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**PERDONADOS**

*El pueblo de Israel, incluso en la época del Nuevo Testamento, pensaba en Dios de una manera muy personal, íntima y orientada a la relación. En los tiempos que corren, hemos heredado de la filosofía griega categorías sobre Dios: Dios es omnisciente, todopoderoso y omnipresente. No es que Dios no sea todas estas cosas, pero si pensamos en Dios fundamentalmente de esa manera, cuando hoy llegamos al final de la lectura de Isaías ("no he querido acordarme de tus pecados"), nos sentimos confundidos. ¿Cómo puede ser que un Dios omnisciente se olvide de algo? El público de Isaías debe haberse sentido más predispuesto a alegrarse por la maravillosa y tierna relación de Dios con ellos. Dios, quien tenía el poder de perdonar sus pecados, perdonaba los pecados y luego se olvidaba de ellos. Jesús, en el Evangelio de hoy, también está más interesado en el paralítico ya que conoce la presencia maravillosa, tierna y curadora de Dios que en satisfacer las ideas preconcebidas de los escribas sobre Dios. Cuántas veces somos nosotros mismos, no Dios, los que permanecemos paralizados por nuestros pecados del pasado, incluso cuando hemos sido perdonados por Dios y nos hemos reconciliado con los demás. Entonces, demos gloria a Dios levantándonos de nuestro pasado paralizado para seguir nuestro camino como discípulos de Jesús.*





### Vision Statement

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church shall be known as a vibrant parish and center of spirituality for North Lake Tahoe where parishioners and visitors are actively committed to sharing their love, talent, and treasures in ministering to the spiritual growth, and needs of others.

### Mission Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a Catholic faith community welcoming all to experience the presence of God by celebrating the Eucharist and embracing the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and Traditions. We minister to all people of North Lake Tahoe where diversity, life challenges, spiritual growth and respect for our precious resources are celebrated and embraced by providing compassionate services through Christ.

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#### Baptism / Bautizo:

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*Clases Pre bautismales en ingles cada primer miércoles del mes, hable con Cathy Cecil 831-6810. En español, cada primer lunes del mes hable Natividad Morales, 832-8085.*

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Please call the parish office, 831-0490.  
*Hable a la oficina.*

#### Marriage Preparation / Preparación de Matrimonio:

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### Declaración de Misión

*Guiados por el Espíritu Santo, somos una comunidad de fe Católica y les damos la bienvenida a todos para experimentar la presencia de Dios mediante la celebración de la Eucaristía y que abarca la enseñanza de las Sagradas Escrituras y las tradiciones. Servimos a toda la gente del norte de Lake Tahoe, donde la diversidad y desafíos, de la vida, el crecimiento espiritual y el respeto de nuestros recursos que son apreciados y son celebrados a través de los servicios de Cristo compasivo.*

### Mass Schedule / Horario de Misa

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)  
Weekdays: 9:00 am (Tuesdays- Fridays)

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays—4:00 pm (or by appointment)  
*Reconciliación: Sábados a las 4:00 pm o por cita.*

## Parish Ministries and Programs / Ministerios y Programas de Parroquia

**In this week's bulletin, on page 3, you will find a complete list of our current ministries and programs, coordinators, and contact information. This list will be published monthly. We encourage you to keep this page as a handy reference guide.**

***En esta semana en el boletín, en la pagina 3, usted van a encontrar una lista completa de los contactos y la información de los coordinadores de ministerios y programas. Esta será publicada cada mes. Les rogamos que guarde esta para guía y referencia propia.***

