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Sunday, March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent

Pope St. Leo the Great, in commenting on today's **Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus**, says: "The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of Jesus' disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of Jesus' voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed." In light of this St. Leo adds that: "No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed. No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised." May our recalling of the Transfiguration of Jesus and our observance of this Lenten Season result in a fervent renewal of a confident hope in the victory of the Resurrection in our own lives.

EXPOSITION/STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **March 22, this coming Friday, following the 12:05 Mass. At the entrance of the Church is a sign-up sheet** for all those who are interested in participating. **Following benediction, at 3:00, there will be Stations of the Cross.**

RETIRO DE CUARESMA - Sábado 30 de Marzo de 9:00am a 2:30pm. Tendremos como temas: Vivir la Cuaresma & Caminar hacia la nueva Jerusalem Celestial dirigidos por el Padre Carlos Suarez. Además habrán Confesiones, Exposición del Santísimo y culminamos con la Santa Misa. Donación \$10 (incluye desayuno y almuerzo). Para contactos: Regla Soto 617-319-2719 o José Villarta 617-749-6144. Te esperamos!

ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:00 PM,

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

Monday thru Friday - 12:05PM

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 16, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher

Sunday, March 17, 12:00 PM – For the Lord's blessing upon Ayevbosa Ofuokwu on the occasion of his second birthday. Requested by his family.

Wednesday, March 20, 12:05 PM – For Leo Fitzsimmons' health, requested by Caroline Goolsby.

Thursday, March 21, 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.

BIENVENIDO PADRE CARLOS SUAREZ: Damos la bienvenida de nuevo al P. Carlos Suárez de la Arquidiócesis de Boston, quien es el celebrante de la misa en español esta semana. P. Carlos fue ordenado para el servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Boston en 2011. Actualmente se desempeña como Asistente Director de la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Arquidiócesis. Gracias P. Carlos por estar con nosotros!

CARDINAL O'MALLEY LENTEN LETTER – Cardinal Sean has released a Lenten Letter which offers his reflection on the recently completed Rome summit on the protection of children and minors. A copy of this Letter, in English and in Spanish, is available at the entrance to the Church. Please take one with you.

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.

WORD AMONG US – At the entrance of the Church are free issues (English & Español) of the Lenten Word Among Us a monthly publication that includes Mass readings, articles, daily reflections etc., They have been donated in support of St. Christopher as a University Parish. Feel free to take one!

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.

PROJECT RACHEL - “Come back to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12) - If you are suffering from the pain of a past abortion, this Lent could be the time for you to ask for and receive the healing love and mercy of God at a one-day Project Rachel post-abortion healing retreat. Retreats will be held on **Saturday March 23 and Saturday, April 27** at confidential locations. Limited to 10 participants per retreat. For more information, call at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Project Rachel is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston

RECEIVING COMMUNION – If one receives communion in the hand after receiving the consecrated host immediately **consume the host in the presence of the minister**. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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, Sanacion 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.

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 Att: Fr. Michael Nolan.

2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL – The Catholic Appeal thanks you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, the Archdiocese can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form in the back of the Church or visit the Catholic Appeal website at bostoncatholicappeal.org. You can the Appeal's 5-minute video at their website, or at the Parish website. Thank you!

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use pastor@stchristopherchurch.org. For Parish Office items please use office@stchristopherchurch.org. For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use admin@stchristopherchurch.org. For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you to those who use offertory envelopes and/or who give a weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive the 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 weekend, please return your donation by mail or on the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

OFFERTORY: \$662.75 (Ash Wednesday - \$533.24)