

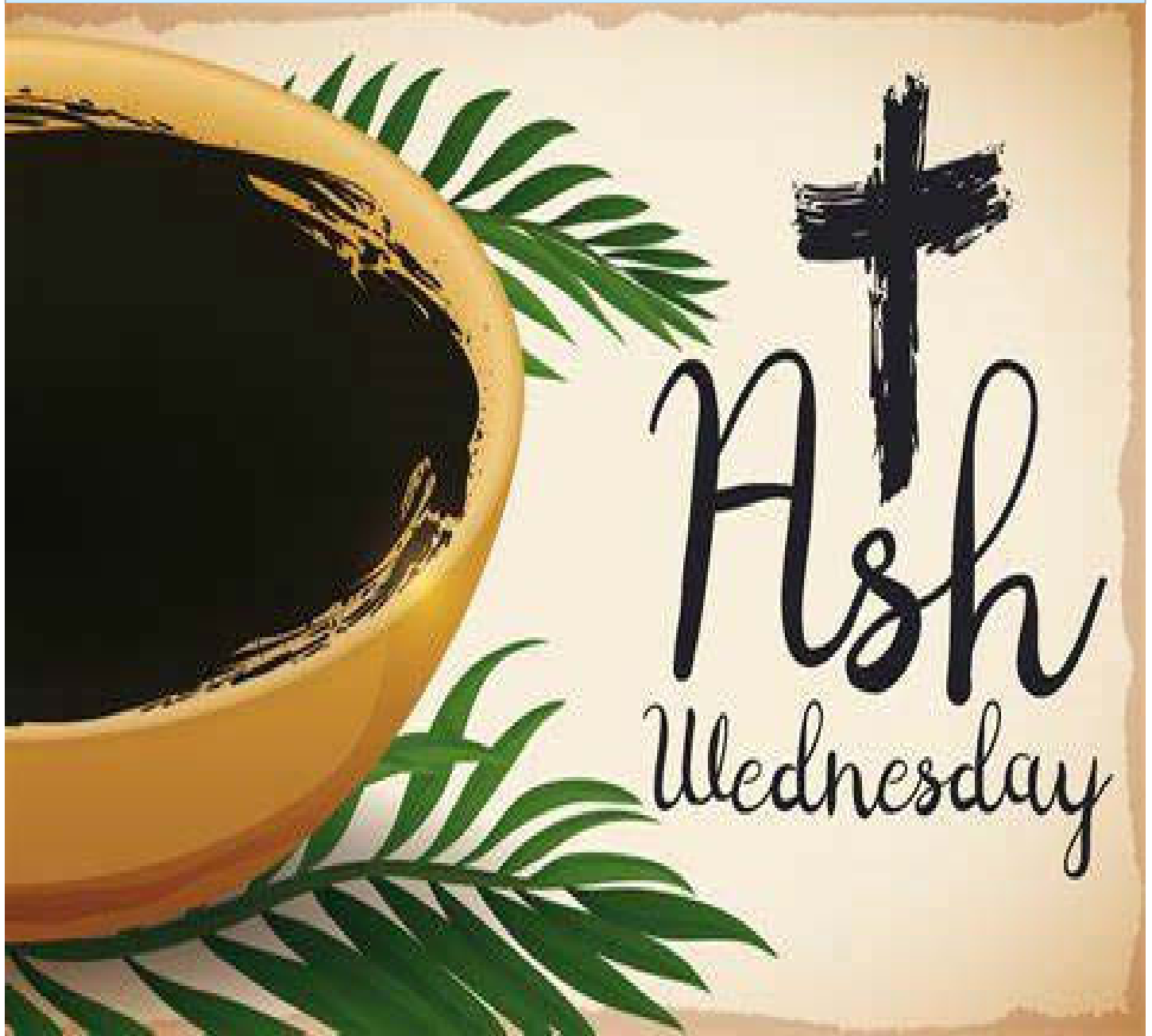


# IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

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## The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

In our lives today more than ever we must find a way to proclaim Jesus daily. We must not hesitate to reach out to others, especially those less fortunate, and touch their lives. As Lent approaches let us follow Jesus way.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Father Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Las lecturas de hoy presentan un contraste entre el "camino de Jesús" y el "camino viejo". Un ejemplo del camino viejo es la ley que recibieron Moisés y Aarón acerca de la lepra: el leproso era impuro y se echaba fuera de la comunidad. El camino de Jesús es lo contrario: el leproso se acerca, es tocado y finalmente curado.

Tampoco debemos pensar en el "camino viejo" como algo restringido a los días de Moisés y Aarón o incluso al "antiguo" testamento. La diferencia entre el camino antiguo y el camino de Jesús surge en nuestra propia vida. Todavía elegimos, todos los días, a vivir siguiendo el camino viejo o el camino de Jesús.