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<p><i>Coffee &amp; Pastries are served after the 9 am Sunday Mass. We look forward to joining our parishioners and visitors in fellowship. Please note that Sunday refreshment help is needed!</i></p> <p><i>Call Pat Lucas at 530-400-3992</i></p>			<p>1 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>Religious Education Classes 3:30 Grades 1-5 6:00 Grades 6-8</p>	<p>2 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>Choir 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA in English</p>	<p>3 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>6 pm <i>Practica de Coro</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5 pm Mass / <i>Misa</i></p>
<p>5 9 am Student Mass/<i>Misa</i> 11 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 5 pm <i>Misa/Mass</i></p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6 5:30 pm W.O.W. Mtg.</p> <p>6 pm Platicas Pre-Bautismales</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA en Español</p>	<p>7 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>Youth Group Talent Show 6:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>8 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>Religious Education Classes 3:30 Grades 1-5 6:00 Grades 6-8</p>	<p>9 Daily Mass 9 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>Choir 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA in English</p>	<p>10 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>6 pm <i>Practica de Coro</i></p>	<p>11 10 am Baptism</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5 pm Mass / <i>Misa</i></p>
<p>12 9 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 11 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 5 pm <i>Misa/Mass en Español</i></p>	<p>13 Knights of Columbus 5:00 pm Officers 5:30 pm Council Parish Hall</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA en Español</p>	<p>14 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>9:30 Liturgy Mtg.</p> <p>6 pm Valentine's Dinner/Dance</p> <p>Youth Group Ice Skating 6:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>9:30 am W.O.W. Mtg.</p> <p>Family Mardi Gras Party 5:30-7:30 pm NO CLASSES</p>	<p>16 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>Choir 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>6 pm <i>Via Crucis Practice</i></p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA in English</p>	<p>17 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>9:30 Finance Mtg.</p> <p>4 pm Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>6 pm <i>Practica de Coro</i></p>	<p>18 10 am Wedding</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5 pm Mass / <i>Misa</i></p> <p>6 pm K of C Crab Feed</p>
<p>19 President's Day Office Closed</p> <p>9 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 11 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 5 pm <i>Misa/Mass en Español</i></p>	<p>20 5:30 pm W.O.W. Mtg.</p> <p>Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly Mtg. 5:30pm in Hall</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA en Español</p>	<p>21 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>6 pm Why Catholic?</p> <p>NO Youth Group</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 am Ashes 9 am &amp; 5:30 Mass</p> <p>NO Religious Education Classes</p>	<p>23 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>9:30 am Why Catholic?</p> <p>Choir 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA in English</p>	<p>24 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>5 pm Stations of the Cross (K of C)</p> <p>6 pm <i>Via Crucis Practice</i></p> <p>6 pm <i>Practica de Coro</i></p>	<p>25 11 am Wedding</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconciliation</p> <p>5 pm Mass / <i>Misa</i></p>
<p>26 9 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 11 am Mass/<i>Misa</i> 5 pm <i>Misa/Mass en Español</i></p> <p>Confirmation Activity / Autumn Brosi 12:30-2 pm</p>	<p>27 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA en Español</p>	<p>28 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>5:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting</p> <p>6 pm Why Catholic?</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>29 Daily Mass 9:00 am <i>Misa Diaria</i></p> <p>9:30 am W.O.W. Mtg.</p>	<p><b>Stations of the Cross</b> will be presented weekly (Fridays) during Lent by several of our ministries in the Parish. The schedule will be published in next week's bulletin. Our Lenten season will then conclude with a live presentation of <i>Via Crucis</i> immediately following our Good Friday service on Friday, April 6 during Holy Week.</p>		



We have a vast array of ministries serving the St. Francis Parish and Northern Nevada communities at-large. There are many ways for parishioners to become involved through the use of their time, talent, and treasure. We encourage you to contact us if you have questions or would like to become more involved in our faith community. For your convenience, this list will be published monthly in our bulletin.

