Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Why does the Church place before us the Lord's Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent? St. Thomas Aquinas: "Now in order that anyone go straight along a road, he must have some knowledge of the end: thus an archer will not shoot the arrow straight unless he first see the target...Above all is this necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end.”

We are on the hard, rough road of Lent - of the Cross - and we are headed towards the delightful end of Easter - of the Resurrection. We need this encouragement from Jesus to keep our eye on the prize of glorious resurrection in order that we may faithfully suffer and die with Him.

The Transfiguration is a preview of the Resurrection for the disciples and for us. During Lent, our Lord is asking us to go out into the desert with Him. He is asking us to suffer with Him and eventually to die with Him. By giving us this preview of His glory and ours today, He wishes to reassure us that suffering and death are not the final word of our story with Him. He wishes to encourage our hearts with the truth of the future glory of Heaven to which we are called. And so today He shows us His Resurrection.

We ought to think often of Heaven as specifically and intensely as possible. This is the primary reason that the saints instruct us to do daily meditation. We are to keep our minds and hearts in Heaven so that we will desire Heaven and endure whatever sufferings are required of us in order to gain Heaven.

In Heaven, we will experience the Beatific Vision: we will see God in His essence with the eyes of our soul. This intellectual Vision of God is our complete and perfect happiness. It is an all-engrossing activity that quiets our will completely, the infinite realization of contemplation and friendship. Whatever joy we have in this life, whatever bits of happiness we managed to experience as we journey here, are only the slightest hints of the joy and happiness that will be ours in the Beatific Vision.

This Beatific Vision, by which our soul will be filled with God, will overflow into our bodies when we receive them again in the resurrection on the Last Day. Thus, we will live for all eternity - forever - with glorified souls and glorified bodies, like Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have bodies that shine with the clarity of glory that our Lord revealed in the Transfiguration. All we have to do is love Him so as to suffer with Him and die with Him.

Pray for me, Father Joseph Previtali
Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

Our Lady of the Pillar
Monday Nights
Adult Catechism with Father Joe
7:30pm—8:30pm @ New Hall

Third Tuesday of the Month
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Old Hall—7:00pm

Tuesday Nights
Bible Study
5:30pm– 7:00pm @ Conference Room

Miércoles por la Noche
Estudio de la Biblia
7:00pm en el Salón Viejo (Old Hall)

Saturday Morning
Legion of Mary Meeting
Conference Room
9:00am– 11:00am

Second Sunday of the Month
Hospitality after 8:00am Mass (Old Hall)

Clases de Bautizo Para Padres y Padrinos
El cuarto Viernes del Mes
7:00pm en el Old Hall (Salon Viejo)

SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK
St. Patrick is one of the Principal Co-Patrons of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. For this reason, his feast day, March 17, has the rank of Solemnity in our Archdiocese. Therefore, the faithful of the Archdiocese are not obliged to keep the Lenten discipline of abstinence from meat when his feast day falls on a Friday, as it does this year.

SOLEMNIDAD DE SAN PATRICO
San Patricio es uno de los Co-Patrones Principales de la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco. Por esta razón, el día de fiesta, el 17 de Marzo, tiene el rango de Solemnidad en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Por lo tanto, los fieles de la Arquidiócesis no están obligados a mantener la disciplina Cuaresmal de abstención de comer carne cuando su día de fiesta cae en un viernes, como va a pasar este año.

Second Friday of Lent, March 17
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm Soup Supper donated by “Legion of Mary”

We will have Bob Fernandez talking about the history of Saint James.

Segundo Viernes de Cuaresma, 17 de Marzo
7:00pm Viacrucis
7:30pm Cena de Sopa donada por el “Legión de María"

Tendremos a Bob Fernández invitado especial que nos estará dando pláticas acerca de la historia de Santiago Apóstol.