Jesús se atrevió a tocar a un leproso, sin tener en cuenta el camino viejo. Así el leproso fue cambiado para siempre. Se sintió llamado. No podía dejar de proclamar que había sido tocado por Jesús (¡a pesar de que Jesús le dijo que no lo hiciera!). Una vez que Jesús nos toca, estamos llamados a proclamar su "camino".

Hoy más que nunca debemos encontrar la manera de proclamar a Jesús diariamente en nuestras vidas. No debemos dudar en llegar a los demás, especialmente a los menos afortunados, y tocar sus vidas. Al acercarse la Cuaresma, sigamos el camino de Jesús.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

### Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

### Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) -  
5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

### Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### **Sat. Feb. 13th**

8:00 am Legión de María - Special Intention

#### **Sun. Feb. 14th**

9:00 am IHM Parishioners  
10:45 am † Jose Oseguera & Elbira Sanchez  
12:30 pm Ryan Adler & Family - Health  
5:00 pm † Andrés Hernandez

#### **Mon. Feb. 15th**

8:00 am † James Fischer

#### **Tuesday February 16th**

8:00 am Pedro y Vitalina Oseguera - Anniversary

#### **Wed. Feb. 17th**

8:00 am † William Grandov  
12:00pm + Charito "Girlie" Nones

#### **Thur. Feb. 18th**

8:00 am Alfonso Ochoa - Special Intention

#### **Fri. Feb. 19th**

8:00am + Ferdinand M. Castro

### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Kay Aviani, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Coopoe,, Louise Delia, Anita Camera, Richard Grimes, Art Silvergleid, Jack Quackenbush, Bob Rushworth. \*\*\*\*\*

Roselia Santillon, Billy Silva, Larry Morales, Mary Lou Rodriguez, Chita Moore, Frances Ramos, Teresa Burke, Mary Franchetto, Rita and Richard Nahm, Andrew Riva, F. Albert Grosskopf SJ. , Shane Pearce, Dan Holmes, Eleanor Janson, Patrick Bowen, Phillip Aiello, John Hesse, Jesus Oseguera, Janet Gonzalez, Ryan Enos, Jose Santos-Silva, Ross Stevie, Greg Fasula, William Smith., Romano Marchetti, Marge and Larry Cragle, Janet and Ehrich Heitzmane, Frank Vargas, Aurora Tiangco, Michalina Siedliski, Rick Souza, Gail Della Nina, Oscar Alvarez, Dan Holmes, Shane Pearce, Solangue and Nicole Patino-Patroni, Gloria Almeida, Billy Silva, Priseiliano Cuevas, Bernadette Gluck.

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[bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com](mailto:bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com). At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: [bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com](mailto:bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com). Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

### **Funerals for the month of January**

Arcadio R. Castellanoz  
Maria Ramona Diaz  
Lucia Dominguez  
Rafael Curiel Duenas  
Christal Schwartz  
Billy V. Silva



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### **SERVICES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

**8:00AM English Mass**  
**12:00PM Bilingual Mass**

### **SERVICIOS PARA EL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**

**8:00AM Misa en Ingles**  
**12:00PM Misa Bilingue**

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Monday: 335: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8,  
16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: 336: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2,  
3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: 219: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6  
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: 221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19  
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: 222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6  
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: 23: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9  
1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

## Lectura

### Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,  
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres  
Que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,  
te bendecimos,  
te adoramos,  
te glorificamos,  
te damos gracias,  
Señor Dios, Rey celestial,  
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo,  
Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios,  
Hijo del Padre;  
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
Ten piedad de nosotros;  
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
Atiende nuestra suplica;  
Tu que estas sentado a  
La derecha del Padre,  
Ten piedad de nosotros;  
Porque solo tu eres Santo,  
Solo tu Señor,  
Solo tu Altísimo Jesucristo.  
Con el Espíritu Santo  
En la gloria de Dios Padre.  
Amen.

### Primera lectura

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

El Señor dijo a Moisés y a Aarón: “Cuando alguno tenga en su carne una o varias manchas escamosas o una mancha blanca y brillante, síntomas de la lepra, será llevado ante el sacerdote Aarón o ante cualquiera de sus hijos sacerdotes. Se trata de un leproso, y el sacerdote lo declarará impuro. El que haya sido declarado enfermo de lepra, traerá la ropa descosida, la cabeza descubierta, se cubrirá la boca e irá gritando: ‘¡Estoy contaminado! ¡Soy impuro!’ Mientras le dure la lepra, seguirá impuro y vivirá solo, fuera del campamento”.

### Salmo Responsorial

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

Tú eres mi refugio; me rodeas de cantos de liberación, de liberación.