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# TOGETHER WE PRAY



Thank you to the following who are scheduled for February 25 and 26.  
*Gracias a los siguientes que son Planificados para el 25 y 26 de Febrero.*



## Saturday 5 PM Mass—February 25, 2012 (Fr. Bob)

**Lector/EMB** A. Phillips, B. Dahl, L. Larish  
**EMW** TAB: J. Dentz AMBO: A. Dentz  
**Altar Servers** Gayle and Michael Archer

## Sunday 9 AM Mass—February 26, 2012 (Fr. Bill)

**Lector/EMB** L. Peltier, A. Demolski, P. Grover  
**EMW** TAB: M. Reimer AMBO: A. Brown  
**Altar Servers** Bennett Welco and Kruz Conway

## Sunday 11 AM Mass—February 26, 2012 (Fr. Bob)

**Lector/EMB** D. Cauley, J. Larson\*, J. Grassilli  
**\*EMB for #2 Lector:** Ellen Daleke  
**EMW** TAB: M. Mika AMBO: D. Daleke  
**Altar Servers** Peter and Paul Larson

**NOTE to ALTAR SERVERS:** Please contact Melissa White at [melissa@mmwhite.net](mailto:melissa@mmwhite.net) if you are unavailable to serve as scheduled or wish to volunteer to become a server.

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Bravo Company 2/54 INF  
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*If you would like to have a loved one who is in the military included in this list, please contact the office.*

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Primary Weekly Collection			
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<b>Non-Envelope</b>	\$ 5,240		
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**NOTE to EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**  
If you are unavailable to serve during **APRIL**, please contact Pat Crow by **SATURDAY, MARCH 19.** Thank you!



A Mass intention is a beautiful way to remember a beloved friend or family member, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayers and guidance. If you would like to request a special intention, please come by or call the office to schedule it for any of our weekday/weekend Masses. A suggested \$10 donation is appreciated.

*Una intención de misa es una hermosa manera de recordar a un ser querido amigo o miembro de la familia, ya sea en la pérdida, y la curación, y la celebración de un día especial, o simplemente para la oración y orientación. Si desea solicitar una intención especial, por favor venga o llame a la oficina para programar en cualquiera de nuestros días de la semana. Se sugiere una donación de \$10 es apreciada.*

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012—9 am  
Healing for Emmie Garstang  
By The Garstang Family

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012—9 am  
Austin Park  
By The Park Family

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012—9 am  
**In memory of Martha Daleke's† Birthday**  
By Dick and Ellen Daleke

Friday, Feb. 24, 2012—9 am  
Healing for Maria Stadleman  
By Brenda and Dalton Boutte

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012—5 pm  
**Aurelia Saldana†**  
By Brenda and Dalton Boutte

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012  
9 am  
Healing for Emmie Garstang  
By The Garstang Family

11 am  
Anna Sobolewska†  
By Bill and Amuer Phillips

5 pm  
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# Our Parish Community / Nuestra Comunidad Parroquial

## WHY CATHOLIC?

Come join us for another season of "Why Catholic?" starting Tuesday evening, February 21st at 6 pm or Thursday morning, February 23rd at 9:30 am. Sessions run for 6 weeks. Our discussions will be on Christian morality, chastity and marital fidelity, our total commitment to God, and much more.

Please sign up at the church office or talk to Deacon Don Korson.

All are welcome.

What a great way to celebrate Easter!

- ❖ The next meeting of the Fourth Degree of Our Lady Queen of Tahoe Assembly is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2012 at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ The next meeting of Our Lady Queen of Peace Council is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012. Officers meet at 5 PM followed by a Members Business meeting at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ To men of the Parish who are practicing Catholics: If you are interested in learning more about the Knights, call our Council Membership Director, Mike Archer at 831-3951. After Mass, you can also speak to any Knight you see wearing a blue and white name tag.



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**RECUERDE, JUNTOS PODEMOS HACER LA DIFERENCIA.**



**Project Dresser**



**Project Dresser Update:** We have delivered the dresser items for the first baby girl due March 2 and are working on gathering the necessities for the second little baby girl due March 5. There are still some unchecked items on the inventory list located on the changing table to the right of the altar. If you can provide any of these items, please have them back on the changing table by Feb. 26. Thank you for any assistance you can render.

