

March 17, 2019 –Second Sunday in Lent

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*Transfiguration, Titian, c. 1560*

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## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 16H – MARCH 22ND



<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 PM	<b>For all Parishioners</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Reginold Gaylor, RIP</b>
9:00 AM	<b>Fr. Mike Murphy, Special Intention</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Lely and Bebita Estigaraibia, RIP</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Joseph Busco, RIP</b> Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Timothy Kemper, RIP</b> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Gerald Philip Schoenfelder, RIP</b> Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>David Schreiner RIP</b> Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Laurie Lynn Bianchi, RIP</b> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Clergy Schedule

<b>Saturday, 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Fr. Duncanson</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:30 am</b>	<b>Fr. Duncanson</b>
<b>Sunday, 9:00 am</b>	<b>Fr. Duncanson (Dcn. Jim preaching)</b>
<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Fr. Duncanson</b>

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

**Psalm** The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

**Gospel** Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tuesday: St. Joseph

Wednesday: Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



## SUNDAY'S MUSIC

**During Lent**, it is our custom to begin Mass with a procession, in which the response *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned* is repeated between verses of Psalm 51

**The Offertory** is *A Prayer of Saint Patrick*, one of the verses from a Fifth Century poem known as *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, written according to Irish legend, 'In the time of Loeghaire, son of Niall,' the latter the founder of the longest, most important, and most powerful Irish royal dynasty. Although not written by Patrick, it clearly shows his faith, and extols God's strength, wisdom and protection against evil and cruel powers. The breastplate, or Lorica, was a mystical garment to protect the wearer from danger and illness, and guarantee entry into heaven. In 1889, H. H. Dickinson, Dean of the Chapel Royal at Dublin Castle asked Cecil Frances Alexander to translate the poem for inclusion in a hymnbook: *Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me; Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger*. This setting is by John Rutter.

**The Communion** begins with the motet *O nata lux* by Cristian Gentilini, born in 1974 in Bologna, Italy: *O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with kindness deign to receive the praise and prayer of suppliant. You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body*.

**The second piece** was written in 1990 by the Irish composer Colin Mawby, awarded the Knighthood of Saint Gregory by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 'In gratitude for past and continuing services to church music.' The anonymous text is from the collection of Joshua Smith's *Divine Hymns* (1784) which describes Jesus as a Tree of Life, or in the words of one homilist, 'when good things happen to an unsuspecting fruit tree' when preaching on Luke 13:6-9. Smith's poem is: *The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Jesus Christ, the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ, the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought; I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile; under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree*. The opening melody is from the ancient hymn *Vexilla Regis*, first sung in 569 when a relic of the True Cross was carried from Tours to the monastery of Saint-Croix in Poitiers, France. Writing about his music, Mawby says 'My music is approachable. I make great use of sonority and have been much influenced by plainchant. I value the spiritual element in music and have a healthy contempt for musical fashion. I do my own thing.'

**The third piece** is *An Irish Blessing*.

# “For Your Lenten Penance, Listen!”

Some years ago, when I asked the students during a School Mass on Ash Wednesday to tell me about some of the special things they would be doing during Lent, they started by telling me about all the things they were going to give up, like candy, video games and TV.

When I asked if they were going to be doing any positive things during Lent, they told me about praying more, and about doing good deeds, and obeying their parents, and doing their homework and all of their chores around the house. Then when I asked, “What else should we do during Lent?” A little girl in the front row raised her hand and confidently shouted out her answer: “Listen!”



Now I was looking for a way to start talking about almsgiving, although I didn't really expect any of the kids to say the word “almsgiving,” so I didn't follow up on what that bright little girl had to say about listening as a Lenten practice. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that listening really should be very much a part of our Lenten practices, especially in light of today's Gospel reading.

**“Listen!”** In response to the instructions of that voice from the cloud, as quoted in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” Here I think we are being called to listen in three directions: (1) Listen to one another; (2) Listen to Jesus; and (3) Listen to God speaking in the world around us.

