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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:15am
Saint Alexander
Saturday Vigil at 4pm
(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay
Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay
Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay
Holy Days as Announced



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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that Lent, thus far, has been a time of grace for you. Please take a moment to review the calendar of Lenten activities on the reverse. I'd like to call your attention to just a few things:

- ◆ I'm sure that you've often considered the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" The problem of suffering is a real obstacle to faith. This coming Tuesday, at our next session of **Theology Uncorked**, we are very excited to be welcoming to Saint Mary of the Bay a guest speaker from a different faith tradition to help us consider that question. Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman from Temple Habonim in Barrington will offer a presentation, "*When Bad Things Happen to Good People: Job and Suffering in the Jewish Scriptures.*" I'm sure it will be informative and thought-provoking. I hope you will join us for wine and light fare, and to hear Rabbi's presentation.
- ◆ Lent is the perfect season to return to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, especially if it's been a while. While we should receive this sacrament regularly and as often as we need to, Lent provides a particular impetus to search our hearts and to make a good confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday at 3pm at Saint Mary of the Bay. But on Wednesday, March 29, we will be welcoming a number of visiting priests to hear confessions during the monthly Encounter Holy Hour at Saint Mary of the Bay at 7pm. For an hour each month, we gather for Eucharistic Adoration with contemporary Praise and Worship music. This month, we will make confessors available as well. We hope you can join us.
- ◆ Lastly, make sure that if you haven't already done so, you purchase your tickets for the **St. Patrick's Day-themed dinner**, which will be held at Saint Mary of the Bay on Saturday, March 18. Tickets will be available after Mass. From great food and entertainment, to great raffle prizes, to the opportunity to help a worthy cause (M25:35), you won't want to miss this!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

Lent 2023

Calendar of Activities

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday Mornings following the 8am Mass, SMB

Traditional Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 8, 7pm, Saint Alexander

Finding the Light: Music of Comfort and Hope

Concert with the Providence Singers and the Aurea Ensemble

Sunday, March 12, 3pm, SMB (Ticket Required)

Theology Uncorked with Rabbi Howard

Wine & Cheese Reception with Theological Talk and Discussion

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30pm, SMB Church Hall

Parish-Wide Faith Formation Event

Learn about Holy Week and make your own Resurrection Garden for home. All members of SMB and STA are welcome!

Wednesday, March 22, OR

Thursday, March 23, 7pm, SMB Church Hall

Encounter: Adoration with

Praise & Worship Music

Wednesday, March 29, 7pm, SMB

(Visiting priests will be available for Confession.)

Finding God through Beauty:

A Special Women's Event

Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm, SMB Church Hall

Soul Food

Join us for a Blount's soup luncheon with palm-cross demo

Palm Sunday, April 2, following the 10:30am

Mass, SMB Church Hall

The Sacred Triduum

April 6, 2023—Maundy Thursday

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, SMB

April 7, 2023—Good Friday

3pm Stations of the Cross, Saint Alexander

7pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, SMB

April 8, 2023—Holy Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, SMB

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

March 12, 2023

9:15am: Gary Jacobsen

March 19, 2023

9:15am: Judith Metcalf

Requested by David & Betty Hoague

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

From today's First Reading:

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

Consider: **The Lord responded to the prayer of Moses with the miracle of water from the rock for the Israelites to drink. What might you ask from the Lord this week?**

From today's 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)

Consider: **Paul speaks of having "hope" because "the love of God has been poured into our hearts though the Holy Spirit." How does your faith in Jesus give you hope?**

From today's 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)

Consider: **Through her dialogue with Jesus, the Samaritan woman comes to the realization that Jesus is the Messiah. In her joy, she tells other Samaritans about her encounter with Jesus. How can you share your faith in Jesus with others?**