God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”
~ Exodus 3:4, 5
The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. — Psalm 103:6

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:6-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-9; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1-1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A): 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]

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday, March 24, 2019
9:30 AM HN Preschool Mass Church

Monday, March 25, 2019
10:00 AM Line Dancing Flanagan Center
1:00 PM Sewing Group Pastoral Center
7:30 PM SVdP Meeting Pastoral Center

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
10:00 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Lectio Divina Pastoral Center
11:00 AM Sick & Homebound Ministry Pastoral C.
6:00 PM Confessions chapel
6:30 PM HN Preschool/School Staff Yoga Flanagan Center
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Pastoral Center

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
10:00 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Consolation Ministry Pastoral Center
5:30 PM Choir Practice Pastoral Center
7:00 PM RCIA Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, March 28, 2019
12 Noon Senior Club Flanagan Center
4:00 PM Sports Pictures Flanagan Center

Friday, March 29, 2019
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church
6:30 PM Soup Supper Flanagan Center
7:00 PM Stewardship Session Flanagan Center

Saturday, March 30, 2019
1:00 PM Chinese Ministry RCIA Green Room
1:30 PM Book Club Pastoral Center
2:30 PM Chinese Ministry Social Flanagan
3:00 PM Chinese Mass Church
4:20 PM Confessions Church

MASS WEEK INTENTIONS
Week of March 24, 2019

Sun 24 7:30 AM Lou Sacha†
9:30 AM Mass for the People
11:30 AM John McDonagh†

Mon 25 7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Dubuc Family
9:00 AM Dominica Moss†

Tue 26 7:30 AM Special Intentions of Teresa de la Cruz
9:00 AM Catherin Dourisboure†

Wed 27 7:30 AM McEllistrim & O’Connor Families†
9:00 AM Daniel McEllistrim†

Thu 28 7:30 AM Ward, Quiroz, Samayo & Emmons Families†
9:00 AM Ed Regan†

Fri 29 7:30 AM Vincent McEvilly†
9:00 AM Special Intentions of Marge Finney

Sat 30 7:30 AM Joseph Cao Minh Hoang†
9:00 AM Special Intentions of Ramona Claxton
5:00 PM Lilia Rozai†

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday: Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

LET US PRAY FOR:
We pray for the Sick ...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.

We pray for those who have Died...that they may be granted a home in heaven. Michael Savnik
FAZtor’s Notes
by Fr. Arnold Zamora

This weekend, Saturday, March 23rd, to be exact, is our School Live and Silent Auction entitled "An Evening Under the Stars." The parent organizers of this event describe it as an Adult-Only evening, complete with fabulous passed appetizers, cocktails, music, and dancing that will raise money to benefit our school. All proceeds will fund Holy Name School’s Enrichment Programs that include our Art, PE, Library, Music, Technology, and Foreign Language offerings that our students get excited about every day.

The auction reminds me of two stories. First is this: One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he kept bidding until he won. The auctioneer asked him, "Are you sure you didn’t bid too high?"

"Don’t worry," said the auctioneer, "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

The second story is this:

An old, dusty violin was up for auction. Its starting price was a mere $3.00 only. Despite it being cheap, nobody was attracted to it. From nowhere, an old, grey-haired man approached the violin, held it up, and played music with it.

The old, grey-haired man and the old and dusty violin soon filled the whole auction hall with sweet, enchanting music. When the man finished the piece, the price of the old, dusty violin started to jump to thousands of dollars.

What transformed the old and dusty violin? What is the reason for the sudden rise in the bidding? Myra Brooks Welch answers: "The touch of the master's hand."

In the hands of the old maestro, the old and dusty violin became new again. In his hands, any kind of violin could produce enchanting music. That which is neglected is treasured again. "One man’s trash is another man’s treasure."

When I was a kid, one of my favorite tales was about a man whose touch was likewise truly amazing. He was King Midas. Everything he touched became gold. However, he was not real. Jesus, instead, is very real. Whatever and whoever Jesus touches become more precious than gold. How about us – are we real, too? And what become of those we touch?

