

# THE BASILICA BULLETIN

Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020



## From the Rector

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

We have begun what is called "the discipline of Lent". Of all the seasons of the Church year, I have always found Lent to be the most difficult and the most demanding with its call to conversion, penance, fasting, and prayer. Each day, the readings for the daily Eucharist place before our eyes the demands for justice, to look at the poor, the neglected, the victims of human cruelty. Lent forces us to reflect on those parts of our lives that we try not to look at, the hidden areas of selfishness and pride that we will normally no admit to. As we move deeper into Lent, the cross looms large, we are confronted with the demand to "take up our cross" and be true followers of Jesus Christ. The closer we come to Holy Week, the more we must contemplate the crucified Christ who bore the full weight of human cruelty and injustice.

While Lent is a difficult and certainly a challenging season, it is also a life-giving season, a time for renewal and hope. In the English language, the word for Lent has its root in the ancient word for the spring season. As spring brings us the renewal of nature and new life, Lent is the spring time of the spiritual life, a time for renewal and for new life. Lent offers us the opportunity to start over again, as God says through the Prophet Isaiah "Come now, let us set things right" (Isaiah 1:18). Every Lent, God invites us to correct all the things which distance us from his loving presence, to gently allow God to work in us, to make things right and draw us closer to him. Lent is an opportunity to strive a little harder to become all that God calls us to be. So, be filled with hope, God wishes to set things right for you.

## 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

## FROM THE RECTOR

### En Español

### Feb 29 Saturday

8:00am Gregory Donovan, Andrew and Family  
12:10pm For All Those Fighting Cancer  
Shrine and Purgatorian Members  
4:00pm +Kevin Fitzgerald  
7:00pm Purgatorian Society

### Mar 01 Sunday

9:00am +Mireille Codjia-Zokoty  
11:00am +Benjamin Ochoa  
+Melvin Arroyo  
+Lupin Fuentes  
+Jose Figueroa  
12:30pm +Oscar Vega, Sr.  
5:00pm Dominic Nwosu and Family

### Mar 02 Monday

7:00am Benny, Tom, Ansan Merissa Family  
12:10pm Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Guinee

### Mar 03 Tuesday

7:00am Felix Xie and Calmond Yee Family  
12:10pm +Carmelo Casting, +Claudy Jean Piox

### Mar 04 Wednesday

7:00am +Theresa M. (Bottary) Poirier  
12:10pm +Billy Jewell  
6:30pm Purgatorian Society

### Mar 05 Thursday

7:00am Jaymar Cuedding and Julie Irgles  
12:10pm Yamiley Shiba Cayemitte

### Mar 06 Friday

7:00am Maria Gill, Dora, Raymond  
12:10pm Sophie Philip

Hemos comenzado lo que se llama "la disciplina de la Cuaresma". De todas las estaciones del año de la Iglesia, siempre he encontrado que la Cuaresma es la más difícil y exigente con su llamado a la conversión, la penitencia, el ayuno y la oración. Cada día, las lecturas de la Eucaristía diaria ponen ante nuestros ojos las demandas de justicia, de mirar a los pobres, los descuidados, las víctimas de la crueldad humana. La Cuaresma nos obliga a reflexionar sobre aquellas partes de nuestras vidas que tratamos de no mirar, las áreas ocultas de egoísmo y orgullo que normalmente no admitiremos. A medida que avanzamos más en la Cuaresma, la cruz se hace grande, nos enfrentamos a la exigencia de "tomar nuestra cruz" y ser verdaderos seguidores de Jesucristo. Cuanto más nos acercamos a la Semana Santa, más debemos contemplar al Cristo crucificado que soportó todo el peso de la crueldad e injusticia humana.

