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Editor's note

March is one of my favorite months – and not just because of my birthday. It's the cherry blossoms, the signs of spring, new life.

I like signs of what's to come.

Which may be why I like FACE, Family Aid Catholic Education. I learned of this when my children were in school. Debbie Dinneen, director of advancement, knew about FACE. She set up a family dinner in the parish hall. As a family of families, we were able to enjoy dinner and stories about FACE and support a scholarship or two.

It felt great.

Almost 10 years later, I had the chance to learn more about FACE as I began reporting about it. I met families who had met some hardship – a parent with a brain tumor, for example – but whose children could continue their Catholic education with the help of FACE.

I met one of the founding members, who said it was important for parents to start the organization because FACE enhances the quality of every child's education.

Also in this issue: Twice in the month of December, Bishop Barber blessed the new altars. See the stories on Pages 12 and 16 at St. Joseph Basilica in Alameda and St. Joseph Church in Fremont, respectively.

Gratefully,

Michele Jurich, Editor, *The Catholic Voice* ▲

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The relics of St. Francis Xavier – the bones of his right arm – were brought across Canada, with stops in major cities for the veneration of the faithful. (Photo courtesy of the Archdiocese of Montreal)

THE BEST WAY TO A HOLY LENT

RECENTLY I HOSTED THE ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF OTTAWA, CANADA, AT MY RESIDENCE. ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST HAD BEEN MY JESUIT RECTOR WHILE I WAS IN THEOLOGY STUDIES, AND IT IS DUE TO HIS SUPPORT THAT I WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST.



BY BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ has been bishop of the Diocese of Oakland since May 25, 2013.

He told me of an extraordinary event that had taken place at his cathedral. The relics of St. Francis Xavier, the bones of his right arm – with which he had baptized over 100,000 people – were brought across Canada, with stops in major cities for the veneration of the faithful.

The Archbishop said the turnout far exceeded all

their expectations. People lined up and waited patiently in order to approach the relic, reverence it, and ask St. Francis Xavier to intercede with God for their intentions. Some people would write their intentions on a slip of paper, touch it to the Saint's arm for a few moments, and then place them in a basket. These intentions were then distributed to contemplative

religious communities who would pray for the petitions.

Monsignor Prendergast told me of one woman who came to his cathedral, looked at the long line, and decided to sit in the pew a few minutes to gather her thoughts and ask God for what she wanted. She had been diagnosed with a serious heart ailment and was scheduled for surgery. She was very anxious about

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all this. She then joined the queue. When she reached the relic, she took a holy card with the image of the Saint, touched it to his arm for a few moments, then touched the card to her heart. Immediately she felt a burning sensation in her chest. But she also experienced a consolation.

Shortly afterward she visited her doctor. After examining her, he said her heart was perfectly healthy. He canceled her surgery. He couldn't explain it ...but she could. She had been healed.

Friends, I don't have the relics of St. Francis Xavier to offer you right now. But I can do better. All the priests

of the diocese and I can offer you the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. You don't have to touch Him ... He will touch you! And He will come inside you, to dwell with you, to love, guide and support you.

The lady in Ottawa had a physical heart ailment. I believe more people suffer from hearts that have been wounded by those who should love them than by any flesh-and-blood disease. If we are honest, we have probably done our share of wounding, too. That is why we need a healing of the heart that only the grace of Jesus can give us, especially through the Sacra-

ment of Reconciliation. Christ not only heals us of our sins but heals the people we have sinned against.

There is still time to make a Holy Lent. God says, "It is mercy I desire more than sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6).

The best thing you can do to make a Holy Lent is to make a good confession. Then do the penance the priest gives you. And then consider doing some sacrifice for those whose hearts we have wounded.

In that confessional, you can hear the words spoken to you that Christ spoke to so many people while He was on earth: "Go, your sins are forgiven." ▲



HOLY WEEK AND *Easter* AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8 a.m. Mass in Vietnamese

11 a.m. Mass in English

1:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

CHRISM MASS, MARCH 26

11 a.m. Chrism Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper,
followed by Adoration until 10 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. Liturgy in English

7 p.m. Liturgy in Vietnamese

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8 a.m. Mass in Vietnamese

11 a.m. Mass in English

1:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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Faces of FACE

Family Aid Catholic Education – FACE – was founded in 1978 and helps students regardless of religion, gender, ethnicity or citizenship. FACE hopes to support more than 700 students every school year. The major fundraising event – An Evening of Scholarship, the FACE Gala – is April 20. (For details, see the back cover.)

Please meet nine of the 2023-24 scholars. These nine students are recipients of named scholarships.