I was about to ask how long have we been doing this auction. Then I remembered that it started when I came to Holy Name. Not that I started the auction, but it just happened to start the year I started my ministry here at Holy Name. That was ten years ago. I hope and pray I have been able to touch your lives after having been your servant-leader for the past 10 years.

Always open your heart to reveal your beautiful soul and let your gentle footprints of kindness make a lifetime soft imprints in the hearts of others.

REMEMBER...

*Touching someone’s life is a privilege;
*Touching someone’s heart is a blessing;
*Touching someone’s soul is a triumph; and
*Touching someone’s spirit is a miracle.

FAITH FORMATION *
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REFLECTION DURING LENT

“Dear brothers and sisters, the Lent period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had a goal of making it once more the garden of communion with God that it was before original sin. May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.” (Romans 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion.

Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all creation.”

Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2019

Take advantage of these Lenten Practices in our Parish:

• Confession is offered every Tuesday 6:00-8:00PM in the chapel of the Pastoral Center
• Tuesday Bible Reflection on Sunday Liturgical readings, 10:00-11:00AM in the Pastoral Center. Those who attend find this weekly faith sharing group very helpful to grow in their spiritual life.
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel, 9:30AM-12:00 Noon, closing with Benediction, every Wednesday.
• Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother, at 8:30AM every Friday, in the chapel
• Friday Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:00PM, followed by soup supper
• Rice Bowl Lenten offering for the poor – contact Sr. Cristina for more information.
• Spiritual reading books and religious films are available in our lending library in the Pastoral Center

Where Are They Going? In the early Church, only those who had been fully initiated into the faith were allowed to remain at Mass after the Liturgy of the Word. This is why for centuries the first part of the Mass was also known as the “Mass of the Catechumens”. In that spirit, many parishes today “dismiss” catechumens, and sometimes candidates, after the Liturgy of the Word. They are not sent out into the street, however. Accompanied by RCIA catechist, they go to reflect on the Scriptures that have been proclaimed, in order to be more deeply formed in the faith. Happening on the Third, Fourth, Fifth Sundays of Lent.

Register for 2019-2020 RCIA and Religious Education Classes

Calling all children, youth, and adults who want to be baptized, receive the sacraments of confirmation and Holy Eucharist. You need a full year to prepare for these sacraments of Christian Initiation. Classes will begin in September 2019. Contact Sr. Cristina’s office to register. Parents: we need your collaboration in this important part of your children’s life.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
Thanks to all who attended the St. Patrick’s Dinner and special thanks to the following for their help, from the St. Patrick’s Dinner Organizers:
♣ The Kitchen crew: Fred Grafelman, John Wilkinson, Jim Cheetham, Matt Caselli, Mollie Caselli (HN’96), Bill Flaherty, Frank O’Brien, Jennifer Grafelman (HN ’94), Mike Gallagher, Jim Regan, Jim Lynch, Dan Davis, Grange Lum, Mike Downing (HN ’70) and Vince DeLucca (HN ’72)
♣ Dinner Ticket sellers: Sally Cassidy, Noreen McEllistrim, Kathy Gallagher, Joe Galvin and Billy Cotter (HN ’88)
♣ Raffle Ticket sellers: Kathy Gallagher, Alice Seher and all their helpers
♣ Alcira Bermudez for set up and decorations.
♣ School Parents, Students and Alumni for set up, clean up and serving.
♣ Parent volunteers who helped take down the tables and chairs, and to clean Ryan Hall.
♣ Our Emcee – Tom Galvin (HN ’94)
♣ Ivor Collins for the musical entertainment
♣ Raffle Prize Donors: Mike & Marie Carr, Noreen McEllistrim, Kathy & Mike Gallagher, Jerry & Sally Cassidy, Andrea Ibarra, Celia’s Restaurant
♣ Irish bread bakers – School Parents, Parishioners and Friends: too numerous to mention and too delicious to miss
♣ Kevin Breining (HN ’77) for supplying the linens
♣ Pat Maguire (HN ’81) of Java Beach for supplying the Coffee
♣ Bartenders: Jennifer Grafelman (HN ’94) and her helpers, Isabella Alcaraz (HN ’10), Bar ticket sellers: HN School parents and Ursula Durkin Perotti (HN ’68)
♣ The SF Irish Pipers Band, the Brosnan School of Irish Dance /Lisa Brosnan (HN ’84), our own HN School Irish Dancing Students and the Set Dancers: Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Erin