Si bien la Cuaresma es una temporada difícil y ciertamente desafiante, también es una temporada que da vida, un tiempo de renovación y esperanza. En el idioma inglés, el mundo para la Cuaresma tiene su raíz en la antigua palabra para la temporada de primavera. A medida que la primavera nos trae la renovación de la naturaleza y la nueva vida, la Cuaresma es el tiempo primaveral de la vida espiritual, un tiempo para la renovación y para una nueva vida. La Cuaresma nos ofrece la oportunidad de comenzar de nuevo, como Dios dice a través del profeta Isaías "Ven ahora, arreglemos las cosas" (Isaías 1:18). En cada Cuaresma, Dios nos invita a corregir todas las cosas que nos alejan de su presencia amorosa, para permitirle gentilmente que Dios trabaje en nosotros, para hacer las cosas bien y acercarnos a él. La Cuaresma es una oportunidad para esforzarse un poco más y llegar a ser todo lo que Dios nos llama a ser. Entonces, llénese de esperanza, Dios desea arreglar las cosas para usted.

### Reflexión

"Está escrito: Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y solo a Él servirás". (MATEO 4:10)

Tentado entre las riquezas y el poder de este mundo y el servicio a Dios, Jesús eligió el servicio a su Padre. Si deseamos seguir verdaderamente a Jesús, nosotros también debemos decidir apartarnos del poder y las riquezas del mundo y poner a Dios en el centro de nuestras vidas. Cuaresma es nuestro tiempo para liberarnos de las cosas terrenales. Pregúntale a Dios cómo te está llamando a servir.

### Reflection

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve. For others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.





## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### **Lent Partnership**

This Lent we are partnering with the Pregnancy Help Center of the Archdiocese of Boston which assists expectant mothers in crisis. This weekend you will find a baby shower chair by the Holy Family Altar, on the chair are baby shower invitations made by our school children. Each invitation has an item for you to purchase to help a mother in need. Please purchase the items and then bring them to mass on the weekend of March 21/22, we will place them around the altar, bless them, and send them to those who need assistance.

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### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

We invite you to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm in the basilica for a special holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an increase in vocations, especially to our Redemptorist life. Our Redemptorist community will gather each month and we hope that you can join us in prayer.

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### **2020 Mass Intentions**

Remember a deceased loved one or pray for an intention through a High Mass request to be said as part of our daily and Sunday Masses. Intentions may be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Intentions for 2020 can now be taken, please visit the Rectory Office. High Mass stipends are \$15. Mass cards for deceased, sick, special intention and birthdays are also available:  
[www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop)

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### **Annual CORI Forms**

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all clergy, parish staff (full and part time), together with all volunteers (17 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled, undergo a CORI check. This process requires an individual to fill out a CORI request form annually in accordance with this policy. Please bring your Driver's License or Massachusetts ID to the Rectory Office for verification. Thank you!

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### **Read It And Meet**

You are invited to discuss the book *Stories from the Shadows* by Dr. Jim O'Connell on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at the West on Centre, 1732 Centre St, West Roxbury. Dr O'Connell is the founding physician of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, which serves over 11,000 homeless persons each year. This book is a collection of stories and essays, written during 30 years of caring for homeless persons in Boston. It is available from amazon.com and is also in the Boston Public Library system. Facilitators are Fr. George Evans, Fr. John Carroll and Mary Campion. Anyone from the parishes of Roslindale, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park are invited as well as any interested adult in the community. Registration is required to reserve a seat at West on Centre. Contact Mary Campion at 617-323-4410 x13 [mary.campion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org](mailto:mary.campion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org). No registration fee but we ask that you bring a \$5 gift card to Dunkin Donuts on the day of the event to support Dr. O'Connell's ministry.

**Serie de Conversaciones Cuaresmales**

“Conversaciones cuaresmales” es una serie de tres discusiones sobre temas de importancia para nuestra comunidad parroquial. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para estar más conscientes de las demandas de la justicia y de quienes sufren, estas “conversaciones” ayudarán a aumentar nuestra conciencia.

