



If you have spare time on weekends, please contact Julie. As the weather is so great here, we have plenty of retreats coming. Please email her at juliepino60@gmail.com or text at 602-448-8904. God bless!

2/17 Amy Schultz

2/18 Geraldine Rodriguez

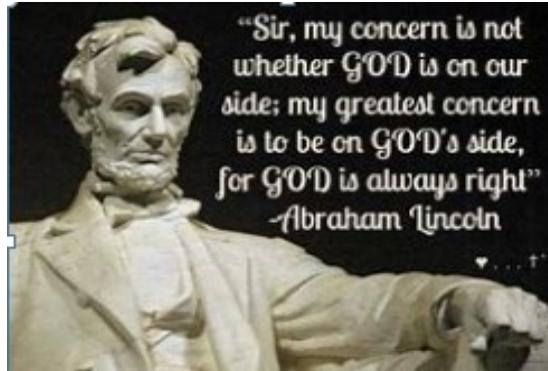
2/23 Mickey Vaquera



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Place bags of cans in blue cans provided by Monastery. Thanks!



*Remember to do an
 Act of Kindness each week!*



Want to see something special in the weekly bulletins?

Email Sophie at scbejarano@yahoo.com by Wednesdays to get in Sunday's bulletins.



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The Mission of the Sisters of St. Benedict is to give witness to the Gospel values and follow the Rule of St. Benedict by living the monastic life through the charisms of: Personal Prayer, Community Prayer, Hospitality, and ministering to the people of God.

Date: 2/17/2019
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monastery happenings:

- **Thursday, February 24th** — FCCW at Scholastica 10am—Noon
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- **Wednesday, March 6th**—Ash Wednesday, mass at 7pm
- **Fridays during Lent**—Mass 5pm followed by Stations, Soup supper, Reflection (RSVP for supper to: sisterlinda@olgmonastery.com)
- **Sunday, March 17th**—Fr. Nathan presentation of "Afterlife"
- **Wednesday, March 27th**—Taize Prayer at 7pm

From the desk of Sr. Linda.....

I will be leaving for the Benedictine Prioress and Abbot meetings on Monday, Feb 18 and returning on Feb 26th. It is always a spiritually renewing opportunity to be with the leadership of the Benedictine monasteries throughout the country. I ask your prayers for all who are attending...safety of arrival and return home, and guidance from the Holy Spirit as we celebrate our Benedictine tradition and listen as God calls us forth for the present and future.

We are nearly finished with the unpacking of all the boxes and getting things back to their rightful places. There have been many memories revisited as we open the boxes and determine whether they stay or move on.

Lent is quickly approaching...hope you will be able to join us for some or all of our Lenten experiences.

Fr. Nathan's presentation on March 17th is a wonderful opportunity for us to understand the afterlife. Hope you are able to attend. Blessings always....you are a precious gift to us!

Sister Linda Campbell, OSB

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Readings—February 17th

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8(78C)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26



Preparing for Ash Wednesday and Lent

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” This is yet another joyful Catholic phrase reminding us of our own mortality. But Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent goes deeper than this. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, a forty-day preparation for Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday, when Catholics gather to bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

So, why do we celebrate Ash Wednesday? What is the meaning of ashes? First and foremost, the ashes represent a symbol of our own creation from dust. This reminder of our temporary time on Earth is made visible by the ashes. This is not a time to be fearful though, as Paul reminds us: “*In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.*” *Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*” (2 Cor 6:2). Though we may return to dust, an eternal hope in Christ is palpable, and Paul encourages us to embrace this. Ashes also symbolize our human despair in sin, and the mercy we are offered by God. Ashes give us a visible sign of our need for God’s mercy. When we receive ashes, we hear, “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” Repentance is a theme of Lent, as we are called to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during this season.

Lent is a true beginning for every one of us. We are called to turn to God in His unending love for us. Jesus calls for us to accept the offer of friendship he offers us. We are encouraged to seriously ponder our relationship with the Lord in our lives. Small “conversions” in our day-to-day lives strengthen our relationships with God and with others. Lent is a time for us to really look into the depths of our hearts and examine where we are with the Lord. Are we open to His love for us, or are our hearts closed off to Him? Do we repent when we need God’s forgiveness? In preparing for the Easter Triduum, Lent rightfully asks if we can recognize our human mortality and turn to Jesus and to God the Father for hope.

Lent is a season of preparation for the climax of the Church, the Easter Triduum. This Lent, may we seek out God’s forgiveness in the sacrament of penance. May we recognize the presence of sin in our lives, and open our hearts to the Lord. Let us free ourselves to the love of God and meditate on the state of our hearts. I pray that we break the chains of sin in our lives, repent and embrace the message of the Gospel, and allow Jesus into our hearts this Lent, especially as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in Easter.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

*Lupe’s Thrift Store is OPEN Fridays and Saturdays
and we need your donations!*



These items are needed: furniture, appliances, kitchen items

Lupe’s hours are 8am–Noon Fridays and Saturdays

Thank you!

Presentation on March 17th Fr Nathan will celebrate Mass, followed by lunch, presentation at 1:00 pm

Plan 1: Purchase book from Monastery: Fr. Nathan: Afterlife, Interruption \$20.00 includes Registration for 1 person
Lunch: I will bring my own lunch _____

I will purchase from Pita Jungle: salads, chicken dish, hummus, mediterranean antipasto platter, pita bread, potatoes, fruit, etc \$8.00 _____ for adult \$5.00 _____ for child

Plan 2: Do not want to purchase book but will attend: \$12.00 _____ Registration Fee

Lunch: I will bring my own lunch _____

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Plan 3: Purchase book: Catherine & Gui Garcia: Ocean Metaphor \$20.00 includes Registration for 1 person

Lunch: I will bring my own lunch _____

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