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**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

In today's first reading from the Book of Exodus God uses a burning bush, which is not consumed, to catch Moses' attention. Then **God reveals himself to Moses and says of Himself: "I am who am."** Before this revelation divinity was known according to certain activities like the god of rain, the god of storms or of certain places e.g. the god of a particular mountain. But the Lord God reveals Himself as a God of relationship, "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." He also reveals a more personal name to Moses. "I am." It expresses that He is the source and sustenance all being. Apart from all that God does He is existence itself. To give someone our name is to open a door for them to have access to us. God reveals His name because He wants us to be in relationship with Him. To praise, thank, and to call upon Him in our need. On our part we ought to have the utmost reverence, honest and respect for the name of God as the Second Commandment states: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

**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!

**EXPOSITION/STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 29, 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.**

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM,**

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

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

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, March 23, 4:00 PM – For the University Parish of St. Christopher**

**Sunday, March 24, 12:00 PM – For the repose of Dorothy Harris requested by the parishioners.**

**Monday, March 25, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Fr. Ignatius Pennisi, SJ.**

**Tuesday, March 26, 12:05 PM – For the repose of William A. Davulis requested by the family.**

**Wednesday, March 27, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Fred & Catherine Krol, requested by Sr. Elizabeth**

**Thursday, March 28, 12:05 PM – For the repose of Fr. Laurence Bourges**

**Friday, March 29, 12:05 PM – for the repose of Joseph Dunne**

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

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL –** The 2019 Catholic Appeal Goal for St. Christopher is \$9,298. To date \$1,730 has been contributed by parishioners. **This amount does not yet reflect the "in-pew collection" taken up at Masses on March 2-3.** Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate there are forms in the back of the Church or you can do so online at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). You can view the Appeal's 5-minute video at their website, or at the Parish website. Thank you!

**SECOND COLLECTION –** This week's Second Collection assists with the higher heat and energy costs incurred during the winter months. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**BIENVENIDO PADRE MICHAEL/MIGUEL:** Una cálida bienvenida extendemos al p. Michael Sheehan, FPO, de los franciscanos de la observancia primitiva. P. Michael y sus compañeros franciscanos son una comunidad de sacerdotes y hermanos que luchan por vivir la regla original de San Francisco. Están ubicados aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Su Casa está ubicada en la parroquia de St. Patricio en Roxbury. Gracias p. Michael por estar con nosotros!

**CARDINAL O'MALLEY LENTEN LETTER** – Cardinal Sean has issued 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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** – The Diocese of Worcester is hosting a Catholic Men's conference on Saturday, April 6, from 8-5 at Assumption College in Worcester. For additional information please contact Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345 or online at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org).

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT** – The Archdiocese is hosting a Theology of the Body retreat on April 5-7, in Medway, MA. For more information, or to register, contact: [colleen\\_donohoe@rcab.org](mailto:colleen_donohoe@rcab.org).

**YOUTH GROUP EVENT** - Join the St. Mark/St. Ambrose Youth Group on Sunday, March 31st for a Youth Mass at 5pm in the St. Mark's Chapel and a special Lent Youth Group 6-8pm to explore what we mean by sacrifice and why it matters. For additional information please contact Emilia at [samsayg@gmail.com](mailto:samsayg@gmail.com).

**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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, April 27**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION** – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use [pastor@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stchristopherchurch.org). For Parish Office items please use [office@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:office@stchristopherchurch.org). For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use [admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org). For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: [campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto: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:** \$966.74