**Proyecto de Vestuario Actualizado:** Hemos entregado los elementos de tocador para el bebé por primera 2 de marzo y están trabajando en la recopilación de las necesidades de la niña pequeña por segundo 5 de marzo. Todavía hay algunos elementos no seleccionados en la lista de inventario se encuentran en la mesa para cambiar a la derecha de el altar. Si usted puede proporcionar cualquiera de estos elementos, por favor, que vuelvan a la mesa para cambiar al 26 de febrero. Gracias por cualquier ayuda que usted puede hacer.

We are still collecting toiletries for the homeless and would appreciate it if you would remember this project when you travel and stay in hotels. Just bring those wrapped bars of soap, and small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. PLEASE be sure they are clean and unused. The toiletries basket is located in the gathering area at the entrance to the church.

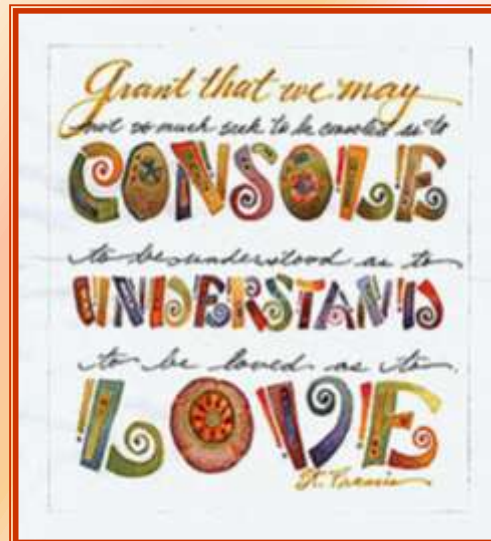
*Estamos aún recogiendo artículos de higiene personal para los que están sin techo se les apreciara su recuerdo para este proyecto, cuando viaje o pase su estancia en hoteles. Lo único que tiene que hacer es traer esas pequeñas botellas de champú, acondicionador, loción, etc, pero asegúrese de que estén limpios y sin usar. La canasta de los artículos de higiene personal se encuentra en el área de reunión a la entrada de la iglesia.*



**Spiritual Stewardship**

**Espiritual Administración**

Keep in your prayers... Mantengan en oración...



If your prayers for the individuals named have been answered, please let us know if you want them to remain on or be removed from the list. Your help in keeping this prayer list current is greatly appreciated.

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| J.P. Avilla<br>Sara Barkouras<br>Fred Bens<br>Derek Bezanson<br>Scarlette Bertolina<br>Al Bonnenfant<br>Barbara Brown<br>Mary Callicrate<br>Esther Cano<br>Wil & Betty Clarke<br>Jim Clements<br>Shawn Collins<br>Baby Xavier<br>Bill Eadington<br>Baby Evan Ebel<br>Alma Espinosa<br>Donna Finn<br>Lucia Flores<br>Jim France<br>Carol Frenney<br>Edgar Gabriel<br>Manuel Ganasa<br>Emme Garstang<br>Harry Garstang | Luke Gregory<br>Maryanne Heyde<br>Charlene Jackson<br>Johnson Family<br>Gen Kellerman<br>Barbara Landis<br>Vern Lucas<br>Polly Madden<br>Lexie Mae<br>Ramona Magallanes<br>Ted Maggio<br>Emily Malzone<br>Darryl Martin<br>Lauren McLaughlin<br>John McManus<br>Sandra Medina<br>Vilma Merlos<br>McKenna Mitchell<br>Cecilia Morales<br><b>Ruth O'Connell</b><br><b>Donald O'Connelly</b><br><b>Nancy O'Leary</b><br>Albert Piacentini<br>Joan & Leon Pujale | Bill Redel<br>Gregg Reeder<br>Chris Reyes<br>Megan Roby<br>Steven Schmitz<br>Eric Severance<br>Jacqueline Slagerman<br>Rick Slavens<br>Gary Sleight<br>Petti Thall<br>Rich Thall<br>Ellen Tuazon<br>Renato Tuazon<br>Nancy Tuper<br>Gary Tuper<br>Jacqueline Vance<br>West Family<br>Davia Weiner<br>Kim Wirshing<br>Michael Wisherop |
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**Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Welcomes You!**  
**¡San Francisco de Asís le da la Bienvenida!**

**Registration / Change-Form/ Formulario de inscripción**

Seasonal / Part-Time  
 Full-Time



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre de Familia

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Dirección Física

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Dirección Postal

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Numero Telefónico Correo Electrónico

Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_  
Esposo Esposa ¿Quiere Sobres?

