Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

If you blinked once or twice, you might have missed that the Season of Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday – only four short weeks after the Christmas Season ended! The term “Lent” comes to us from old English. It means springtime. If you go back to the Latin term “Lente”, the word means slowly… SLOWLY!!!

For the 40 days of Lent, we need to ask ourselves to slow down as individuals and as a community. It’s time for Spring cleaning and to take inventory of what is essential in our everyday living secondary and what is truly peripheral. All too often, the priorities get all twisted around – the peripheral becomes essential, what’s essential becomes peripheral and so on.

As a Parish, the Catholic Community of Pleasanton can get busy about Lenten activities – Stations of the Cross, Rice Bowl, Oasis of Hope, the meditation booklets to name a few, please check the back page of the bulletin for a complete list. We are not engaged in these activities to pack more into the calendar. Instead, maybe engagement in these activities can cause us to “Lent” our lives... to change our lives slowly, or even “springtime” some change and bud new life.

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One new life-giving opportunity is the variety of Small Christian Communities (SCC’s) that we are forming. In a Parish our size, it is so easy to get lost, remain anonymous and not connect with your neighbor. In the age of social media, person to person contact is all the more important. Because our faith cannot be reduced to electronic transmission, we must use our bodies, minds and souls as we journey as Jesus’ body during the 40 days that lead us to Lent. So in conjunction with the Sunday Mass experience, consider a Small Christian Community. Please contact Deacon Joe Gourley for further information or go to the website.

Ash Wednesday serves as a fitting point of departure for Lent. We are called not to be just smudged on our foreheads with ashes but to place ourselves in the ashes of living from where new life will slowly spring over these next forty days.

We will be praying, fasting and giving alms... we will strive to slow down so a new springtime may come.

We begin the journey...

Fr. Paul

Ash Wednesday
February 10

MASSES AT ST. AUGUSTINE
Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
Holy Days: 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
Benediction: 11:30 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
(Confessions)
WEDDINGS 6 months preparation time required by the Diocese. Call for an interview.
BAPTISMS You must be registered in the Parish prior to Baptism. Call for an interview.

MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM
Weekdays Masses: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday
Holy Days: 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration: 12:45 PM Monday and Wednesday

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## Mass Intentions and Calendar of Events

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Mass Intentions

**SUN Feb 7**
- 8:00 AM: Catherine Servatius
- 10:00 AM: Guillermia Montiel (L)
- 12:00 PM: Ruth Welsh

**MON Feb 8**
- 8:30 AM: Ann Treese

**TUE Feb 9**
- 8:30 AM: Antonio Serrano Rodriguez (L)
- 12:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WED Feb 10**
- 8:30 AM: For The People
- 7:30 PM: For The People

**THU Feb 11**
- 8:30 AM: Issac Marattukalam
- 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Business Meeting
- 7:30 PM: Bible Study

**FRI Feb 12**
- 8:30 AM: Richard Del Tredici
- 9:30 AM: Bible Study
- 11:00 AM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:00 PM: AA Meeting
- 6:00 PM: Spanish Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM: Hispanic Prayer Group
- 7:30 PM: Lenten Stations of the Cross

**SAT Feb 13**
- 8:30 AM: Steve Rubiolo
- 8:45 AM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 5:00 PM: Private Reconciliation
- 6:00 PM: Crab Feed Ticket Sales

**SUN Feb 14**
- 8:00 AM: For The People
- 10:00 AM: Maria Helena Pinheiro
- 12:00 PM: Ray Meyer

#### Calendar of Events

**SUN Feb 7**
- 9:00 AM: Donut Sunday
- Rooms 4 & 5

**MON Feb 8**
- 8:30 AM: Donut Sunday
- Rooms 4 & 5

**TUE Feb 9**
- 12:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting
- Room 8
- Church

**WED Feb 10**
- 8:30 AM: For The People
- Room 8
- Church

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- 8:45 AM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 5:00 PM: Private Reconciliation
- 6:00 PM: Crab Feed Ticket Sales

**SUN Feb 14**
- 9:00 AM: Crab Feed Ticket Sales After All Masses
- Vestibule

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### St. Augustine

#### Mass Intentions

**SUN Feb 7**
- 9:00 AM: The Jarrett Family
- 11:00 AM: Eugene Patrick Jones
- 4:00 PM: For The People
- 6:30 PM: Zulmira Vargas