Inmigración • Martes 3 de marzo de 2020 • 7:00 PM

El p. Ruskin Pierda, C.Ss.R., el director del Centro de Inmigración de San Juan Neumann en Brooklyn, N.Y., estará aquí para discutir temas relacionados con la inmigración y para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener.

**Intenciones de Masas 2020**

Recuerde a un ser querido fallecido o ore por una intención a través de una solicitud de la misa alta que se dirá como parte de nuestras misas diarias y dominicales. Las intenciones se pueden reservar por orden de llegada. Ahora se pueden tomar intenciones para 2020, visite la Oficina de Rectoría. Los estipendios de alta masa son de \$15. Las tarjetas de misa para fallecidos, enfermos, intenciones especiales y cumpleaños también están disponibles: [www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop)

**Samedi 14 Mars 2020, Journée de Recollection/ (Retreat day), pour les Haïtiens**

Avec le Mercredi des Cendres nous sommes tous déjà dans le Carême ; le temps des quatre « Ps » : 1- Prière 2- Pénitence 3- Pardon 4- Partage. Pour mieux vivre et comprendre davantage le sens de ces « Ps » dans notre vie comme chrétiens, nous aurons une journée de recollection, le 14 Mars 2020, de 8:30 AM à 1:30 PM, pour toute la communauté Haïtienne. Nous commencerons avec les Laudes. (La prière du temps présent)

**Du 22 au 28 Mars 2020 « La Mer Rouge »**

« Espérez contre toute espérance, car rien n’est impossible à Dieu » (Luc 1, 37). En voyant la souffrance du peuple Israël en Egypte, Dieu a tout fait pour le libérer. Vous pouvez vous rappeler comment il a permis à Moïse de traverser la mer Rouge avec le peuple. Aujourd’hui, comme le peuple Israël, vous attendez la délivrance de Dieu. De ce fait, du 22 au 28 Mars 2020, chaque jour à 6 :30 PM, venez à la basilique de Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours, pour faire l’expérience du peuple Israël. Venez traverser la « Mer Rouge » de votre vie.

**12 Avril 2020 ----- Dimanche de Pâques**

Chaque Dimanche de pâques, à 2 : 30 PM, la communauté haïtienne célèbre la messe de la Résurrection de notre Seigneur. Donc, n’oubliez pas de venir célébrer avec nous cette belle fête qui est le fondement même de notre foi chrétienne.



# LENTEN CONVERSATIONS

“LENTEN CONVERSATIONS” IS A SERIES OF THREE DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. LENT IS A TIME TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE DEMANDS OF JUSTICE AND THOSE WHO SUFFER, THESE “CONVERSATIONS” WILL HELP HEIGHTEN OUR AWARENESS.

**IMMIGRATION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 • 7:00PM**

**FR. RUSKIN PIERDA, C.SS.R., THE DIRECTOR OF THE SAN JUAN NEUMANN IMMIGRATION CENTER IN BROOKLYN, N.Y. WILL BE HERE TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO IMMIGRATION AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.**

## SEASON OF LENT

### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence** -Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020) 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 (February 26, 2020) and Good Friday (April 10, 2020) 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 Fish Dinner

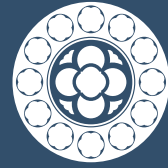
Friday, March 27, 2020  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Our annual fish dinner will be held in the Parish Center. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). Proceeds support St. Vincent De Paul outreach. To make reservations, call 617-445-2600. Reservations will be taken until Monday, March 23rd

### Lenten Day of Reflection

Saturday, April 4, 2020  
9:00am - 4:00pm

Fr. Anthony Michalik will lead a parish day of reflection to focus on Lent as a season of healing and hope in the Parish Center on Saturday, April 4th. Save the date and join as we come together as a community.



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### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Groups

English - Mondays, 6:30pm in Parish Center  
Spanish - Mondays, 7:00pm in the Church

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Grammar School

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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!