Children's Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre de Hijos y sus Edades

## Our Lenten Season

This coming week marks the beginning of the Lenten season, recalling the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness to prepare for his ministry. As Christian disciples, we take time during Lent for a similar self-examination of our own spiritual practices. A popular notion of Lent is to forgo a favorite food or activity or habit. We ask each other, “What are you giving up for Lent?” and enjoy sharing notes, “Oh, I could never give up chocolate, or coffee, or what-not.”



While self-denial is certainly a valid aspect of Lenten discipline, a mature faith recognizes almsgiving and an active prayer life as essential to spiritual well-being. This Lent, I invite you to participate in two devotions that will strengthen you spiritually in these ways.

*Lenten Devotions for God's Stewards* is a booklet of daily reflections and prayers to help you grow in the spiritual practice of Christian Stewardship. This little booklet will help you understand that the generous and unselfish giving of one's time, talent, and treasure to support our church and our parish, and to help those in need, is a spiritual practice truly worthy of our attention this Lent. We will distribute the Stewardship booklets at mass next weekend, and they will be available in the office. In the coming months, we will see our Stewardship Committee taking a larger presence in the parish. This Lenten devotion will be a good stepping off point for all of us.

One of my favorite books is *With Open Hands*, written by Henri J.M. Nouwen. This inspiring book on prayer can guide you in transforming and enhancing your prayer life, opening your mind and heart to God's openness. I suggest that as a faith community we read and reflect upon *With Open Hands* as a second Lenten devotion. Each week of Lent our bulletin will highlight a chapter of the book and pose a question for reflection. For those wanting to participate even more fully in this Lenten activity by reading the entire book, we have extra copies available in the Parish Office for purchase at \$10. The book can also be found in most retail and online bookstores and is available in e-reader formats.

My prayers are for all of us to open our hands, hearts and minds this Lent,  
**Father Bill**

**A Reflection on Stewardship:** God is merciful. He came to Earth in order to suffer and die and then rise from the dead so that we, the sinners whom He loves, could have eternal life. He came because He loves us so much that He desired to take the punishment of our sins upon Himself.

**In today's gospel, Jesus shows his mercy to a suffering paralytic. He forgives him of his sins – healing him spiritually and then healing his physical ailments. The spiritual healing was, by far, the most important, even though it was only after the physical healing that the people recognized Jesus' power.**

Christ offers us his merciful healing and His life of grace in the sacraments. In a particular way, Jesus forgives us of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. He is there for us. He pours his mercy upon us, but, like the paralytic, we have to humbly come to Him. We have to be open to receiving that spiritual healing and that new life of grace.

**When we do open ourselves to God's grace and regularly receive the sacraments, He changes our lives. He makes us stronger disciples and equips us to live a life of faith here and now. He draws us ever nearer to Him and helps others to do the same so that, one day, we will all rejoice with Him in the eternal glory of the heavenly kingdom.**



*Una Reflexión Sobre Administración: Dios es misericordioso. Él vino a la Tierra para sufrir y morir y luego resucitar de entre los muertos para que nosotros, los pecadores, tuviéramos vida eterna. Él vino porque nos ama tanto y quiso recibir el castigo de nuestros pecados sobre sí mismo.*

*En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús muestra su misericordia a un paralítico que sufre. Él lo perdona de sus pecados - lo cura espiritualmente y le da la sanación a sus dolencias físicas. La sanación espiritual es, lo más importante, a pesar de que fue sólo después de la curación física que la gente reconoce el poder de Jesús.*

