Today’s first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today’s Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

La primera lectura de hoy describe el ofrecimiento de los primeros frutos que el pueblo de Israel debía presentar al Señor en agradecimiento por su liberación de Egipto y el regalo de la tierra prometida. ¿Es mi ofrenda en la misa de hoy una respuesta apropiada a las muchas bendiciones que el Señor me ha dado?
First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019
The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8

March 10, 2019
Masses for the week

SAT 03/09  4:00 pm  Enrique Lim (L, B-Day)
            Marlene P. Nayre (L, B-Day)
            Ernesto David (L, Healing)
            Irma Nelson (D)

SUN 03/10  8:00 am  Ereberta Cabardo (D)
            Lourdes M. Mirafior (D, Anniv.)
            Winston Espinueva (L, Tks)
            Allison Dubai (L, 21st B-Day)
            Serafin & Magdalena Mati Imperial

Brisbane  9:30 am  Donna Tobin (D)
            Colleen Perry (D)

Spanish  11:00 am  Hector & Ana Partida (L, B-Day)
            Arturo Payan (L, B-Day)
            Jesus & Jose Razo (D)

            12:30 pm  Chuck Barberini (D)
            Germilina C. Mina (L, Tks)
            Paul & Charlene Villareal & Family (L)

MON 03/11  7:00 am  For the Parishioners

TUE 03/12  7:00 am  Ernie & Eleanor Garibaldi (D)
            Ernesto Tejano (D, 9 Days)

WED 03/13  7:00 am  Georgina Busuttii (D, Anniv.)
            5:30 pm  Angelina Dumawal (L, Tks)
            Eric Marquez (D, 30 Days)

THUR 03/14  7:00 am  Chuck Barberini (D)

FRI 03/15  7:00 am  Mae E. Monterola Neri (L, B-Day)
            Heinrich Santos (D)

SAT 03/16  7:30 am  Santos, Galit, & Barbudo Families (D)
            4:00 pm  Joseph Seegmiller (D)
            Charlie Borg (D)
            Chuck Barberini (D)
            Ernesto David (L, Healing)

SUN 03/17  8:00 am  All Souls in Purgatory
            Luis Soto (D)
            9:30 am  For the Parishioners

Brisbane  9:30 am  For the Parishioners

Spanish  11:00 am  Raul Duran (D)
            12:30 pm  Catalino A. Mina Sr. (D, Anniv.)
            Corazon P. Quero (D, Anniv.)
            Rev. Alejandro & Thomas Palacio (D)
            Medwin, Beverly, & Makai Mina (L)

Intentions must be scheduled through the Rectory at least two weeks in advance of the desired date.

March 17, 2019

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY:
No events scheduled for today.

TUESDAY:
OLG Mission Brisbane: Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Confessions in the Church from 6pm-8pm.

Grupo de Oración in St. Leo’s at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Over 55 in the Hall at 12:00 p.m.

OLPH in the Church at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:
RCIA Gathering in the Rectory at 6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

Vietnamese Choir Practice in the Church at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY:
Legion of Mary in St. Leo’s at 8:00 a.m.

CCD Classes in the School at 9:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Choir in St. Leo’s at 11:00 a.m.

Fatima Kids & Youth Group in St. Leo’s from 4-6pm.

SUNDAY:
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Charismatic Choir Practice in St. Leo’s at 9:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus in St. Leo’s at 10:45 a.m.

Charismatic Group in St. Leo’s at 5:00 p.m.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive during Lent to raise money for a Parish Community Outreach Fund. The proceeds of this drive would be turned over to the parish to support the homeless and/or families in need. The Knights will be distributing baby bottles in the Church vestibule for parishioners to take home. Parishioners are asked to put spare change and donations in the bottles during Lent. No donation is too small. The bottles will be collected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your support.
TODAY’s Readings
First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).
Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Ps 91).
Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).
Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-13
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Tuesday Night Confessions in Lent
This Lent, the Archdiocese will undertake an initiative to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. ‘The Light is on for You’ began in the Washington, DC metro area and has spread all over the country in the last decade. Archbishop Cordileone has asked all parishes to open for confessions on the Tuesdays of Lent from 6:00–8:00 pm, as a means of making the sacrament more convenient and available. The Archbishop says, “Ultimately, the ‘light being on’ throughout the whole Archdiocese is a sign to our people of God’s desire for reconciliation with them and His great delight in bestowing His mercy upon them.” (Visit sfarch.org/Light.)

St. Rita Lenten Lecture Series
The St. Rita Lenten Lecture Series is six Tuesday nights (March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16). The theme is “The Future of Life on Earth: Reflections on the 4th Anniversary of Laudato Si.” The evenings begin with a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall, followed by the Lenten Lecture. All are invited. For Soup Supper reservations or other information, please call (415) 456-4815. St. Rita Church is located at 100 Marinda Dr., Fairfax.