LILLIANN - 5TH GRADE, ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



Hi, I am LilliAnn. I am almost 11 years old and the oldest of six siblings. My hobbies are singing KLOVE songs and anything to do with art. I love to go on nature walks with my family and either ride my scooter or skate on my roller skates. I have Dyslexia and school has been difficult for me. It has been hard to learn at my classmates' pace. My Mom and Dad and the teachers at Saint

Michael's have worked hard to help me overcome this learning difference. This past year was the first time I really started to enjoy reading books! Making art and baking with my Memaw are a real outlet and strength for me. I can see myself in the future as a young adult getting a college degree in these fields.

The Depolo Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"I am beyond grateful for the opportunity you have provided for me. This scholarship will allow me to get more one-on-one instruction I need to overcome my Dyslexia learning difficulties. I am truly grateful for the Scholarship support. Thank you!"



ISAIAH 5TH GRADE, ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

Hi. First I would like to say that I really appreciate being a Named Scholarship student. I am fortunate to have been selected. My hobbies include the following, playing basketball, soccer, video games, reading books and practicing math. I aspire to be European league soccer player. If I don't achieve that goal, I want to be a doctor.

The Gard Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"I would like to thank the Gard Family for the scholarship award. I really appreciate it and I am fortunate to have been selected."

TIANA - 7TH GRADE, ST. PAUL SCHOOL



Hi, my name is Tiana and I've been attending St. Paul School since the September of last year. I aspire to own/run a business one day. One of my hobbies is playing golf. I've been playing golf on and off since the age of seven. I additionally like reading historical-fiction books. I really like travelling however I wouldn't name it one of my hobbies due to the fact that I don't travel too frequently. I enjoy going to St. Paul School for numerous reasons, one of them being how I learn much more in comparison to a public school. I really like that I have a number of opportunities for my education in order to assist me within the future.

The Students Helping Students FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"I want to start off by saying thank you so much for giving me a scholarship! My family and I are very thankful. This will help us a lot. We appreciate you guys and we will always remember this moment and opportunity to advance my education with financial assistance."

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OF OAKLAND.



GEORGE 4TH GRADE, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

Hi. I just celebrated my ninth birthday and I'm in fourth grade. I've been at QAS since I was 4 years old. I have two older brothers and one younger brother. I love my school, my friends, and my teachers. My favorite classes are art, music and math. My favorite sports are baseball and basketball. I play basketball everyday with my friends at school. I also get to play on the school basketball team. I'm also a baseball player. I received the SLE award last year. I want to receive more awards for being a good student. Thank you for giving me this scholarship. I will make you very proud of me.

The King Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"I appreciate this donation immensely and I can't thank you enough. Because of you, I am able to continue my education at the amazing school, Queen of All Saints. I have gravitated to being such a loving and caring kid, thanks to this wonderful community that I can truly call family."

ANDREW - 7TH GRADE, ST. DAVID SCHOOL



My name is Andrew and I started St. David Catholic School in 3rd grade. My hobbies are swimming, camping, bike riding, climbing, digging for insects and bugs, and then researching about them. I enjoy basketball and just about all outdoor activities. I also love to dismantle and rebuild remote-controlled cars and anything I can get my hands on.

The Niedermeyer Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"I cannot thank you enough for giving me this opportunity. I will continue to work hard on my studies. The next couple of years will be very important as I focus and prepare myself to attend Salesian High School. This scholarship allows me to pursue opportunities that I might not have otherwise. I want to be a role model and one day give back to the community to help struggling students reach their goals in higher education."

DARREN - 8TH GRADE, ST. LEO THE GREAT



Hello, my name is Darren and I am an 8th grade student at Saint Leo the Great School. I have been attending this school for 9 years. I first came to Saint Leo's in Pre Kindergarten and have enjoyed it every step of the way. I participate in Student Council, Gospel Choir, Robotics, Peace Patrol, Basketball, Track & Field and I am a Student Ambassador. I also have a 3.8 GPA. My favorite subject is math because math challenges me. I hope that the experiences that I receive through this journey will support me in striving to accomplish my ultimate goal of becoming a prosecuting Civil Rights attorney.

The Karleskind Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"No amount of words can express my gratitude to FACE and the Karleskind family for providing me with the benefit of receiving a Catholic education. Being a FACE Named Scholarship recipient signifies my blessing of being able to learn and grow academically, spiritually, and socially in a Catholic-filled environment. I'm so blessed to be a FACE Named Scholarship recipient because without it I may not be able to attend Saint Leo the Great."



ANTHONY - 8TH GRADE, ST. CLEMENT SCHOOL

My name is Anthony. I am glad my parents decided to enroll me at St. Clement. I have made new friends and I have cool teachers. I enjoy spending time with my family and my new puppy Nova, who is now 15 months. We ride my bike together, play soccer and take long walks. I am currently attending boxing classes, which have helped me physically and mentally. On my free time, I like to draw, play video games, and cut my dad's hair; we connect and catch up during that time. This year I would like to focus more on my academics and be ready for high school. I imagine it only gets a bit more challenging. I have many dreams and goals. I am confident that I will reach them.