- **First: Listen to one another.** Often what we call conversations are not really conversations at all. Sometimes they are monologues, and sometimes they are debates. But in a true conversation, I listen carefully to what you want to say, and I continue the conversation by responding with genuine interest to what you have just told me.
- **Second: Listen to Jesus.** This is the command of the Father from the cloud: ‘Listen to him!’ We Catholics believe that Jesus still speaks to us in the Scriptures, especially when the Scriptures are proclaimed during Mass. The Father's instruction “Listen to him!” means a lot more than just hearing what Jesus has to say. “Listen to him!” really means: “Obey him! Follow him! Do whatever he says.”
- **And finally: “Listen to God speaking to us in the world around us.”** Although we Catholics believe that Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God, and that the Scriptures are the definitive record of God's revelation to us in Jesus, we also believe that God continues to speak to us through nature, through human history, and through the daily events of our lives.

If we really want to do something special for Lent this year, in addition to our regular fasting, and praying and almsgiving, let's take to heart God's instructions in today's Gospel, and the advice of that bright little girl in the front pew: “Listen!” Listen to one another, listen to Jesus, and listen to God in the world around us!

God bless you!

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## Next Nativity Men's Group April 4 Speaker: Karlo Broussard

Topic: **Heaven:  
A Destiny Worth Living For**

Karlo Broussard, a native of Southern Louisiana, left a promising career in Cajun music to devote himself full-time to the work of Catholic apologetics. As a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, he travels the country giving talks on the Bible, theology, and philosophy.

Karlo is a dynamic speaker, and the clarity and precision of his presentations reflect his training in philosophy. The takeaway for his audiences is a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Faith. And whether his audience is a First Communion class, a youth group, a college or young adult group, or a parish gathering, Karlo engages people of all ages and levels of sophistication.

This Cajun apologist will set the hearts of Catholics on fire with a renewed understanding of their Faith and a joyful desire to share it with others.

## Join us for a night of Faith, Fellowship, Food, and Inspiration

**Where:** Church of the Nativity Chapel

**When:** Thursday, April 4, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Note:** (Meeting begins in small chapel at back of the courtyard)

*Dinner deliciously prepared by Chef Hubert Lorenz  
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### Helpers of God's Precious Infants San Diego

Dear Pro-life friends,

Your prayers and participation are needed if we are ever to change our culture back to a culture of life. Every prayer counts... every life counts. Join us.

**Friday, March 29 - "Unplanned"** opens in San Diego Theaters. This is the story of how Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood Clinic director, had a change of heart and became an outspoken pro-life activist. Details on times and locations will follow in the coming weeks. View the trailer (link below). You will want to see this movie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>

**Friday April 19 - 14th Annual Good Friday Pro-Life Stations of the Cross.** Taking the pro-life message to the streets on the solemn commemoration of our Lord's suffering and death on Good Friday. We start at 12 noon on the sidewalk along the east side of St. Joseph Cathedral at 4th and Beech Street downtown San Diego, and process down to the Federal Building at Front and Broadway.



### Marriage Help! April 5-7, 2019 Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

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For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille weekend program for couples, call (760) 259-9474 or

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**Divorced, widowed, and separated persons can register now for a healing Beginning Experience Weekend retreat May 3-5, 2019.**

The weekend focuses on healing and moving beyond grief in a supportive and caring environment with others that are going through and have gone through the same experiences. The retreat will be held at

**Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, CA.**  
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For further information,  
call Rose Sheehan 619-504-4410**

**A White Mass will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**  
at Sacred Heart Parish,

655 C Ave. Coronado, CA 92118.

The Mass and reception will honor doctors, nurses, medical technicians, and all who provide compassionate care and service and concern for human life.

Send your RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup> to [isantiesteban@sdcatholi.org](mailto:isantiesteban@sdcatholi.org).  
Healthcare workers from all faiths are welcome.

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Psalm Response:



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.



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### LOCAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

- Tuesday March 26th at 7 p.m. Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
- Wednesday March 27th at 7 p.m. Saint John, Encinitas
- Wednesday April 3rd at 7 p.m. St. Patrick, Carlsbad
- Thursday April 4th at 6:30 p.m. St. James, Solana Beach
- Wednesday April 10th at 7 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad

### STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20).

He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God.

So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

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### Multicultural Diocesan Pentecost Celebration.

Bishops McElroy and Dolan invite all families to a joyous Pentecost Celebration on June 8 at Cathedral Catholic High School. That day, the mosaic of cultures and languages that bring our faith to life in our diocese will "Gather as One Body" in a Multicultural Mass. In a festival afterward, participating Catholic communities will share their history and culture with free food samplings and musical entertainment. Everyone is welcomed at this extraordinary celebration of our universal Church.