We had a great attendance with 250 people for dinner and all the profits go towards the School Sports Program. We were happy to see so many of our Alumni and former parishioners attend this year, up to three generations present in some families. We appreciate the support of all those who attended.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!
Marie Carr, Mike Downing (HN ’70), Colleen Durkin (HN ’72)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION
This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION
5th Sunday Collection—March 31, 2019
The funds for these 5th Sunday collections are used to help persons in need. We provide comfort and aid to persons who come to the Pastoral Center seeking assistance with food, shelter, clothing or travel needs. We provide financial help to SVdP programs and other conferences in the Philippines and Holy Land. If you know of any parishioner who may need our assistance, please notify the staff at the Pastoral Center so we can provide the assistance needed.

Thanks again for supporting our 5th Sunday collections. You are remembered in our weekly meetings.

Please use your SVDP envelope in the Second collection next Sunday.

PARISH SUMMARY REPORT

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MARRIAGE FOR LIFE PREPARATION DATES

March 30, 2019
May 4, 2019
August 17, 2019
October 19, 2019

All at St. Mary’s Cathedral (Gough and Geary Sts.)

www.marriageforlifesf.com

The website has our complete schedule, resource information about engagement and marriage as well as nuts and bolts info about the marriage preparation sessions.

Marriage for Life is an approved marriage preparation program option in the San Francisco Diocese. Our format is one day, all day and the cost is $225.00 per couple.

If you had not done so already, please phone (415) 664-8108 or email jcdaurow@marriageforlifesf.com or www.marriageforlifesf.com
PRE-BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Our once a month Pre-Baptismal Preparation class will be on the FIRST SATURDAY of the MONTH at 1:30 PM. The next one is on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Please pre-register by calling the Parish office at (415) 664-8590.

HOLY NAME TREE OF LIFE

Honor your loved ones whether living or deceased with a gift of a leaf on our Tree of Life. Each leaf costs $500 with a $25 engraving charge. We suggest a maximum number of characters to 5 lines, up to 25 characters per line including spaces.

Leaf color choices are gold, silver or bronze.

For more information, please call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office during business hours 9 AM –4 PM.

HOLY NAME SCHOOL

A PRE-SCHOOL AND K-8 CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Holy Name Parishioners,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather. Thank you so much for supporting our Auction this weekend- we are so appreciative of your ongoing support.

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of March! This month has been a busy one! Our 2nd graders received their First Communion and Special Blessing, and they had such a wonderful day celebrating our faith. Our 4th graders enjoyed a three day overnight trip to Gold Camp where they were able to experience life as a miner. Our 7th graders returned from their week long Outdoor Education Week at Cantas Camp, and our 8th Graders left for Washington D.C. and Philadelphia to learn first hand about our nation's history. Thank you for keeping our students in your prayers during all their trips! Holy Name students are able to experience so many different things during their nine years, and it would truly not be possible without your support and prayers. THANK YOU!

Our students are enjoying their Lenten season and we hope that you will join us at the school-sponsored Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, April 18th.

Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,
Natalie Cirigliano, Principal

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM,
Saturday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays (in Convent Chapel 1555 39th Ave): 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Except Thursdays when school students are in attendance,
Mass will be in the Church.
Holy Days: 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 9:10 AM—9:25 AM and 11:10 AM—11:25 AM
on Sunday & 4:20 - 4:50 PM Saturday or as requested, just call the
Parish office or approach any priest
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—after the 9 AM Mass with benediction at 12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions: Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions: Every Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 9:00
AM Mass with the Exposition, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction at 10:30 AM
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the
Pastoral Center 1:30 PM—You need to register for the class
ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the
Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages: Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese): Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese): Every Wednesday—7:30 PM
Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM
(Pastoral Center)
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45
AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 12 noon-3 PM (Flanagan Center)
Holy Name Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 5:30 PM in the
Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Legion of Mary: every Tuesday at 7:30 PM
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM
including Mass. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team
(415)664-8590
Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the
7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center) except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses
in the Pastoral Center except July & August