**MON Feb 8**
- 12:10 PM: Lon Williams

**TUE Feb 9**
- 12:10 PM: The Dalmos Family

**WED Feb 10**
- 12:10 PM: For The People
- 6:00 PM: For The People

**THU Feb 11**
- 12:10 PM: Lourdes Rayo (L)

**FRI Feb 12**
- 12:10 PM: Jijung Juliana Lim (L)

**SAT Feb 13**
- 10:00 AM: Lenten Morning of Reflection

**SUN Feb 14**
- 9:00 AM: Shelby Darby (L)
- 11:00 AM: Maria Helena Lima
- 4:00 PM: Bernardo Santos, Sr.
- 6:30 PM: Ivy Cargill & Violet Hinds

#### Calendar of Events

**SUN Feb 7**
- 10:00 AM: Donut Sunday
- RCIA Inquiry
- Vestibule
- Room A

**MON Feb 8**
- 12:10 PM: Eucharistic Adoration
- RCIA
- Chapel

**TUE Feb 9**
- 12:10 PM: Arts & Environment Meeting
- Cry Room

**WED Feb 10**
- 12:10 PM: Ash Wednesday
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- Legion of Mary
- Chapel
- Church
- Room A

**THU Feb 11**
- 12:10 PM: Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Cantor Practice
- Bi-Monthly Grief Support Meeting
- Room A
- Church
- Chapel

**FRI Feb 12**
- 12:10 PM: Jijung Juliana Lim (L)

**SAT Feb 13**
- 10:00 AM: Lenten Morning of Reflection
- Chapel

**SUN Feb 14**
- 10:00 AM: Crab Feed Tickets Sold After All Masses
- RCIA Inquiry
- MOMS Bible Study
- Vestibule
- Room A
- Room B
**Scripture Readings**

**February 14**
- Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- Romans 10:8-13

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

**February 10**

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Ashes are distributed only during Masses.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of 18 and 59 and not restricted by diet for health reasons. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat or meat products).

Regarding the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope Paul VI may be simply paraphrased: "The obligation to observe, as a whole or 'substantially', the penitential days specified by the Church is serious. But no one should be scrupulous in this regard: failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious, rather it is the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days which must be considered serious.

**Adult Bible Study and Lectio Divina**

The classes begin **Thursday, February 11**, at 7:30 PM and **Friday, February 12**, at 9:30 AM. This year we will study the Gospel of John and why this singular gospel is not included as part of the synopsis of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Along with our study of John, we will continue our practice of Lectio Divina and how this type of prayer assists us in our prayerful meditation. The $20 fee includes the study book and handouts.

**Lenten Recollection for Young Adults**

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church**

**Friday, February 19, 7:30 PM—9:30 PM**

Fr. Dat trah from the Newman Center of UC Berkeley will be the guest speaker on the year of Mercy, Confession, Praise and Worship. Adoration and Benediction will follow.

**Stations of the Cross**

**St. Augustine Church**

**Fridays at 7:30 PM**

Each Friday during Lent:
- February 12, 19, 26
- March 4, 11 & 18, 2016

We have the opportunity to share traditionally the Cross of Christ, led by different ministries of CCOP.

**40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life is a prayer vigil that starts on **Wednesday, February 10**, through **Saturday, March 19**, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily, excluding Sundays. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/sanramon. For more information, call Lou Santero at (925) 846-5124 or lpsantero@yahoo.com.

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**The Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed and Silent Auction**

**Saturday Evening, February 27, 2016**

**St. Augustine Hall**

Ticket on sale now!
- $45 per person
- Silent Auction Preview at 5:00 PM
- Dinner will begin at 7:00 PM

For more information, please contact Tim Tuttle at (925) 487-5645 or crabfeedatccop@gmail.com
Women In God's Spirit (WINGS)
Pope John Paul II Activity Center
Monday, February 22, 2016
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Women of all ages are invited to join us for our Winter Season of New Evangelization: Invitation to seek Christ in all. Our meeting for this date is the sponsorship of and participation in the reception for the Parish Mission at SES Church. Please bring a friend to share this faith-filled evening. The remaining date for the Winter Season is March 7.

