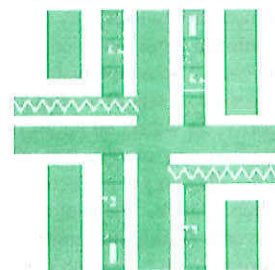


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Mary Ellen Morgan

Liturgy

Tuesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals



imperishability,
endurance

Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!

*“Prophetic Opportunity:
120 Year’s of Building the Community”*

JANUARY 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22



Please **turn off** Cell Phones
before entering Church.
Thank you!

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

"In God I trust without fear" (Psalm 56:12). When we are afraid and ask for God's help, the things we fear aren't necessarily taken away. What changes is our ability to get through the fearful situations that can't be changed. I believe we can always expect this from God. God walks with us in our difficulties, because God is always within us. Our trust in God opens us up to receive the power God is willing to give. Without trust, how would we ever have the courage to survive fearful situations that we could never survive on our own? A marvelous peace comes over us when we realize we don't have to walk through life alone. The One who cares for the entire universe also cares for us. For this gift of loving care, let us be joyfully grateful. Lord, increase my trust in you, especially in those times when I am afraid. **FR. KENNETH E. GRABER, CSC**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary



February 10, 2018 - Mardi Gras Haiti Cultural Event
February 14, 2018 - Ash Wednesday
February 15 - March 22, 2018 - Lenten Justice Thursdays
February 25, 2018 - All Family Faith Day Hypertension Sunday
February 26, 2018 - Presidents' Day

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.** Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

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 City _____ Zip _____
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- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time _____
- I would like to serve as _____