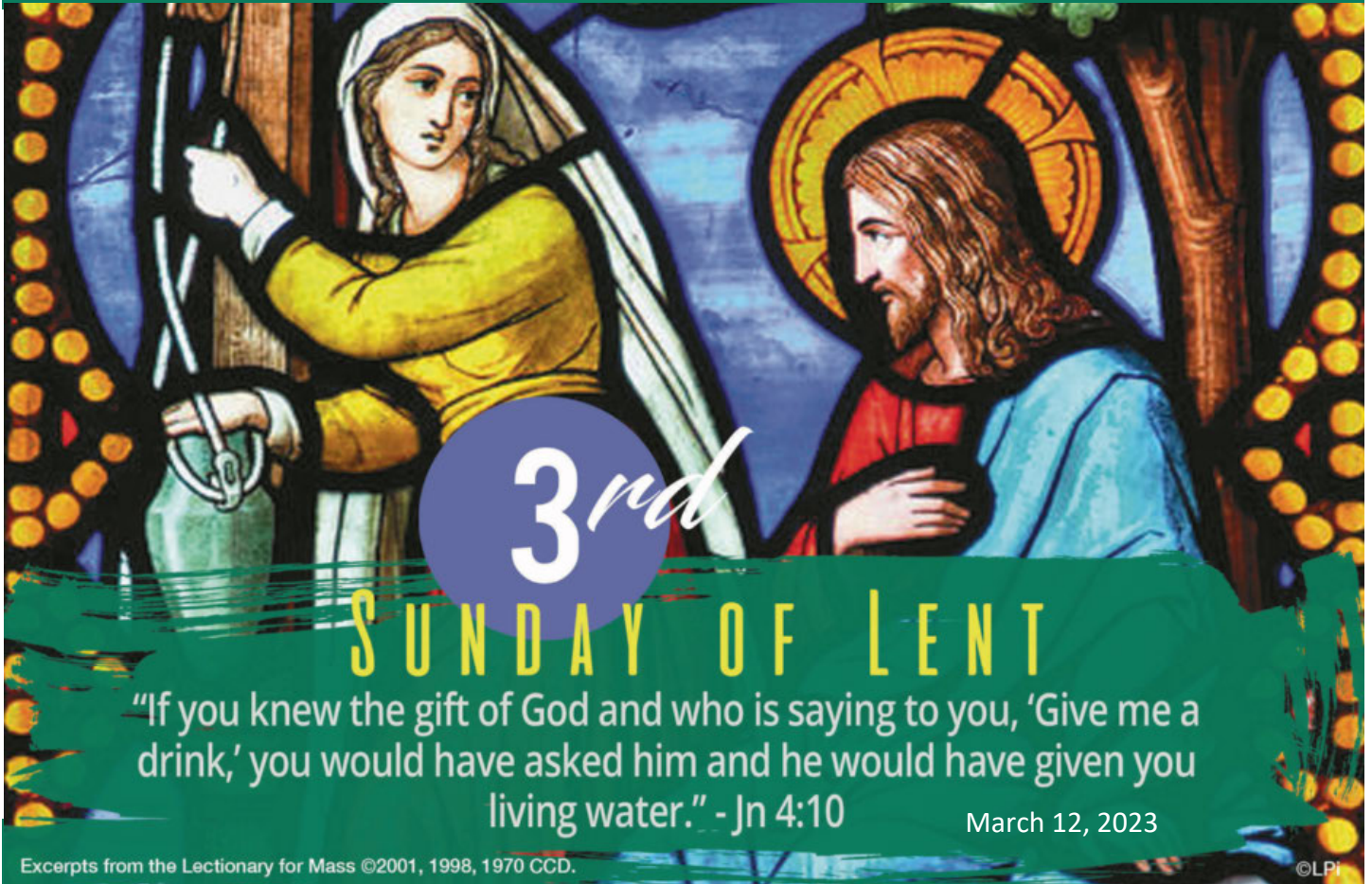


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SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

March 12, 2023

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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday
9am (Also Livestreamed)

Thursday
5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Also Livestreamed)

Every First Friday
5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday
4pm Vigil
(Also Livestreamed)

Sunday
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am – Also Livestreamed)

St. Stephen Mass Times
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:30am