Get On the Bus
Get On the Bus is a program of the Center for Restorative Justice Works which brings children and their caregivers from throughout the State of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. This year CCOP will sponsor a bus trip and provide the children with a travel bag including snacks, games, and other comfort items. They will also receive a photo with his or her parent, stationery items to keep in touch with them, and meals for the day. On the trip home they also will receive a teddy bear with a letter from their parent.

Items will be collected in St. Augustine Hall between February 7 and March 7. Please click on the Get On the Bus link on our homepage at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org for more information and to sign up to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hanson at (925) 474-2771.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Summer Fun at Camp!

Northern CA has 2 exciting options for Catholic camps. Both offer a variety of summer camp programs for 1st grade through high school, and both offer online registration. Check out Camp Pendola adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest near Camptonville, CA at www.pendola.org. Or take a look at CYO Camp in Occidental, CA at www.cyocamp.org. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schlachte at (925) -474-2775 or nschlachte@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Habitat for Humanity

It’s almost time for CCOP’s next Habitat for Humanity build day! What a great thing to do during Lent. On March 19 you can join with fellow parishioners to help a needy family realize the dream of home ownership. We will work on a home in Muir Ridge in Martinez, starting at 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM. No special skills or experience are required but participants must be at least 16 years old and have their own transportation. To sign up or for additional information, please contact David Browne at dabbrowne@gmail.com. Space is limited and the deadline to sign up is February 19. This event is coordinated by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee of CCOP.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Ronald Johnson
Pearl Lorene Walling
Maribec Natividad
Claudia Moritz
Voltaire Brion, Jr.
Sherrill Walker Hamilton
Mary Elizabeth Vranesh
Rosalinda Ilagan
Jim Campbell

Priscilla Yasana
Lourdes Salazar
John Gentry
Sylvester Salazar
Pedro Gonzalez
Alba Rodriguez Argudo
Thelma Pauline Hunter
America Evana Campus

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ashley Miller
Randy Groebler
Lili McWilliams
Ronald Shinn
Patrick O’Connor
Joan O’Connor
Michael Callaway
Barbara Callaway
Nestor Rojas
Angel Montalvo
Julia Gonzalez
Brandon Francisco
Lydia Pobre
Cheryl Morgan
Melanie Henshaw
Cynthia Gibson

Lorraine Hanna
K. C. Hansen
Noelyn Dimayuga
Torri Fritz
Cheryl Morgan
Jeannie Magoon
Keegan Lyons
Alfredo Beteta
Gregory Oroso
Larry Crooker
Ken Perez
Dyland Garcia
Paz Perez
Daniel Dimakiling
Sue Fallon
Lorraine Webster
Living in Lent - We Share God’s Mercy with Others

Opportunities in Lent to experience and to share God’s love and mercy with others.

**CRS Rice Bowls** - Rice Bowls can be picked up in the vestibules after Mass on February 13 - 14 and February 20 - 21. Bowls will be collected after each Mass on April 2 - 3. More information at www.crsricebowl.org. Social Justice Committee (SJC)

**Oasis of Hope Collection** - Weekends of March 5 - 6 and 12 - 13, donations of unopened packages of Children’s, Women’s or Men’s underpants, undershirts, and socks for St. Mary’s in Stockton. (SJC)

**Habitat for Humanity Build Day** - We will work on a home in Muir Ridge in Martinez on Saturday, March 19. Space is limited and the deadline for sign-up is February 9. To sign up, or for more information, please contact David Browne at dabbrowne@gmail.com. (SJC)

**Fair Trade Easter Sale** - Weekend of March 12 - 13 following all Masses. (SJC)

**Livermore Homeless Refuge Gift Card Collection** - Weekend of March 19 - 20 following all Masses. For a few ideas: gift cards in small $10 amounts preferred from places like McDonalds, Safeway, Lucky's, Dollar Tree, Trader Joe’s, Taco Bell, and gas cards. Cash will also be accepted for purchase of gift cards. (SJC)

**Easter Food Baskets** - St. Vincent de Paul will collect food for Easter Food Baskets for people in need. The food basket assembly will be on Sunday, March 20, in St Augustine’s Hall. Volunteers are needed. Start time will be 8:00 AM and we should be finished by 10:30 AM.

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**MedShare Volunteer Opportunity** - Join a group of volunteers from CCOP to sort medical supplies at MedShare in San Leandro on Saturday morning, March 26, from 9:00 AM until Noon. We have room for 20 volunteers. RSVP to menevi@sbcglobal.net. More information at www.medshare.org.