

THE BASILICA BULLETIN

Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019



From the Rector

Very Rev. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.

We are beginning the second week of Lent, it begins this Sunday with the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. On that mountain, Jesus revealed his glory to Peter, James, and John. The scriptures for the daily liturgies especially concentrate on the prophets and their demand that we become aware of the injustices around us and the injustices which we have created. The prophets constantly insist on genuine penance which means a total reform of our lives.

This Tuesday's reading is from the Prophet Isaiah: 1:10 & 16:20. He tells us "Wash yourselves clean...Make justice your aim, redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow". Lent is not just about giving something up, sacrificing food or drink, it is about justice, it is about reaching out to the most vulnerable, the victims of society's greed and neglect. In that reading, the Lord gives a beautiful invitation to us: "Come, let us set things right" God is always ready to forgive, his mercy knows no limits, we simply need the desire for genuine conversion. Monday's reading is from the Prophet Daniel and it is really an act of contrition, it is a beautiful prayer seeking forgiveness. Daniel prays: "We have sinned, been wicked, and done evil...we are shamefaced...for having sinned against you". Conversion always begins with acknowledging the wrongs we have done, the injustices we have caused. Then Daniel seems to cry out: "But yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness". Ultimately, the only way to share in the glory of Christ is to humbly admit the wrongs we have done, the injustices we have ignored, and the people we have offended by our pride. We cannot get to the glory of Mount Tabor and the joy of Easter Sunday without the hard work of conversion.

Staffed by The Redemptorists

Weekday Masses

7:00am and 12:10pm

Saturday Masses

8:00am and 12:10pm

Vigil: 4:00pm, 7:00pm (Haitian)

Sunday Masses

9:00am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

11:00am (Spanish)

Sacrament of Penance

Monday-Saturday at 11:50am

Saturday 3:30pm

Wednesday Novena Service

12:10pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm (Spanish),

7:00pm (Haitian)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:00am to 5:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 16

Saturday

8:00am +Thomas Leonard
12:10pm +Martha Kreckler
Shrine and Purgatorian Members
4:00pm +Peter and Peter, Jr. Flynn
7:00pm Purgatorian Society

Mar 17

Sunday

9:00am Adeline Titus
11:00am Souls in Purgatory
Aura de Mato Cassidy
+Maria Armanva
Israel Rentas
12:30pm +Germain B. Garcia
5:00pm Maureen K. Miller

Mar 18

Monday

7:00am +Sean Sullivan
12:10pm Corey, Emmie, Donna Wiggin

Mar 19

Tuesday

7:00am Joseph Cheong Tuck Chu, Yoot Yoong Family
12:10pm Richard, Patricia, and Leila Blinn

Mar 20

Wednesday

7:00am +Elias Leon
12:10pm +Rita M. Jean
6:30pm Purgatorian Society

Mar 21

Thursday

7:00am +Mary Hennessy
12:10pm +Elvire Monestine
Rev. Michael Chery

Mar 22

Friday

7:00am +Paul Matthews
12:10pm +Edward MacDonald

FROM THE RECTOR

En Español

Comenzamos la segunda semana de Cuaresma, comienza este domingo con la historia de la Transfiguración de Jesús en el Monte Tabor. En esa montaña, Jesús reveló su gloria a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Las escrituras para las liturgias diarias se centran especialmente en los profetas y su exigencia de que tomemos conciencia de las injusticias que nos rodean y de las injusticias que hemos creado. Los profetas insisten constantemente en una genuina penitencia que significa una reforma total de nuestras vidas.