Private Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

Drive-Thru Communion
11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

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"TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

Dear Friends,

Bishop Barber has launched his appeal for donations from every parish in the diocese, known as Bishop's Ministries Appeal. We have scheduled a collection in the month of April (April 22/23). Christ the King and St. Stephen parishes have not met the goal in the past few years. I would really love for us to do our share in supporting the various ministries in the diocese. The diocesan website summarizes the appeal:



The Bishop's Ministries Appeal is an annual campaign to generate funds to cover the costs of the Diocese of Oakland's ministries, programs, and services. It is a direct appeal to the people of the diocese, urging their support in the form of a pledge or a gift to supplement the ministry budget.

The total budget for the diocesan-wide ministries and services is roughly \$5.8 million. While income is generated to support the budget through parish assessments, rent collection on property, service fees and interest on the diocesan investments, this income does not fully meet the budgetary needs of all diocesan ministries, programs, and services. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal was established to raise funds to meet the shortfall.



What does the Bishop's Ministries Appeal Fund? The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the following vital ministries: Pastoral Ministries & Services, Diocesan pastoral ministries and services focusing on strengthening our faith, our families, and building up our parish communities by engaging our people in the daily life of the Church as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Christ. Specifically it supports:

- Liturgy • Youth Retreat Center
- Respect Life & Justice Programs • Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
- Vietnamese, Filipino & Latino Ministries • Catholic Scouting
- Ethnic Pastoral Centers • Young Adult Ministries
- Marriage & Family Life • Children & Youth Ministries
- Marriage Preparation Programs • Safe Environment Programs
- Religious Education & Formation: Gifts to the Appeal help support religious education and formation programs for thousands of youth and adults annually. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), Religious Education Teachers' Training, Serra Catechetical Institute
- St. Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry
- Clergy Formation & Support: From initial formation into retirement, the diocese provides support for our priests. Additionally, continued updating and renewal for priests and deacons who faithfully serve our people is supported by your gift to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal.
- Permanent Diaconate Program • Office of Vocations: Seminarian Education & Formation
- Priest Retirement & Long-term Care • Continuing Education Programs
- Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need: Each year, the diocese provides subsidies and grants to assist with operating expenses at our inner-city catholic schools and for parishes and faith communities who are facing extraordinary and immediate financial challenges.
- Operating Subsidies and more

A special thank you to Fr. Mike Moore for another grace-filled parish mission! We benefited greatly from his presence and his insights shared with us during our 4-day Lenten retreat! Thank you, Fr. Mike and thank you to all who attended!

Fr. Paulson

UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 13	Mon.	9am	Hue Tran
Mar. 14	Tues.	9am	Benjamin Layug † Marcella Farquhar † Mary Ellen Mangiapane † Berta Ceja † Carlo Tagle
Mar. 15	Wed.	9am	Rick Day
Mar. 16	Thur.	9am	William Kisiluk †
Mar. 17	Fri.	9am	Dina E. Taguinod † Tyler Chase Fling † Christopher Wijekoon
Mar. 18	Sat.	9am	Frank O'Neill †
Mar. 18	Sat.	4pm	Lorenzo Verceles † Nancy Collins † Ben Garcia
Mar. 19	Sun.	7:30am	Elizabeth Vasquez † Jack Cardoza †
Mar. 19	Sun.	9am	Auturo & Evangeline Malibiran †
Mar. 19	Sun.	10:30am	Brian Garcia Catalina Quezon †
Mar. 19	Sun.	4pm	Angelica & Rachelle Astudillo

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Celebrated on Friday, March 17th. Please see next page for the Bishop's Lenten Dispensation.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

ST. STEPHEN CORNER "To Live and to Love in Christ"

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Monday - Friday - 8am

Saturday - 5pm and Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 11	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Mar. 12	Sun.	9:30am	Robert Van Slambrook †
Mar. 13	Mon.	8:00am	Don Bergamini †
Mar. 14	Tues.	8:00am	Eugene & Cathie Moloney †
Mar. 15	Weds.	8:00am	Ethel Parodi, Healing
Mar. 18	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Mar. 19	Sun.	9:30am	Robert Van Slambrook †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Join us after Mass on Sunday, March 19 for our Town Hall Meeting. Coffee and sweets will be served.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Friday, March 24 at 6 pm.

