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**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

March 6 is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Pope Francis in his Lenten Message speaks of the three traditional practices of Lent: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. He writes: “*Fasting*, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. *Prayer*, ... teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. *Almsgiving*, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.” May we all embrace the many graces of this Lent!

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL** - In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that we are known by the fruits of our generosity. In opening the doors of our hearts to this season of Lent, may we consider supporting those who turn to the Church for assistance, through life-changing ministries such as Addiction Recovery Services or the Faith Community Nursing program. Your gift to the 2019 Catholic Appeal provides half of the funding for many important programs that enrich parish life, our Catholic schools, and the lives of many. Every gift has an immediate impact in our parish communities. Please find more information about this life-changing work in the envelope in your pew or visit the website at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to view the latest video about the Appeal.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – This Wednesday., March 6, is Ash Wednesday. Masses with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 12:05 pm and at 7 pm (Bilingual).**

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday** - 4:00 PM,

**Sunday** - 10:00 AM (Spanish) 12:00 (English)

**Monday thru Friday** - 12:05PM

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, March 2, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher**

**Sunday, March 3, 10:00 AM – For the repose of Jeudy Romero on the one-month anniversary of her passing, requested by Regla Soto**

**Sunday, March 3, 12:00 PM – For God’s blessing, guidance and protection to be with Eghosa Emmanuel Iguodala on the occasion of his birthday, requested by his family**

**Thursday, March 7, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Josephine Davulis, requested by her family**

**Friday, March 8, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Edward McDonald, requested by Brian McDonald**

**CONFESSIONS** – Saturday 3:15-3:45, ordinarily after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, and by request.

**LENTEN OBSERVANCES** – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**BIENVENIDO P. SEAN PATRICK:** Le extendemos una cálida acogida al P. Sean de los franciscanos de la observancia primitiva. El Padre Sean y sus compañeros franciscanos son una comunidad de sacerdotes y hermanos que se esfuerzan por vivir la regla de San Francisco. Están ubicados aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Su casa principal se encuentra en la parroquia de St. Patricio en Roxbury. ¡Gracias Padre Sean!

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION** – On Ash Wednesday, a special collection will be taken up for Catholic Charities of Boston. Catholic Charities serves more than 185,000 families and individuals annually throughout the Archdiocese and helps put them on a path to self-sustainability. Programs including food and utility assistance, adult education, temporary and transitional housing, at-risk youth development, child care, and refugee and immigration services. It provides support to individuals for their most basic needs while charting a path to a living wage. They invite you to begin your Lenten almsgiving journey with them on Ash Wednesday. For more information, please visit [www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org).

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, March 23**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

**CADA JUEVES: ROSARIO & GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO (ESPAÑOL):** El Rosario a las 6:00 PM y el Grupo de Oración de 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Oraciones al Espíritu Santo, Perdón, Sanación peticiones y cantos de alabanzas. Si desea hacer el Rosario en su casa, comuníquese con Jose Villalta (617) 749-6144. Para obtener información sobre el grupo de oración carismático, llame a Mercedes Vasquez al 857-237-2991 o Regla Soto al 617-319-2719.

**PROJECT RACHEL** - “My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.” – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Winter/spring dates are **March 23** and **April 27**. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** – To view the listing of marriage preparation offerings offered by the Archdiocese visit [www.bostoncatholic.org/TransformedInLove](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/TransformedInLove). Para información sobre la preparación matrimonial en Español, llame a Hna. Elsa Narvaez Rodriguez (617)746-5792.

**HOLY LAND TRIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS MAY 16-30, 2019**  
- Fr. Michael Nolan is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for young adults; ages of 18-26. Sites include Bethany, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Mt. Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor and Jerusalem. This trip, designed for young adults, includes trekking, hiking, swimming and service work. Trip cost of \$2990 includes roundtrip airfare, guides, meals, lodging, taxes and entrance fees. **SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE**. For more information and registration, please contact [stmarywaltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmarywaltham@gmail.com) Att: Fr. Michael Nolan.

**COMMUNION** - In response to many reports of cold and flu illness throughout the region, Cardinal Sean has directed that the distribution of the Precious Blood be suspended until further notice within the Archdiocese of Boston. This decision is a good reminder that the fullness of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is communicated whenever one receives the consecrated host.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you to those who return offertory envelopes and/or who give your weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive Offertory envelopes or if you are new to the parish, please let us know. If you have moved, please provide us with your new address. If you are not here on a particular weekend, please return your offertory donation by mail or the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

**OFFERTORY:** \$811.22 (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - \$307.23)