La lectura de este martes es del profeta Isaías: 1:10 y 16:20. Él nos dice: "Lávese a sí mismo limpio ... Haga justicia su objetivo, repare al ofendido, escuche la súplica del huérfano, defienda a la viuda". La Cuaresma no solo consiste en renunciar a algo, sacrificar comida o bebida, se trata de justicia, se trata de llegar a los más vulnerables, las víctimas de la codicia y el abandono de la sociedad. En esa lectura, el Señor nos da una hermosa invitación: "Vengan, pongamos las cosas en orden" Dios siempre está dispuesto a perdonar, su misericordia no tiene límites, simplemente necesitamos el deseo de una conversión genuina. La lectura del lunes es del profeta Daniel y es realmente un acto de arrepentimiento, es una hermosa oración que busca el perdón. Daniel ora: "Hemos pecado, hemos sido malvados y hemos hecho el mal ... estamos avergonzados ... por haber pecado contra tí". La conversión siempre comienza reconociendo los errores que hemos cometido, las injusticias que hemos causado. Entonces Daniel parece gritar: "Pero tuyo, oh Señor, nuestro Dios, ten compasión y perdón". En última instancia, la única forma de compartir la gloria de Cristo es admitir humildemente los males que hemos cometido, las injusticias que hemos ignorado y las personas a las que hemos ofendido con nuestro orgullo. No podemos llegar a la gloria del Monte Tabor y la alegría del domingo de Pascua sin el arduo trabajo de la conversión.

Reflexión

"Y le dijo: «Yo soy Yahveh que te saqué de Ur de los caldeos, para darte esta tierra en propiedad.»" (Génesis 15: 7)

Así como el Señor le dio a Abraham, a Moisés y a los israelitas una tierra que poseer, Él también nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros un hogar. Ya sea que tu hogar sea grande o humilde, es un regalo de Dios. Abraham preparó un gran sacrificio al Señor en gratitud por el hogar que Dios le dio. ¿Haces un sacrificio de algún tipo? ¿Reintegras algo de tus ganancias a Dios, invirtiendo igualmente en tu hogar eterno, así como inviertes en tu hogar terrenal?

Reflection

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?





NEWS & EVENTS

CURSILLO: An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and to strengthen your ability to be a witness of Christ in the world. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston. For info or to register, visit bostoncursillo.org or contact Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or cmg829@comcast.net. The next men's weekend will be April 4-7, 2019.

Daily Lenten Devotions Booklet

The Redemptorists have released a daily book of prayer and reflection to guide you through the season of Lent. Free copies in English and Spanish are available at the back of the church and Rectory Office. Donations are appreciated to help cover the printing cost.

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep

Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2019 dates, locations, and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Strategies for Youth Evangelization

Come and connect with some of the leading organizations offering quality resources for ministry to middle and high school-aged teens. Representatives from LifeTeen, Alpha, YoungLife, NET Ministries, Hunger for Justice, Abide and more will all be present to showcase their materials! Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9AM - 3PM at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Cost is \$10. For more information or to register, please contact Mike Drahos at mdrahos@rcab.org

2019 Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we 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 available in the back of the Church or visit our website at bostonbasilica.com/catholicappeal2019

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization, which is deeply rooted in Christian love and teaching to serve the poor and needy. In March of 2012, a conference was established at the Basilica to serve the poor of Boston. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year and support is given on an as needed basis in areas of housing, heat, meals and tuition. Learn more by visiting www.svdpmissionchurch.org

Pregnancy Help

Pregnancy Help is a pregnancy resource center sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston to provide alternatives to abortion. Trained and caring nurses and case workers are available to assist any woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy. Pregnancy Help provides free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, referrals, material assistance, and ongoing support. All services are free, confidential and available for English, Spanish and Portuguese speaking clients. For assistance call 888-771-3914, text 617-903-7960 or email help@pregnancyhelpboston.org

Reunión de Lectores

Todos los lectores que prestan servicio en las misas en español se reunirán en la Sala Heritage después de la misa de las 11:00 am del domingo 17 de marzo.

Regulaciones de Cuaresma

Abstinencia: los católicos mayores de 14 años están sujetos a la obligación de abstinencia. La abstinencia se debe observar el Miércoles de Ceniza (6 de marzo de 2019) y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. En los días de abstinencia, la carne no se puede utilizar en absoluto.

Ayuno: los católicos mayores de 18 años y hasta el comienzo de sus 60 años están obligados a cumplir con la obligación de ayunar. Las comidas del Miércoles de Ceniza (6 de marzo de 2019) y del Viernes Santo (19 de abril de 2019), suficientes para mantener la fuerza, se pueden tomar de acuerdo con las necesidades de cada uno, pero juntas no deben ser iguales a otra comida completa. No se permite comer entre comidas, pero se permiten líquidos, incluyendo leche y jugos de frutas.