Office hours - Monday & Wednesday 11am-2pm.





You are invited to attend our Lenten
Reconciliation Service

Saturday, March 25 at 3pm or
Monday, March 27 at 6pm
in the church

Come and experience the
healing power of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
as we journey together during Lent.

Dispensation on St. Patrick's Day

From The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Decree



The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day, in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a **dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products**. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day. Given in Oakland, this seventh day of February, 2023.



STATIONS of the CROSS



Christ the King Church
Please join us every Friday in Lent to pray
The Stations of the Cross
6:30pm

This 14-step devotion commemorates
Jesus' passion and death.

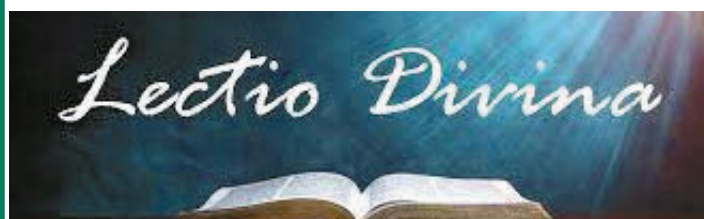


**Our Adult Faith Formation Lenten Series
Continues this Week!**

Lenten Scripture Study on Fridays of Lent
Led by: Jeannette Holmes

Join us on the Fridays of Lent at 10am in the
CTK Ministry Center Chapel
for prayer and a study of the
Lenten Sunday Scripture Readings.

Friday Mornings
March 17th, & 24th.
Attend one or all of the sessions.



Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

Led by: Dr. Terry Heywood and Fr. Paulson

During the sessions participants will be introduced to and practice *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading) and Centering Prayer. *Lectio Divina* is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase knowledge of God's word. Centering Prayer emphasizes mindfulness with the intention of being more aware and open to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit.

**Sessions will reflect the upcoming
Sunday Scripture Readings**

Tuesday - March 14th,
10am - 11am in CTK's Parish Hall
Tuesdays - March 21 & 28th,
7:00pm - 8:00pm in CTK's Parish Hall
Attend one or all of the sessions!



All are welcome to come to our next ICF meeting which will be a celebration of St. Joseph's Day on Sunday, March 19 at 1 PM in the Parish Hall, Rooms A and B

(park in the small parking lot). We will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with the Italian custom of the St. Joseph's Table which will display various foods contributed by our members. All are welcome to join us for lunch and our meeting, but please let us know if you will be joining us so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. Call or email Diana Mackinson at 925-519-4711 or dijoed@comcast.net.



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CONCORD:

- **Vigil location:**
Outside Planned Parenthood
2185 Pacheco Street, Concord
- **Vigil hours:**
7 am to 7 pm daily, except Sundays
- **Local contact:**
friendsforlifekoncord@gmail.com
(925) 405-6286
- **Learn more:** Get involved and sign up for a prayer hour(s) by visiting our campaign at the web address below!

40daysforlife.com/CONCORDCA

Here's how to take part in

WALNUT CREEK:

- **Vigil location:**
Outside Planned Parenthood
1357 Oakland Blvd., Walnut Creek
- **Vigil hours:**
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- **Local contact:**
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- **Learn more:** Get involved and sign up for a prayer hour(s) by visiting our campaign at the web address below!

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Upcoming Second Collections

March 18 & 19 - Catholic Relief Services

March 25 & 26 - Easter Flowers

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into
our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
(Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never
thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of the Samaritan woman — to rush out, and proclaim what we have seen, that by our testimony and our belief, others may know Christ.

Or
Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Eusebio Francisco Kino was a prolific Jesuit missionary to the early Americas. He covered 50,000 miles on horseback establishing missions and ranches from northern Mexico through what is now California and Arizona, befriending Natives and settlers.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Eusebio Francisco Kino's intercession

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age sons and daughters who serve you and your people with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Fr. Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. He has taught and preached well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people through his missionary ministry in the New World. As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans, I ask You, according to Your Will, to hear my prayer for (your intention) offered through the intercession of Fr. Kino through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim Fr. Kino a saint.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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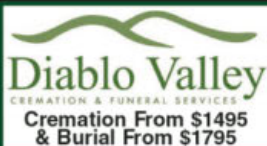
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