St. Catherine of Siena helps us understand the purpose of temptations in our life:

“The Devil, dearest daughter, is the instrument of My Justice to torment the souls who have miserably offended Me. And I have set him in this life to tempt and molest My creatures, not for My creatures to be conquered, but that they may conquer, proving their virtue and receive from Me the glory of victory. And no one should fear any battle or temptation of the Devil that may come to him, because I have made My creatures strong, and have given them strength of will, for the Blood of my Son, which will, neither Devil nor creature can move, because it is yours, given by Me. You therefore, with free arbitration, can hold it or leave it, according as you please. It is an arm, which, if you place it in the hands of the Devil, straightway becomes a knife, with which he strikes you and slays you. But if man does not give this knife of his will into the hands of the Devil, that is, if he does not consent to his temptations and molestations, he will never be injured by the guilt of sin in any temptation, but will even be fortified by it, when the eye of his intellect is opened to see My love, which allowed him to be tempted, so as to arrive at virtue, by being proved. For one does not arrive at virtue except through knowledge of self, and knowledge of Me, which knowledge is more perfectly acquired in the time of temptation, because then man knows himself to be nothing, being unable to lift off himself the pains and vexations which he would flee; and he knows Me in his will, which is fortified by My goodness, so that it does not yield to these thoughts. And he has seen that My love permits these temptations, for the Devil is weak, and by himself can do nothing, unless I allow him. And I let him tempt, through love, and not through hatred, that you may conquer, and not that you may be conquered, and that you may come to a perfect knowledge of yourself, and of Me, and that virtue may be proved, for it is not proved except by its contrary. You see, then, that he is my Minister to torture the damned in Hell, and in this life, to exercise and prove virtue in the soul. Not that it is the intention of the Devil to prove virtue in you (for he has not love), but rather to deprive you of it, and this he cannot do, if you do not wish it. Now you see, then, how great is the foolishness of men in making themselves feeble, when I have made them strong, and in putting themselves into the hands of the Devil. Wherefore, know, that at the moment of death, they, having passed their life under the lordship of the Devil (not that they were forced to do so, for as I told you they cannot be forced, but they voluntarily put themselves into his hands), and, arriving at the extremity of their death under this perverse lordship, they await no other judgment than that of their own conscience, and desperately, despairingly, come to eternal damnation. Wherefore Hell, through their hate, surges up to them in the extremity of death, and before they get there, they take hold of it, by means of their lord the Devil. As the righteous, who have lived in charity and died in love, if they have lived perfectly in virtue, illuminated with the light of faith, with perfect hope in the Blood of the Lamb, when the extremity of death comes, see the good which I have prepared for them, and embrace it with the arms of love, holding fast with pressure of love to Me, the Supreme and Eternal Good. And so they taste eternal life before they have left the mortal body, that is, before the soul be separated from the body. Others who have passed their lives, and have arrived at the last extremity of death with an ordinary charity (not in that great perfection), embrace My mercy with the same light of faith and hope that had those perfect ones, but, in them, it is imperfect, for, because they were imperfect, they constrained My mercy, counting My mercy greater than their sins. The wicked sinners do the contrary, for, seeing, with desperation, their destination, they embrace it with hatred, as I told you. So that neither the one nor the other waits for judgment, but, in departing this life, they receive every one their place, as I have told you, and they taste it and possess it before they depart from the body, at the extremity of death — the damned with hatred and despair, and the perfect ones with love and the light of faith and with the hope of the Blood. And the imperfect arrive at the place of Purgatory, with mercy and the same faith.”
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Our Lady of the Pillar $ 4,976 $ 1,924
Our Lady of Refuge $ 356 $ 186
St Anthony’s $ 376 $ 147

Ash Wednesday AAA Donation
Our Lady of the Pillar $ 1,990 $ 842
Our Lady of Refuge $ 89 $ ——
St Anthony’s $ 295 $ ——

Second Collection this week: Annual Appeal
March 19: Religious Education
March 26: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
April 2: Building Fund
April 9: Annual Appeal
April 14: Holy Land

St. Patrick’s Day
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
Sponsored Annually by KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saturday March 18th
New Hall of Our Lady of the Pillar
No Host Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner at 7:00pm
Tickets $25.00 each
Children aged 12 to 18 $10.00
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TRADITIONAL IRISH LIVE MUSIC
Lighthouse String Band
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PROCEEDS BENEFIT COUNCIL’S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WEDDINGS/ BODAS
Couples planning to be married must contact a priest well in advance of the wedding date. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Archbishop’s office has been consulted. It should be noted that Catholics, in order to marry validly, must marry before the parish priest or his delegate and two witnesses. A civil marriage or a marriage before a non-Catholic minister is not a valid marriage. Couples in such “marriages” should contact a priest to have the situation rectified.

