



**First Sunday of Lent
February 17, 2013**

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.



Peninsula Catholic Young Adults

Are you a young adult (22-40) who is looking to enrich your faith in a social setting? The PCYA is a ministry based at St. Gregory's in San Mateo for those young adults in the mid-peninsula who are seeking something new from church. Check us out on Facebook or our website! We will be gathering on Tuesday, Feb 19th and Saturday, Feb 23rd.

FB: [facebook.com/peninsulacya](https://www.facebook.com/peninsulacya)

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<https://sites.google.com/site/peninsulacya>



Sunday Collection \$10,792.43

Thank you! Your generous contributions help to make our ministries possible.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
Principal Celebrant

Saturday, February 23 at Noon

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco



Our parish offices will be closed
on Monday, February 18th
for the Presidents' Day holiday.
We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

FILIPINO CHOIR MASS

This Sunday, February 17th at noon
Everyone is welcome!

Forward in Faith

During Lent, the Archdiocese of San Francisco is once again presenting the *Forward in Faith* series for Catholics who wish to deepen their faith in God and the life of the church. The course will be held in two locations near Saint Gregory for the next seven weeks. **St. Mark's in Belmont** on Wednesdays beginning on Feb 20th and at **St. Dunstan's in Millbrae** on Thursdays beginning on Feb 21st. Both sessions will begin at 7pm and last about 90 minutes. The topics are; God is the Source of Hope, The Love of Jesus Christ and The Church in the Modern World. **The cost is \$25.00 and parishioners can register at the first session.**

Anna Ramacciotti is the **Parish Council** contact member for the month of February. Call her at 345-6138 with questions or suggestions.

PASSING THE TEST

“Test” is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, SATs, all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to *pass* through Lent.

Today’s reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel’s faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial.

The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus’ faith in the power of God’s life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to pass with flying colors.

GPAG’S Lenten Project

As many of you know, each year, during Lent, the St. Gregory’s Global Poverty Action Group (GPAG) sponsors a project regarding global poverty. This year we will be working with Sr. Marilyn Lacey, Director of Mercy Beyond Borders, whose mission it is to partner with displaced women and girls in ways that alleviate their extreme poverty. The project that we will be assisting with is the education of girls in Gros Morne, Haiti. Research has shown that the best and most powerful tool for lifting families up from destitution is the education of females. You will find envelopes in the pews with our logo and title:

MERCY BEYOND BORDERS

“Mercy-ful” Mission—Education for a Brighter Future

The funds that we collect for this year’s project will help to provide for everything needed (scholarships, salaries, all supplies, food, water, electricity, lodging, etc.) to keep Sr. Marilyn’s school open for 92 impoverished girls.

Sr. Marilyn will be very grateful for any contribution that you feel you can make. If you are unable to contribute at this time, we ask for your prayers for Sr. Marilyn’s work with the girls at her school.

Thank you for your continued support of our Lenten projects.

Mass Intentions For The Week



**FEBRUARY 16
TO
FEBRUARY 24**

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| Saturday | 5:00 † | Joseph and Mary Mula |
| Sunday | 7:30 † | Msgr. James O’Malley |
| | 9:00 | John Schneider |
| | 10:30 | St. Gregory Parishioners |
| | 12:00 † | Veronica Pierce |
| | 5:30 † | Thomas Carroll |
| Monday | 8:30 † | Dennison Kimball |
| Tuesday | 8:30 † | Donald Brozzo |
| Wednesday | 8:30 † | Maurice Tresmontan |
| Thursday | 8:30 † | Francis Walsh |
| Friday | 8:30 † | Julio Calderon |
| Saturday | 8:30 † | Rose Fazio |
| | 5:00 † | Hilda Lam |
| Sunday | 7:30 † | Thomas Carroll |
| | 9:00 | John Schneider |
| | 10:30 | St. Gregory Parishioners |
| | 12:00 † | Karen Doherty |
| | 5:30 † | Katherine Blum |



DID YOU KNOW about Vatican II...?

The document at Vatican II that addressed the relationship of the Church to the Modern world passed by a final vote of 2309-75!

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The Second Vatican Council St. Pius Parish invites us to their Monthly Speaker Series

The Next Speaker is Fr. David Pettingill
Former Pastor, Professor & Retreat Director
on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 - 8:30

His topic is **Liturgy and Sacraments**

Homer Crouse Hall

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City

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LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS

The Little Black Books for your daily Lenten meditations are available at the church exits. One per person, please! Also pick up the flyer listing our parish Lenten liturgies and other activities also at the church exits.



This weekend the following adults will participate in these two Rites:



Richard Johnson is preparing for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Douglas Bates, Elizabeth Bates, Andrew Dittrich, Judy Manuel, Carol Marks, Paul Martinez, Robert Melendez and Nicole Melendez are already baptized and are asking to make a Profession of Faith and to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Election acknowledges their readiness to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation at Easter. The Rite will take place Sunday afternoon with Archbishop Cordileone at the Cathedral after the Rite of Sending at the 10:30 Mass here at St. Gregory.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey to Easter

Youth Mass Next Sunday

February 24th at 5:30 pm

Followed by dinner and Youth Ministry meeting in the catacombs

All parish high school students and their friends are welcome!



The Gregorian Seniors

All parishioners 55 and over are invited to become members of the Gregorian Seniors. Members will attend Mass at 12:00 noon on **Friday, March 1st** followed by a buffet luncheon in the **Worner Center**.

Membership forms will be available at the meeting. Annual dues are \$10. There is a lunch fee of \$6.00 per person. Non-members are welcome but will be charged \$10 for lunch. **Correct change** will be greatly appreciated. It is **important** to call Irene Bluth at 345-8028 to make a **reservation for lunch by Tuesday, Feb 26th** so that there will be space at the table for you.

2013 Men's Faith Study Group

For those wishing to deepen their knowledge of our Catholic faith, please join us Saturday mornings at 7:00am as we reflect on the book "Rediscover Catholicism". It's a great way to help you to be the spiritual leader of your family and get to know other men in the parish.

For more information contact Dave at (650) 333-7338