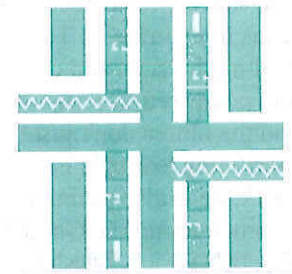


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Mary Ellen Morgan

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



Unity,
human relations

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”*

Jesus said,

LET US GO ON
TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES THAT I MAY
PREACH THERE ALSO.
FOR THIS PURPOSE
HAVE I COME.

Mark 1:38



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

February 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.
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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ
"Gladden the soul of your servant..." (Psalm 86:4-5).
 St. Augustine reminds us that we often "lick the dust of the earth," that is, we reach out blindly for the pleasure and presumed treasure of earthly things, precisely because we want to be happy. Of course, it is not wrong to seek some sort of happiness in the things and people of this life, but we can never forget that they will not bring us the perfect happiness we seek. Reaching out for love, security, or respect in this life, we each out for good that we will possess perfectly in heaven. When we experience love, appreciation, and the "good life" here, we are encouraged to seek the infinite love, respect, and life of God that we will experience in our heavenly home. We will always be "licking the dust" in our earthly life, yet this is no the end but rather the beginning of our search for happiness.
FR. DONALD X BURT (Day By Day With St. Augustine)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 World Day for Consecrated Life;
 Boy Scouting Sunday
Monday: St. Agatha
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani;
 St. Josephine Bakhita;
 International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
Saturday: St. Scholastica




February 14, 2018 - Ash Wednesday
February 19, 2018 - Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
February 20 - March 27, 2018 - OCO/LOC Justice Tuesdays
February 25, 2018 - All Family Faith Day Hypertension Sunday
March 25, 2018 - Confirmation

February 8- Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita
 Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children, was abducted as a child becoming a slave thereby experiencing the meaning of slavery by living it. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**
sistersagainstrafficking.org
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**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](mailto: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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New Parishioner

Change of Information

Moving: Remove from list

Please Call me - best time \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve as \_\_\_\_\_