, Council 9498, Mission San Diego de Alcalá.*

The **American Filipino Association** (AFA) will be selling hot Filipino food in La Sala after the 9AM, 10AM, 11AM and 12PM Masses on **Sunday, March 22.** Menu includes Chicken Adobo, Pancit, Lumpia, and Rice, and something very special for dessert! Please come and try their authentic Filipino food and enjoy the camaraderie of good friendship with AFA!

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. New dates will be posted on the website.

Mission Welcoming Committee—In our effort to be a truly welcoming community and to have new members become registered parishioners, we are forming a "Welcoming Committee" who would develop ways to create a spirit of hospitality and welcome to all. Some of our plans include:

1) To have a new member registration table after all Masses once a month (volunteers would be needed for one or more Mass);
2) Provide information about parish life: organizations, groups, ministries, parish events and services and to update parish contact lists at least twice a year;
3) Develop a social event on a quarterly basis for all newly registered parishioners;
4) Offer a follow-up call and an invitation to Mass (and other/or events) to newly registered members.

If you would be interested in volunteering for this exciting new committee, please contact the parish office.

MUSICIANS/SINGERS NEEDED - Interested in being a part of the music ministry? Come join the Mission Folk Group at the 9am Mass in the SFC. There are two groups (we switch 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: jenniea287@yahoo.com** or **Molly Nocon: mnocon@noahhomes.org.** We look forward to hearing from you!

The Old Mission Cup Golf Tournament will be held Friday, April 24, at Admiral Baker Golf Course.

Here is how you can participate:

- **Play in the tournament** – Registration is available online at www.missionsandiego.org/events/old-mission-cup golf-tournament
- **Be a Sponsor**: Hole Sponsor - $100; Anniversary Sponsor - $250; Tournament Sponsor - $500.

- **Be a Volunteer** – numerous opportunities available on April 24 to assist in the tournament, contact Joe
- Sign up to **attend the dinner** (in the evening April 24 in the California Room; catered dinner, $25) – tickets available on line (*see mission website noted above*).
- **Provide donated prizes** for the raffle at the dinner.

For more information or to be a sponsor, volunteer or donate prizes, contact Joe Bartel at joejanbart@aol.com.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that
You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart. Lord, I know that you have
always been there. I embrace You and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

LENTEN SEASON

Lent is a season of simple living, particularly through three practices: prayer, penance, and almsgiving. While these practices are part of an ongoing life of the Catholic Christian, they hold a special place for us during Lent.

FRIDAYS OF LENT—Friday Stations of the Cross have been **canceled**. And the Knights of Columbus **Lenten Dinners have been canceled.**

ABSTINENCE—is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of *abstinence.*

FASTING—In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years (inclusive) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Taste of the Mission—Friday, Sept. 25, 2020

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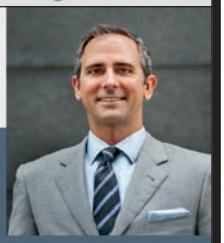
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