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THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
This Lent, the Archdiocese will join an initiative to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently.

In accordance, all parishes in the three counties of the Archdiocese will be open for confessions on the Tuesdays of Lent from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Join us at the same time for Eucharistic Adoration.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER
On Friday, March 29, beginning at 6:30pm, the Young Adult Catholics (YACs) will be organizing a Stations of the Cross Service, followed by a Soup Supper in the parish hall.

All parishioners are invited to attend! Please email st.teresayacs@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to bring soup to share with your fellow parishioners.

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ST. TERESA’S MISSION STATEMENT
As members of St. Teresa’s Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.

We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.

The community of St. Teresa’s finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- Saturday, March 16
  - The People of the Parish
  - Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

- Sunday, March 17
  - The Sick of the Parish
  - Crispina Fernandez Castillo

- Tuesday, March 19
  - Irma & Gustavo Flores

- Friday, March 22

- Saturday, March 23
  - Dan Perea
  - Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

- Sunday, March 24

- 8:30am
  - The Homeless of San Francisco

- 10:00am
  - The People of the Parish

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- RCIA: The Rites During Lent

  Originally, Lent was a forty-day fast in preparation for Easter.
  By the third century, Lent evolved into a time of preparation for the Initiation Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), celebrated at the Easter Vigil.
  Concurrent with baptismal preparation, Lent became a time of reconciliation (penance) for those estranged from the Church.

In this week’s column, I’d like to focus on the second of these roots. For those preparing for the Initiation Sacraments at Easter, Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment.

This year, St. Teresa’s has one catechumen and one candidate, Michelle Fishberg and Ryan Kennedy, respectively. Michelle has not been baptized, so she will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Ryan, however, has been baptized in the Episcopal tradition, and because we recognize the validity of Ryan’s baptism, we neither re-baptize him nor speak of him as a “convert” to Catholicism. Instead, we say that Ryan is coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. We use this language because, through Baptism, Ryan has already been incorporated into both the Body of Christ and the Church. At the Easter Vigil, after Michelle has been baptized, Ryan will make a profession of faith, and both Michelle and Ryan will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

But Easter is still five weeks away, and, in the weeks leading up to Easter, we have several rites for catechumens and candidates prior to their incorporation into the Church.

Last week, the First Sunday of Lent, focused on two rites. The first—the Rite of Sending—took place at the 10 o’clock Mass at St. Teresa’s, and the second—the Rite of Election—took place at the Cathedral at 4:00 pm that same day.

The Rite of Sending is quite simple and straightforward. Michelle and Ryan were presented to the parish community, and it was the parish assembly who affirmed their readiness to be received into the Church. Having been “sent”, Michelle and Ryan journeyed to the Cathedral for a special ceremony called the Rite of Election.

At the Rite of Election, catechumens and candidates from every parish in the Archdiocese gathered at the Cathedral to celebrate this rite. The Archbishop presided at this liturgy, and the catechumens and candidates were “elected” (i.e., chosen) to be received into the Church at Easter.

Today, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Penitential Rite (Scrutiny) with our candidate, which takes place immediately after the homily. The format for the rite is again quite simple and straightforward. Ryan kneels in the sanctuary, and members of the assembly surround him, laying hands upon him. We then pray with and for Ryan, first in silence and then with special intercessions included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we will celebrate the scrutinies with Michelle, our catechumen. The order and format of the scrutinies is virtually identical to the Penitential Rite celebrated on the Second Sunday of Lent, and the relationship between the Gospel of the day and the particular scrutiny will be addressed in the homily.

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