*Cristo nos ofrece su amor misericordioso y la vida de la gracia, en los sacramentos. De manera particular, Jesús nos perdona nuestros pecados en el sacramento de la reconciliación. Él está ahí para nosotros. Él derrama su misericordia sobre nosotros, pero, como el paralítico, tenemos que acercarnos humildemente a él. Tenemos que estar abiertos a recibir a sanación espiritual y la vida nueva de la gracia.*

*Dios nos da su gracia cuando recibimos los sacramentos, Él cambia nuestras vidas. Él nos hace discípulos más fuertes y nos prepara para vivir una vida de fe aquí y ahora. Él nos invita a estar cada vez más cerca de él y ayudar a otros a hacer lo mismo ya que, algún día, todos nos alegraremos con Él en la gloria eterna del reino de los cielos.*



## Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, February 22nd

6:30 am—Ash Distribution (Fr. Bill)

9 am Mass w/Ash Distribution (Fr. Bob)

5:30 pm Mass\* w/Ash Distribution (Fr. Bill)

\*Bilingual (Bilingüe)

**During Lent, we will hold a Daily Mass at 9 am on Mondays, effective March 27th through April 2nd.**



On Ash Wednesday our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection helps provide support for basic pastoral programs and scholarships for students who want to serve their local church. It also helps fund Catholic organizations that combat the social deterioration brought on by 70 years of state atheism, which undermined Christian ideals and the basic family unit.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where **Christ, the Light, continues to illuminate the way.** Your support can truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.



## NEW LENTEN MUSIC!

Beginning Ash Wednesday, our communal Gathering Song for Lent will be **“The Eyes and Hands of Christ”**, by Tom Kendzia. We will also be changing our Alleluia to the Lenten Gospel Acclamation as is appropriate during this season. To hear the Kendzia song, you may go to the following online link. Once you are at the Spirit and Song website, scroll down to the Mp3 section and click on the play/forward button to hear the song. Please note that, because it is a gathering song, we will sing this piece considerably faster than it is recorded on the listening link.



<http://www.spiritandsong.com/compositions/65009>

Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service  
*Servicio de Reconciliación Comunal*  
*(confesiones)*

Tuesday, March 27th at 6 pm  
*Martes, 27 de Marzo a las 6 pm*

**“Give us Clean Hands”**  
**“Nos dan Las Manos Limpias”**



## *Nuestro tiempo de Cuaresma*

*Esta semana que viene marca el comienzo de la Cuaresma, que recuerda los cuarenta días que Jesús ayunó en el desierto para prepararse para su ministerio. Como discípulos de Cristo, debemos tomar tiempo durante la Cuaresma de hacer el auto-examen de nuestras propias prácticas espirituales. Una noción popular de la Cuaresma es renunciar a una comida favorita o la actividad, o un hábito. Nos preguntamos unos a otros: “¿Qué vas a ofrecer esta Cuaresma?” Es bueno saber compartir y disfrutar de las ideas de los demás. “Oh, yo nunca podría dejar de comer chocolate o café.”*

*La abnegación es sin duda un aspecto válido de la disciplina en Cuaresma, una fe madura reconoce la limosna y una vida de oración activa es esencial para el bienestar espiritual. En esta Cuaresma, los invito a participar en dos devociones que les fortalecería espiritualmente.*

*Las devociones de Cuaresma para los administradores de Dios es un buen libro de reflexiones y oraciones que te ayudarán a crecer en la práctica espiritual. Este pequeño libro te ayudará a entender que la entrega generosa y desinteresada te llevara a dar tu tiempo, talento y tesoro para apoyar a nuestra iglesia, y ayudar a los más necesitados, es una práctica espiritual realmente digna de tomar atención en esta Cuaresma. Vamos a distribuir los folletos de Cuaresma el próximo fin de semana en cada misa y estará disponibles en la oficina mas folletos. En los próximos meses, veremos a nuestro Comité de Administración teniendo una mayor presencia en la parroquia. Esta Cuaresma, será un buen punto de partida para la intensificación de todos nosotros.*