Las parejas que estén planeando casarse tienen que ponerse en contacto con un sacerdote antes de planear la boda. Las parejas también necesitan recibir preparación personal durante la preparación del Matrimonio. Si cualquier persona de la pareja a estado casado/a anteriormente con otra persona el Sacerdote no puede poner la fecha del matrimonio hasta que la oficina de la Arquidiócesis lo apruebe. Tienen que tener en cuenta que para que el matrimonio sea válido los Católicos, necesitan casarse frente a el Sacerdote de su Parroquia y dos testigos. Un matrimonio civil ante una persona que no es Católica no es válido para la Iglesia Católica. Parejas que estén en esta situación deben contactar a un Sacerdote para que su situación se arregle.

CHILDREN’S BAPTISM/ BAUTIZO DE NIÑOS
Children’s baptisms in English are held the Second Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.
Los Bautizos de los niños en Español son: Primer Sábado y Tercer Sábado de el mes a las 11:00 AM.

GREGORIAN CHANT CLASS & HOLY HOUR
With Fr. Joe Previtali
This Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony’s in Pescadero
Please come for our next Gregorian Chant and our community Holy Hour. We will be preparing for the Sacred music of the Holy Triduum!

CLASE BILINGUE DEL CANTO GREGORIANO (MUSICA CATOLICA) Y HORA SANTA
Con Padre Joe Previtali
El Jueves, 16 de Marzo, a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Antonio en Pescadero
Por favor venga a nuestra próxima clase de Canto Gregoriano y nuestra Hora Santa comunitaria. Nos estaremos preparando con la música Sagrada para el Triduo Pascual!
Mass Schedule and Intentions

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Pray for Our Parishioners Who are Sick

**Sick Relatives & Friends/ Parientes y Amigos Enfermos**
Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¿Por qué la Iglesia pone ante nosotros la Transfiguración del Señor en el Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma? Santo Tomás de Aquino: "Ahora, para que alguien siga recto por un camino, debe tener algún conocimiento del final: así un arquero no disparará la flecha recta, a menos que primero vea el objetivo ... Sobre todo esto es necesario cuando el camino es duro y áspero, pesado es ir, pero final es encantador."

Estamos en el duro y duro camino de la Cuaresma - de la Cruz - y nos dirigimos hacia el final encantador de la Pascua - de la Resurrección. Necesitamos este estímulo de parte de Jesús para mantener nuestros ojos en el premio de gloriosa resurrección, a fin de que podamos fielmente sufrir y morir con Él.

La Transfiguración es un adelanto de la Resurrección para los discípulos y para nosotros. Durante la Cuaresma, nuestro Señor nos está pidiendo que salgamos al desierto con Él. Él nos pide que suframos con Él y finalmente morimos con Él. Al darnos esta vista previa de Su gloria y la nuestra hoy, Él desea asegurarnos que el sufrimiento y la muerte no son la última palabra de nuestra historia con Él. Él desea animar nuestros corazones con la verdad de la futura gloria del Cielo a la cual estamos llamados. Y así nos muestra hoy Su Resurrección.

Debemos pensar con frecuencia en el Cielo de la manera más específica e intensa posible. Ésta es la razón principal por la que los santos nos instruyen a hacer la meditación diaria. Debemos mantener nuestras mentes y corazones en el Cielo para que deseemos el Cielo y soportar cualquier sufrimiento que se nos pida para ganar el Cielo.

En el Cielo, experimentaremos la Visión Beatífica: veremos a Dios en Su esencia con los ojos de nuestra alma. Esta visión intelectual de Dios es nuestra felicidad completa y perfecta. Es una actividad que absorbe todo lo que calma nuestra voluntad completamente, la realización infinita de la contemplación y la amistad. Cualquiera que sea la alegría que tengamos en esta vida, cualquier fragmento de felicidad que pudiéramos experimentar mientras viajamos aquí, son sólo los más pequeños indicios de alegría y felicidad que serán nuestros en la Visión Beatífica.

Esta Visión Beatífica, por la cual nuestra alma estará llena de Dios, desbordará en nuestros cuerpos cuando los recibamos de nuevo en la resurrección en el Último Día. Así, viviremos por toda la eternidad - para siempre - con almas glorificadas y cuerpos glorificados, como Jesús y la Santísima Virgen María. Tendremos cuerpos que brillarán con la claridad de gloria que nuestro Señor reveló en la Transfiguración. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es amarlo a Él, para sufrir con Él y morir con Él.

Oren por mí, Padre José Previtali