Epiphany Center Fundraiser
On Thursday, March 14th, The Epiphany Center will hold its 22nd Annual Benefit Party and Show to raise funds for the City’s most vulnerable women and children. The evening features a cocktail reception, elegant dinner, silent auction, and an outstanding live show featuring an all-star cast. Produced and directed by acclaimed musical director and former Berkeley Symphony pianist Dwight Okamura, you’ll be twistin’ the night away to the music of Nigel and Clive. Founded in 1852 as Mount St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth by the Daughters of Charity to care for San Francisco’s orphans, the Epiphany Center continues to support the city’s vulnerable families, providing them with the support and resources to heal. Individual tickets are $250. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit TheEpiphanyCenter.org or call (415) 351-4055.

“FORMED” Catholic Online Resources
FORMED is the revolutionary Catholic digital platform that gives a parish unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church’s foremost presenters. Archbishop Cordileone recommends it, and the Archdiocese is offering a subsidy to make it financially attractive. Once a parish subscribes to it, all FORMED resources are available on computers and mobile devices. Any parishioner, teacher in the Catholic school, or student in the Catholic school can access the hundreds of films (historical, current, real life, and animated), talks, and studies offered. Many large dioceses have promoted FORMED for all their parishes. Hundreds of parishes are now enthusiastic users because it has very helpful resources for evangelization/training. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this resource! Visit visitacionchurch.formed.org to register to our parish subscription. Questions? Call the Office.
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Thank you! To all those who have already participated in the 2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, we are most appreciative. Your gifts have helped our Church continue assisting those who need and depend on us. We have collected $12,353 of our goal of $45,940. OLGMission has collected $463 towards their goal of $4,400. All gifts to the Appeal are very beneficial, so please consider making a gift if you have not already done so. Brochures are available at the back and front tables of the Church.
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150TH ANNIV. OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
The De La Salle Christian Brothers arrived in San Francisco in 1868 to begin their service at St. Mary’s College, and in 2018-2019 they celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Lasallian educational mission in the western U.S. A special Mass will be offered on Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 am in St. Mary’s Cathedral by Archbishop Cordileone, with Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, WA as concelebrant and homilist. Following Mass, there is a reception in the Cathedral events center. The Mass and reception are open to all. In addition to St. Mary’s College in Moraga, there are 10 Lasallian schools today in California: 8 secondary schools and 2 middle schools. For complete information on the De La Salle Christian Brothers, please visit the District of San Francisco New Orleans website at delasalle.org. The Mass will be livestreamed at sfarchdiocese.org/events/christian-brothers-150-years.

LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 16th
4:00 p.m. R1—Letty Ramos   R2—Roma Day
E– Dely Musngi, Siony Grospe, Emmie Ponce
U– Ricky Lim, Pacifico Grospe, Mario Escalona, Miguel Campos

Sunday, March 17th
8:00 a.m. R1—Miguel Campos   R2—Lino Senio
E– Connie Cabardo, Nena Ramos
U– Arnold Bautista, Malou Bautista, Pacifico Grospe
9:30 a.m. R1—Steve Rouse   R2—Tino Medios
E– Jocelyn Acena, Leonor Rouse, Miguel Campos
U– Jorge Portillo, Jose Ochoa, Butch Mangibin, G. Mercado
12:30 pm R1—Charlotte Dela Cruz   R2—Agnes Kioskli
E– Willie Delizo, Nenet Seegmiller, Ed Barles
U– Lily Sweeney, Brandon Carino, J. Cenina

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS
The Dominican Sisters of San Rafael and Homeward Bound of Marin, the primary provider of Marin County homeless shelters and services, invite young adults to celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week (part of Women’s History Month) with us on Monday, March 18th, 6:00-8:30 pm. There will be a simple supper, and then one of the Homeward Bound chefs will teach a hands-on class in chocolate truffle making. (There will be boxes provided to take home your creations, and recipes for home use as well.) Come chat with the Sisters about their lives and learn about their social justice collaboration with Homebound. This event is held in The Key Room, Homeward Bound of Marin in Novato. RSVP at (415) 453- 8303 or CommunityRelations@sanrafaelop.org.

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Church of the Visitacion is hosting a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, & France from June 16th to 28th. The cost is $3,799 (taxes/surcharges included). For questions or more information, contact Letty Ramos at (415) 469-5912. To register for the pilgrimage, come to the Parish Rectory for a Registration Form and trip itinerary.

Clerics Basketball Game
Holy Hoopsters, it’s the Third Annual Clericus Classic. Priests of the Archdiocese and St. Patrick’s seminarians will lace up their sneakers and take to the hardwood. Archbishop Cordileone will handle the Honorary Tipoff. The game is on Friday, March 22nd, 6:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep gym. Parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot, a block from the school. Tickets are $10 adults, $5 students. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available in select parishes, at the door, and by calling (415) 614-5552.