"I have come to set the world on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Luke 12:49
LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus’ teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen. —Hebrews 12:2

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday’s solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ’s victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the “Dormition of the Theotokos,” or the “Falling Asleep of the God-bearer.” There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary’s life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary’s death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary’s body rising to heaven. He greeted him as “my friend,” and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

“Protect Our Kids” Seminar for Parents, with Catholic Experts

Sunday, September 8, 2:00 – 4:00 pm (Spanish)
Thursday, September 12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (English)

Parents DO have a say in what, whether, and how public schools teach their children about sex. Parents of children in California public schools have these rights: To be notified about planned sexual education instruction; to review those materials in advance; to “opt-out” or excuse their child from attending -- in part or all -- sex and HIV-prevention education programs. The California Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued updated guidelines on the law. The Archdiocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity offers two new seminars for parents to learn the facts and discuss their concerns:

- En Español: Domingo 8 de Septiembre de 2:00 a 4:00 pm, St. Anthony Church, 3500 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park.
- In English: Thursday, September 12, St. Dominic’s Church, 2390 Bush St, SF

SAVE THE DATE – Requiem Mass for the Homeless Deceased Saturday, November 23, 11:00 am Church of the Visitation, 655 Sunnydale Ave.

When they die, who remembers the chronically homeless and often mentally ill, alcoholic, or drug-addicted men and women who wandered our streets? Often, no one. In many cases, no one around them even knew their real names. But they are children of God. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join us on November 23rd for the 2nd annual Requiem Mass for the Homeless Faithful Departed. Archbishop Cordileone will preside. There are approximately 2,100 chronically homeless on our streets, according to the San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey 2017, a biennial survey. Exact numbers of homeless deaths are difficult to track, although mortality is 4 to 9 times higher among chronically homeless people than among the general population, and life expectancy is 25 years shorter. San Francisco averages 7,500 people categorized as homeless each night, including families and students living in vehicles, in tents, and in parks while going to school and work each day. For more information, visit sfarch.org/homelessmass

Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Extraordinary Form on Thursday, August 22, 7:00 pm Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 771 Ashbury St., SF adorejesus.org The Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite all who are interested to attend Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday evening in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Ashbury Street. The celebrant is Fr. John Chung and the Sisters will be elevating the sacred in the Missa Cantata with prayerful Gregorian chanting, including the beautiful Ave Maria and the Ave Maria Stella. For information, contact Mother Rosalba at 415-566-2743.
**August 18 to August 24, 2019**

**Sunday, August 18**
- 7:30 Gerardo & Lorenza Intertas (D) Fr. Tieng, LRMS
- 9:00 Parishioners of Saint Anne Bishop Walsh
- 10:30 Robert Evans (D) Fr. Tieng, LRMS
- Noon Agatha Tang (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

**Monday, August 19**
- 6:30 Diane Bromann (D) Bishop Walsh
- 8:45 Rev. Richard S. Deitch (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

**Tuesday, August 20**
- 6:30 healing, Michael Parsons Bishop Walsh
- 8:45 Tom Fox (D) Fr. Nascimento

**Wednesday, August 21**
- 6:30 Diane Bromann (D) Bishop Walsh
- 8:45 William David Byrne (D) Fr. Tieng, LRMS

**Thursday, August 22**
- 6:30 Diane Bromann (D) Fr. Nascimento
- 8:45 David & Ruth Derus (D) Fr. Tieng, LRMS

**Friday, August 23**
- 6:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne Fr. Tieng, LRMS
- 8:45 Thomas McGuigan (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

**Saturday, August 24**
- 8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne and Cristina Sy (D) Fr. Nascimento
- 5 p.m. Mario Asturias (D) Fr. Nascimento

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**Women's Retreats for Healing after Abortion**
Projectrachel@sfarach.org 415-614-5567

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. The Archdiocese of San Francisco sponsors Project Rachel, which helps women and men heal the pain of abortion and find the path to peace and reconciliation. There are two retreats (for women only) in September. Counseling, Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. The retreats are held at a confidential site, and all inquiries are confidential. A $50 donation is asked, but can be waived for financial hardship. The retreats are: **September 7 - 8 (in Spanish)**, led by Fr. Armando Gutierrez, Archdiocese of San Francisco, and **September 14 - 15 (in English)**, led by Fr. Vito Perrone, Contemplatives of St. Joseph, with the Daughters of Carmel. Sign up by e-mail or phone (above), or submit your information on the form at sfarchdiocese.org/rachel.

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**OCCUPANCY**— The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place. — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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**The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro**, has a variety of retreats and events. Visit [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org) to see the full schedule and complete details, and to learn more about this beautiful retreat center in the hills of Los Altos at 300 Manresa Way. Private retreats for individuals and groups are also available.

- **12-Step Recovery Retreat for Women**
  - Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.  September 6
- **Praying with the Gospel of Luke**
  - Fr. Kevin Leidich, S.J.  September 13 – 14
- **Praying with the Saints**
  - Pastoral Staff and Ms. Cris Goodman  September 27 – 29

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**Gregorian Chant Training**—Friday, September 6, 6:00 – 8:00 pm; and Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
**Star of the Sea Parish, St. Francis Room (top floor of Star Gym), 345 8th Ave., SF**

Lynn Kraehling, Music Director  lynn@starparish.com 415 751-0450

The Benedict XVI Institute and Star of the Sea Parish invite all interested people to come learn the basics of the sung prayers of the Mass, in a free workshop with noted teacher Mary Ann Carr Wilson. Music will include some of the chants of the Mass and other devotional hymns. Participants will have the opportunity to sing at the 11:30 am Latin Mass at Star of the Sea on Sunday, Sept. 8, but this is not required. No charge, and parking is free. Please register.

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**Last Week’s Collections**

1st Collection, August 11, 2019—$4,327.00
Archdiocese of Military Services—$1,191.00

**This Week’s 2nd Collection**
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Sunday Mass
Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

Daily Mass
Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am
Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

Holy Days of Obligation
6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

Reconciliation:
Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

Baptism:
2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm
Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

Office Hours:
Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm

Church Hours:
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Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

—Hebrews 12:1-2a

When: Every Wednesday starting August 7, from 7:00 - 8:15PM and every Friday starting August from 9:30 - 10:45AM
Where: St. Anne of the Sunset Parish Conference Room 850 Judah Street, San Francisco
Contact: Fr. Pete at 650-471-3526 or the Parish Office at 415-665-1600

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