Con respecto a otros días de la semana de Cuaresma, se recomienda la participación en la misa diaria y la observancia voluntaria del ayuno. Elogiable, particularmente durante la Cuaresma, es la generosidad a los programas locales, nacionales y mundiales de compartir nuestra abundancia, las tradicionales devociones de Cuaresma y toda la abnegación resumida en el concepto cristiano de "mortificación".

Samedi 16 Mars 2019, Journée de Recollection/ (Retreat day), pour les Haïtiens

Déjà avec le Mercredi des Cendres nous sommes tous déjà dans le Carême ; le temps des quatre "Ps" : Prière, Pénitence, Pardon et Partage. Pour vivre mieux le temps des quatre "Ps " dans notre vie come chrétiens, nous aurons une journée de recollection, le 16 Mars 2019, de 8:30 AM à 2:00 PM, pour toute la communauté Haïtienne. Nous commencerons avec les Laudes, fais un effort pour être à l'heure. Se sak fè nou gen you kou labib, chak dezyèm Madi, a 8:00 PM. »

Du 31 Mars 2019 au 6 Avril 2019; « La Mer Rouge » (RED SEA)

Dieu a vue la souffrance du peuple Israël qui était en servitude en Egypte, et à cause de sa miséricorde infinie, a tout fait pour le libérer. Vous pouvez vous rappeler comment il a permit à Moise de traverser la mer Rouge avec le peuple. Aujourd'hui, nous vivons tous des situations de servitude dans notre vie, de ce fait come le peuple Israël, du 31 Mars 2019 au 6 Avril 2019, chaque jour à partir de 6 :30 PM, venez tous participer à notre « Mer Rouge » dan la basilique Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours, sous le thème « Bondye ki te libere pep Izraël la, se li kap Libere Nou jodi a. » Ex 3, 7-8

BASILICA MEMORIALS

Basilica Memorial Plaque

Honor a loved one with a permanent memorial inside the Basilica. A limited number of engravable metal plaques are mounted near the Shine and Purgatorian altar for donor contributions of \$1,000 or more. Your gift directly benefits the Basilica and the on going restoration work that is continually needed. A 1" x 4" metal plaque can be engraved with up to 20 characters on each line, up to 4 lines. Spaces and punctuation are characters.



Masses and Enrollments

The Basilica's sacred altars and presence as a spiritual home for over a century provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the liturgy for your intentions. Masses for living and deceased can be offered throughout the year. We also have special perpetual Mass enrollment societies that provide daily and weekly remembrances as long as the Basilica endures.

For details visit the Rectory Office or our website, www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop

LENT AT THE BASILICA

The Redemptorists welcome and invite you to join us throughout Lent as we are reminded of the Paschal Mystery in Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. During this season of preparation, Lent helps to deepen our faith by our individual and common acts of prayer, fasting and sacrifice.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence - Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019) and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast - Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019) and Good Friday (April 19, 2019) 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 fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
7:00pm

Every Friday evening during Lent, we invite you to walk the Way of the Cross with our priests and parishioners in the Basilica for Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Day of Reflection

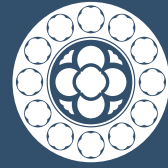
Saturday, March 30, 2019
9:00am - 5:00pm

Fr. Dabney will lead a parish day of reflection to focus on Lent as a season of healing and hope in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 30th. Save the date and join as we come together as a community.

Lenten Fish Dinner

Friday, April 12, 2019
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Our annual fish dinner will be held in the Parish Center. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). Advanced reservation and payment is required, no walk ins or payment at the door will be accommodated. To make reservations, call 617-445-2600. Reservations will be taken until Monday, April 8th.



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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Groups

English - Mondays, 6:30pm in Parish Center

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The Gift of One Hour

Please remember that we depend on your weekly offering to continue the ministry of our parish. We ask that you consider giving the equivalent of one hour of your weekly salary. It's a goal that would strengthen the offertory to be in line with current expenses. If you can not commit one hour at this time, we ask that you contribute at least \$5 as a minimum offering for the upkeep and mission of the church. Every gift will be used wisely and carefully. Thank you for the sacrifices you make for this community!

