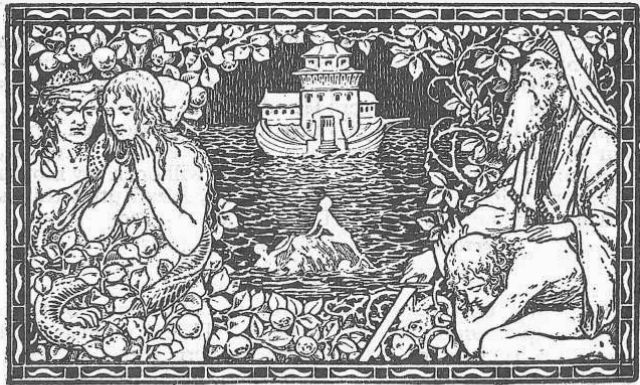


Sunday, January 28, 2018  
Septuagesima Sunday



**The Fall** (Septuagesima)      **The Flood** (Sexagesima)      **Abraham's Sacrifice** (Quinquagesima)

<b>Sun. 28 Jan.</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Septuagesima Sunday, II Class</b> Teresa Rodda Pro Populo Patrick & Antonette Harris Josh Saavedra
<b>Mon 29 Jan.</b>  7:00 am 12:15 pm	<b>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor, &amp; Doctor, III Class</b> Bishop Quinn †David Munoz
<b>Tues. 30 Jan.</b> 7:00 am 6:30 pm	<b>St. Martina, Virgin &amp; Martyr, III Class</b> Racquel Magabo Paige Langdon
<b>Wed. 31 Jan.</b> 7:00 am 12:15 pm	<b>St. John Bosco, Confessor, III Class</b> †Arlette Crane Georgia Munsill
<b>Thurs. 1 Feb.</b>  7:00 am 6:30 pm	<b>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr, III Class</b> †Cecilio Garcia St. Monica Sodality
<b>Fri. 2 Feb.</b>  7:00 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class</b> Jonathan Munsill †David Munoz Ortiz †Mary J. Carvalho
<b>Sat. 3 Feb.</b> 7:00 am 9:00 am	<b>St. Blaise, IV Class</b> †Richard Corbin †La Vera DeCaria
<b>Sun. 4 Feb.</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Sexagesima Sunday, II Class</b> Katie Roundtree Pro Populo †Alexandra Hardin Alejandra Holdener

*...In Memoriam*

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin  
Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 22—Chair of St. Peter  
March 19—Feast of St. Joseph  
March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm  
March 30—Good Friday  
April 1—Easter Sunday  
May 5—First Holy Communion

A New Program

The time of Septuagesima is somewhat like a prelude to Lent, the traditional time for spiritual reform. That is why the liturgy presents us today with a program which we must put into effect in order to bring about within ourselves a new, serious conversion, so that we may rise again with Christ at Easter. The Collect of today's Mass, while reminding us that we are sinners, invites us to sentiments of profound humility, "to the end that we, who are justly afflicted because of our sins, may through Thy mercy, be freed from them." The first step toward conversion always consists in humbly recognizing that we need to be converted. The lukewarm must become fervent, the fervent must reach perfection, the perfect must attain heroic virtue. Who can say that he does not need to advance in virtue and in sanctity? Each new step effects a new conversion to God, *conversion ad Deum*. In the Epistle (I Cor 9,24-27-10,15) St. Paul urges us to undertake this ceaseless spiritual labor. To reach sanctity and heavenly glory we must never tire of running and striving, as those who run in the stadium struggle and exert themselves "to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible one. I, therefore, so run . . . not as one beating the air," says the Apostle, "but I chastise my body and bring it into subjection!" This is the first point in the program: a generous struggle to overcome ourselves, to conquer evil and achieve goodness; denial of self by humility; denial of the body by physical mortification. Only those who struggle and exert themselves will win the prize. Therefore let us also run in such a way as to obtain the reward.