### Segunda Lectura

1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Hermanos: Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para gloria de Dios. No den motivo de escándalo ni a los judíos, ni a los paganos, ni a la comunidad cristiana. Por mi parte, yo procuro dar gusto a todos en todo, sin buscar mi propio interés, sino el de los demás, para que se salven. Sean, pues, imitadores míos, como yo lo soy de Cristo.

### Evangelio

Mc 1: 40-45

En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: “Si tú quieres, puedes curarme”. Jesús se compadeció de él, y extendiendo la mano, lo tocó y le dijo: “¡Sí quiero: Sana!” Inmediatamente se le quitó la lepra y quedó limpio.

Al despedirlo, Jesús le mandó con severidad: “No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés”.

Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad, sino que se quedaba fuera, en lugares solitarios, a donde acudían a él de todas partes.

### Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que habla por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.





## Readings

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### First Reading

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,  
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch  
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,  
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,  
or to one of the priests among his descendants.  
If the man is leprous and unclean,  
the priest shall declare him unclean  
by reason of the sore on his head.  
“The one who bears the sore of leprosy  
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,  
and shall muffle his beard;  
he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’  
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself  
unclean, since he is in fact unclean.  
He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the  
camp.”

### Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with  
the joy of salvation.

### Second Reading

1 Cor 10:31--11:1

Brothers and sisters,  
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or  
the church of God,  
just as I try to please everyone in every way,  
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,  
that they may be saved.  
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged  
him and said,  
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,  
touched him, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”  
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made  
clean.  
Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at  
once.  
He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your  
cleansing what Moses prescribed;  
that will be proof for them.”  
The man went away and began to publicize the whole  
matter.  
He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible  
for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



February 14, 2021

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 | Mk 1:40-45

Written by  
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### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

While leprosy as found in Biblical times is now rare and very treatable, it is not hard to imagine the tragic consequences it had on those who were affected. They suffered physically, but also socially and emotionally: Levitical priests declared lepers unclean, banishing them from the religious community. Jesus, as he did so often, would upend these conventions in his encounter with the leper in today's Gospel. "Moved with pity," Jesus healed him, telling him to return to the local priest for readmittance to the community. Jesus' model of compassion for the man is meant for us to embody. Modern culture continues to stigmatize people perceived as different – those suffering from depression and other mental illnesses, the homeless, perhaps those who struggle with cognitive disabilities – shunning them in different ways from full participation in community. To imitate Christ, as Paul alludes, is to have compassion for the needs of others – to "be moved with pity." Let us pray for the grace to put on the mind and heart of Christ, and dignify the presence of all our brothers and sisters in our community.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I admit I was taken aback by today's Old Testament reading: Not only were lepers banished from the religious community, but they had to announce themselves by crying out "Unclean, unclean!" Jesus changed all that. He healed the leper, encouraging him to return to the priest for readmittance. I am struck by how the leper approached Jesus. He did not demand a cure, but asked, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Although it is unlikely that any of us in the developed world will experience leprosy, we ourselves or people we know may carry inner struggles that have led to separation from the Church or a sense of isolation. In our humanity, we do not have the power to heal these maladies on our own. Instead, let us come to Jesus as the leper does, asking him, if he wills it, to heal us and our wounded world. Let us pray with confidence, knowing that Jesus in his compassion can and will make us clean and whole.

**REFLECT** Who are today's lepers? What are the inner struggles or wounds that may keep us from fully participating in our parish community or have left us estranged from members of our own family? Bring these before Jesus in your own words. Call a family member you have fallen out of touch with. Invite a person who has left the Church to lunch and listen with compassion.

### Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.  
Sé nuestro amparo contra la  
perversidad y asechanzas del  
demonio. Reprímale Dios,  
pedimos suplicantes,  
y tú Príncipe de la  
Milicia Celestial,  
con el divino poder de Dios,  
arroja al infierno a Satanás  
y a todos los espíritus malignos  
que andan dispersos  
por el mundo  
para la perdición de las almas.  
Amén.



### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God  
rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of  
souls. Amen



## Information/Información

In celebration of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, the combined Filipino-American Communities and the Filipino Clergy of the Diocese of Oakland invite you to celebrate these following Novena Masses:

- March 7 Holy Spirit (12:30PM)**  
37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536
- 8 Saint Anne (10AM)**  
32223 Cabello St, Union City, CA 94587
- 9 All Saints (4PM)**  
22824 2nd St, Hayward, CA 94541
- 10 Saint Raymond (12:15PM)**  
11555 Shannon Ave, Dublin, CA 94568
- 11 Saint Michael (6:45AM)**  
458 Maple St, Livermore, CA 94550
- 12 Saint Philip Neri - Saint Albert (6PM)**  
1022 Holly St, Alameda, CA 94502
- 13 Saint Catherine of Siena (9:30AM)**  
604 Mellus St, Martinez, CA 94553
- 14 Saint Joseph (9AM)**  
837 Tennent Ave, Pinole, CA 94564
- 15 Most Holy Rosary (7PM)**  
1313 A St, Antioch, CA 94509
- 16 Cathedral of Christ the Light (7PM)**  
2121 Harrison St, Oakland, CA 94612



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NOTE: Pending Diocesan and country guidelines, we plan these Masses to be livestreamed and/or outdoors. We will send out more information, including the links, as we approach the dates. Mabuhay at maraming salamat po!