*Uno de mis libros favoritos es “Con las Manos Abiertas”, escrito por Henri J.M. Nouwen. Este libro esta inspirador para la oración te puede guiar a una mejor transformación de su vida de oración, abriendo tu mente y corazón a la apertura de Dios. Yo sugiero que como comunidad de fe que leamos y reflexionemos sobre este libro en esta Cuaresma. Cada semana de Cuaresma, se escribirá en el boletín un capítulo del libro y se planteara una pregunta para la reflexión. Para aquellos que quieran participar aún más plenamente en esta actividad de Cuaresma, tendremos copias disponibles en la Oficina por si deseas comprar el costo será de 10 dólares. El libro también se puede encontrar en las librerías y en línea y está disponible en formatos de e-reader. (No esta disponible en Español.)*

*Mis oraciones para todos ustedes, para que estén dispuestos a abrir sus manos, corazón y mente en esta Cuaresma,*

**Padre Bill**



**REMINDER**

**There will be no Religious Education classes on February 22, 2012.  
Classes will resume on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.**

**RECORDATORIO**

**No hay clases de educación religiosa, el Miércoles 22 de Febrero, 2012.  
Las clases se redundarán el Miércoles, 29 de Febrero, 2012.**



**Youth Ministry**

The youth group would like to thank Maria Rodriguez for joining them and assisting with the transportation for the ice skating excursion at Northstar.

Everyone had a wonderful time and we

could not have accommodated everyone without Maria. Thank you! There will be NO youth group the week of February 20 because of our school break. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28 at the Church. We will be ice skating again on Tuesday, March 6. If you would like further information about YM, please contact *Becky Massingill-Lathrop* at paul.lathrop@sbcglobal.net



Dear RE Families,

Each year during Lent various St. Francis Ministries host Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. **This year our Religious Education Ministry will host on March 16. If your child/family is interested in reading one of the stations that night, please let me know by Wednesday, March 7. (jodic@sftahoe.org or 775 831 0490)**

Our students will be working on their own illustrated Stations of the Cross booklets during class time and those that will be reading a station on March 16 will have their artwork for that station become part of the Stations of the Cross booklet used that night.

Please consider having your family participate together in this meaningful Catholic Lenten tradition at least one of the Fridays during Lent.

St. Francis of Assisi Stations of the Cross schedule:

- February 24
- March 2
- March 9
- March 16
- March 23

**Important R.E. Lenten Project.  
Please read!**



Many Thanks,  
Jodi Clouthier, Religious Education Coordinator

*Estimadas familias de Educación Religiosa,*

*Todos los años durante la Cuaresma las estaciones de Vía Crucis son acogidas por los ministerios de la Iglesia. Este año el Ministerio de Educación Religiosa será el anfitrión el viernes 16 marzo a las 5:00 pm de la estación de la cruz Si uno de sus hijo en su familia esta interesado en ser uno de los lectores por favor déjame saber el 7 de Marzo vía correo electrónico o llamando por teléfono (jodic@sftahoe.org o 775-831-0490)*

*Nuestros estudiantes estarán trabajando en sus propios folletos ilustrados de las estaciones de la cruz durante la clase de educación religiosa, y los que van a leer el folleto de las estaciones de la Cruz.*

*Por favor, considere la posibilidad que sus familias participen juntos en este evento tan significativo de la tradición católica, por lo menos un viernes durante la Cuaresma.*

*La programación de las estaciones de la Cruz, en la Iglesia seran.*

- 24 Febrero
- 09 de marzo
- 16 de marzo
- 23 de marzo

**Importante proyecto de R.E.  
Por favor lea este!**



*Muchas gracias,  
Jodi Clouthier, Coordinador de Educación Religiosa*