The Gospel (Mt 20, 1-16) gives us the second part of the program for this liturgical season: not to remain idle, but to labor assiduously in the Lord's vineyard. The first vine to be cultivated is our own soul. God comes to meet us with His grace, but He does not will to sanctify us without our cooperation. On this Sunday the great invitation to sanctity is repeated to every soul. God in His love seeks out His scattered, idle children and gently reprimands them: "Why stand you here idle?" St. Mary Magdalen dei Pazzi says that "God calls us at various times, because creatures differ in state. In this variety we see God's greatness and benignity, which never fail to call us by means of His divine inspirations, in no matter what stage or situation we may be.

In addition to the vineyards of our souls, we must also consider the vineyard of the Church, where so many souls are waiting to be won to Christ. No one can consider himself dispensed from thinking of the welfare of others. However lowly our place in the Mystical Body of Christ, we are all members of it; consequently, each one of us must work for the welfare of the others.

(Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

*From the Pastor*

Today begins the season of **Septuagesima**. With this short season the Church invites us to begin to prepare ourselves for the season of Lent. Lent is the season *par excellence* for getting our spiritual life in order. Like almost everything else in life, the better prepared we are, the better our chances of success. Our Lent will be much more profitable to ourselves and to others if we take a little time now to prayerfully examine our lives, and ask ourselves what most needs changing. Then, let us determine what the best means are to bring about that change. Finally, let us make a firm resolution – with the help of God's grace – to avail ourselves of these means no matter the cost. If every Lenten Season we rooted out what was our worst fault, after several Lents, we would be near perfect.

**Our Lady of Good Council, pray for us!**

Candlemas

This Friday, Feb. 2, is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Candlemas. There will be a solemn high Mass at 6:30 pm. We will begin with the blessing of candles and procession into the church.

St. Blaise Day

Saturday, Feb. 3, is the Feast of St. Blaise. The traditional throat blessing will be given after all Masses. The blessing is only given on this day.

First Friday & First Saturday

Friday and Saturday of this week are the first of the month. If you haven't yet made the first 9 Friday devotion, or the 5 first Saturday devotion, this is a good time to start.

Chesterton Society Meeting  
February 13th at 7:30pm

We will meet in one of the classrooms right after the 6:30 pm Mass.

We will discuss "Saint Francis of Assisi chapter 5: "Le Jongleur de Dieu" .

All are welcome!

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*Around the Parish*

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue** - If you would like to have our Blessed Mother's image spend a week with you in your home, sign up in the book store. First come, first served! You may pickup the statue on one Sunday and return it the next. By taking the image you're agreeing to pray a family Rosary daily for the duration of the visit.

Study Sacred Scripture with Fr. Savoie

February 1 @ 7:30 Classroom 2

**The Book of Job**

**Part 1 : Into the Dark**

Prayer to St. Joseph

V. He made him lord of his house.  
R. And prince over all his possessions.

*Let us pray:*

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

St. Francis Xavier Mission Trips

This year there will be four mission trips: two in Mexico (Holy Week and July), one in Peru, and one in the Dominican Republic. Registration is now open via the website [www.sfxmission.com](http://www.sfxmission.com)

Brown Bag Lunch Project

**Please help us fill our food closet:**

Below is a list of the food needed.

*Must be non-perishable*

Tuna, chicken, salmon, other easy-to-open, single portion meats, or lunchables

Apple sauce cups or other fruit cups

Healthy snacks like fruit rolls, breakfast bars, soft granola bars

Crackers or chips

Deserts like cookies

Bottles of water

Plastic utensils, packages of lunch bags, and napkins

Jars of peanut butter, jelly/preserves

Cash donations also welcome at the office or bookstore

*Please Keep in Your Prayers ...*

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Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher,  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
10:30 a.m. High Mass  
1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.  
(Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**Knights of Columbus:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 pm

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