Masks are mandated while in Church.



Es mandatoio usar mascararas cuando estan en la iglesia.

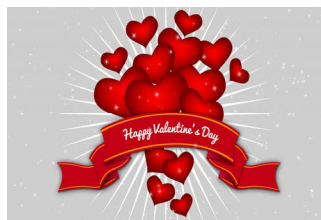


### FISH FRY IS HERE!

Come early - 4-7pm - or until sold out. Drive through only. Fish, chips, cole slaw and drink. Any questions contact Grand Knight Chris Romero at 925-642-8782.

Happy Valentine's Day to all on Sunday February 14!!

Muchas felicidades en el dia de San Valentin el 14 de febrero a todos!



The office of the parish will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in commemoration of Presidents' Day.

La oficina de la parroquia estara cerrada el lunes, 15 de febrero en conmemoracion del Dia de Los Presidentes.

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"People rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart."  
- 1 Chronicles 29:9

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week. No more envelopes to find before you go to Mass, no more scrambling thru your purse for your donation.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: CA752.  
Thank you for your continued support.

### 2021 Scholarships



Graduating High School Seniors and Continuing College Students are reminded that the 2021 High School and College scholarships are available on the IHM Brentwood Website or at the parish office. Scholarships are **due by April 10, 2021**. A minimum of six High School graduates and one continuing college scholarships are available.

## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of February 21, 2021, please bring canned soups. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 21 de febrero, 2021, por favor traigan sopas enlatadas. GRACIAS!!!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 21, 2021 - Maintenance Fund  
February 28, 2021 - Bishop's Appeal

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

21 de febrero, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento  
28 de febrero, 2021 - Apelacion del Obispo

The Diocese of Oakland warns the public of an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from Bishop Barber, diocesan priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States, as well as other faith communities. The Federal Trade Commission provided [information on this scam](#) in July 2019. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards, Google Play cards or iTunes cards.

It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. Our priests here at IHM will never ask for any personal financial support or other forms such as gift cards. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text.

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## What is the significance of Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, is a day set aside for prayer and repentance. We fast, we abstain from meat, and we get ashes as a reminder of our human frailty. It is also a day to remember the spiritual reality that surrounds us; our earthly life is only part of the journey. Yes, we will die and our bodies will "return to dust." However, it doesn't stop there. As our bodies return to dust our souls go to heaven, hell or purgatory. These aren't necessarily pleasant things to think about but they are important things, nevertheless.

Therefore, Ash Wednesday is a gift. **Yes, a gift.** This day of repentance is a gift because it gives us the opportunity to take stock of our lives. Think of it like a "spiritual New Year" where we can access our relationship with the Lord and make steps to strengthen our relationship with **HIM**.

- Have I grown in my relationship with the Lord over this past year?
- Have I grown lax or lukewarm?
- In what areas of my life do I need to change in order to become the person God wants me to be?

From this reflection, we can make "resolutions" or a plan of action for how we will spend our Lent this year. This is where we can decide if we need to give up coffee, sweets or something else. Or, we can work to change die-hard habits or sins which are holding us back and keeping us in bondage. Additionally, Lent is a great time to make a plan to learn more about our faith or pray the scriptures more often.

### Why Ashes?

The use of ashes have a long history as a sign of repentance. I encourage you to read the [History of Ash Wednesday](#) at [American Catholic](#).

As regards to the rite of ashes, it is very simple. We go up to the priest or whomever is distributing the ashes. He makes the sign of the cross (well, it should be a cross. Sometimes it looks more like a blob!) on our forehead while saying "**Man you are dust and to dust your shall return or Repent and believe in the Gospel.**" This phrase comes from Genesis 3:19: "*By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return.*"

### Our Obligation

Ash Wednesday is **NOT** a holiday of obligation. We are not required to go to mass, but it is **strongly** recommended that we go to Mass if we are able to. Going to mass is certainly a wonderful way to start Lent off on the right foot.

However, whether we go to Mass or not, we ARE obligated to abstain from meat and to fast. The fasting requirement consists of one full meal and two smaller meals that equal one meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Of course, beverages are allowed at any time. Everyone over the age of 14 is required to abstain from meat and everyone between the ages of 18-60 are required to fast. (See Canon law 1250-1252).

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