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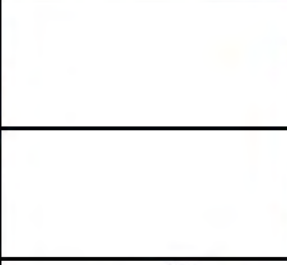
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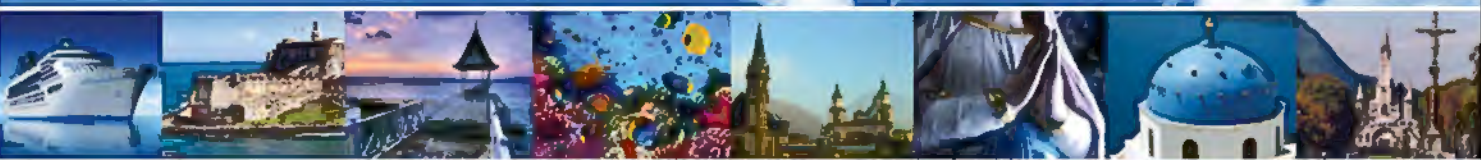
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**PASTORAL CARE****Nativity Samaritans:** [stephaniekourie@cox.net](mailto:stephaniekourie@cox.net)**Childcare:** Attended care is provided in the play room off the  
Commons during 9 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses.**Holy Communion for the sick:** For the homebound upon  
request, **858-756-1911****Small Christian Communities - Faith Sharing Groups**See Deacon Jim Walsh or contact Kathy Alameda at  
858-756-9755 or [kathyalameda1@gmail.com](mailto:kathyalameda1@gmail.com)**Altar Servers:** Bill Hearne at [bhearne@weoneil.com](mailto:bhearne@weoneil.com)**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Mimi Johnson at  
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Please contact the Parish Office 858-756-1911 or  
[lbarton@nativitycatholic.org](mailto:lbarton@nativitycatholic.org).**Marriage:** Saturdays, 11:00 am or 2:00 pm  
Contact the parish office at 858-756-1911.**Anointing of the Sick:** Encouraged for anyone critically ill,  
for the elderly, or prior to major surgery**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:15 pm in the Chapel**Eucharist:**Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 8 am in the ChapelEucharistic Adoration: Every Friday after 8 am MassPerpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am MassRosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Chapel**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Classes meet September through June

**PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE****Preschool - 6th: Sundays, 8:50-10:05am at  
The Nativity School****Junior High 7th /8th: Sundays, 5:00-6:15pm in  
Church Library****FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

March

3/17 - CLASS 22

3/31 - CLASS 23 -3rd/4th\*

**NO Class 3/24**

April

4/7 - CLASS 24 - 2nd\*

4/14 - CLASS 25 - PreK, K, &amp; 1\*

4/28 - CLASS 26

**Saturday, 4/13 1st Reconciliation Service - 3 pm****No class 4/21 Happy Easter!****HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

**Youth Group:** Sundays, 5pm to 6:15pm

Our topic on Sunday will be "St. Patrick and the Saints". We will look at the life of St. Patrick as well as the process in which the church names a person as a saint. All freshmen-seniors meet from 5-6:15pm in the Commons.

A Bible Study Group is meeting in the Parish Office Classroom on Sundays during Lent for the parents of jr. high and high school students at the same time as our meetings but in the Parish Office Classroom. Information on the program is at <https://www.livingtheeucharist.org/adults/>. If you would be interested in joining this group please call Mike James at (858)756-1911 ext. 5 for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

Confirmation Immediate Preparation Class #4 is on Sunday March 17 from 3:30-4:30pm in the Commons.

The Confirmation Readiness Questionnaire is due at the start of class. We will also make the Final Interview appointments during class. Teens should bring their personal calendar, a binder, and a pen to all classes.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

On Sunday March 17 we will meet at the 10:30am mass, be dismissed after the homily, and then have class from about 10:50-11:50am.

The Easter Vigil rehearsal will be on April 14 from 11:30am-12:30pm.

The Easter Vigil will be on Saturday April 20 at 8pm. R.C.I.A. members and their Sponsors should arrive by 7:30pm to arrange their Reserved seating. There will be a short reception in the Commons afterwards.