The Students Helping Students FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"Thank you for blessing my family and me with this special award. I am honored to be a recipient of this very generous gift, and also to be a part of the FACE family. "

GENESIS - 9TH GRADE, MOREAU CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



My name is Genesis. I am a Freshman at Moreau Catholic High School. I enjoy playing basketball, spending time with my friends, and shopping. I consider myself a sneaker head at times. This summer I enjoyed relaxing and spending time with my mom and brother, as he came home from college. The highlight of my summer was I made decision to get baptized.

The Kelly Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"Thank you for your generous contribution to my education. Your generosity is allowing me to make my goals and dreams a reality. I hope one day I'll be able to give back and help other students achieve their goals."

GALILEA - 9TH GRADE, CRISTO REY DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL



My name is Galilea. I was born and raised in Oakland, California, and I am Mexican-American. I live with my mom, dad, older sister, younger brother, and dog Luna. My sister is going off to college this year and my brother is starting the fourth grade. My mom works for the Oakland Public Library. My dad has a medical condition called Multiple Sclerosis and has a medical disability. My hobbies are reading and writing. In the future, I would like to attend a four year college. I've always wanted to be a teacher because I love working with kids. I am hardworking and enjoy helping people in whatever capacity I can. I always make it a point to treat others how I would want to be treated.

The Black Family FACE of the Future Annual Scholarship

"Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. Words cannot express what your kindness means to me and I will forever be grateful. Because of you, my dreams of attending a Catholic high school are possible." ▲



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FIVE RELIGIOUS SISTERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. THIRTY DAYS OF SERVICE ON THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO. COUNTLESS INSIGHTS INTO THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE, HOPE AND COMPASSION FOR MIGRANTS.

Sisters Cecilia Canales, OP and Judy Lu McDonnell, OP ministered to migrants through the Kino Border Initiative in “los dos Nogales,” border towns in Mexico and Arizona that share a name. They shared stories of their experience in an Advent reflection at the Motherhouse at Mission San Jose on Dec. 10, 2023.

“In this place of refuge, we embrace your story. Welcome to all of you. We respect you. We value you. We embrace you,” said Sister Judy, translating the sign on the façade of the Kino building.

Sister Cecilia noted how perfectly the messages of their experience aligned with the themes of the four weeks of Advent represented by the four candles of the wreath – hope, peace, joy and love. Give people hope and they can live in peace, and love and joy will follow very easily, she said.

“For those of us who can enjoy a life where we have all our basic necessities met and maybe more so, Advent calls us to do something for others ... The Advent spirit calls us to go deeply into what is the call you are receiving from God? It takes you out of yourself and toward others.”

SISTERS AT THE BORDER

**TWO DOMINICANS SHARE
THEIR EXPERIENCE AND OFFER
WAYS TO TAKE ACTION**

BY CHRISTINE SCHRECK

These lessons are just as important in the current Lent-en season as Catholics are called to follow Christ more faithfully in preparation to celebrate His Resurrection at Easter.

“We met hardworking people who had been living normal lives until the mafia or cartels took over their towns and forced them out or to join them. Remember what the poem says: ‘You only leave home when home won’t let you stay.’”

The poem referenced is “Home” by Warsan Shire, a British-Somali poet. Although the poem was inspired by the harsh realities of the lives of undocumented refugees in Europe, it has come to represent the hardships, grief and trauma experienced by refugees everywhere.

Migrants leave their homelands to reunite with family, to find work or to seek asylum. In all cases, they are hoping for a better life – safe, secure, protected.

The sisters encountered refugees from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Venezuela, Ecuador, Haiti, Colombia, El Salvador, Turkey, Russia and Cuba during their service at the border.

The journey is perilous. Between 1998 and 2020, 7,800 people died attempting to cross the desert.

As part of their experience, a guide took the sisters on a hike in the Arizona desert to understand the conditions under which migrants travel. They traverse rocky terrain, through thorny bushes, uphill with no shade in temperatures upwards of 90 degrees – Sister Judy noted that it was cool at 89 one day – discarding items along the way like

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a water bottle painted black so that it won’t reflect light, a slipper used to cover a shoe to cover their tracks, a single shoe or even a baby bottle.

The sisters’ hike – four miles according to Sister Judy’s FitBit – resulted in one member of their group getting heatstroke. And they were hiking under the best possible conditions, starting early in the morning and being given a list of essentials to bring with them including long sleeves, comfortable shoes, hats, sunscreen, and water. It is a four-day walk across the desert from Nogales to Tucson.

The United States has a history of making conditions difficult for immigrants and asylum seekers. This is visually represented by sections of border wall where there is barbed wire on the US side and art on the Mexican side. Despite the inhospitable conditions, asylum seekers will keep coming to the United States because they face threats from repressive governments or organized crime in their homelands where local police are either unwilling or unable to combat it or complicit in their activities.

In order to be granted asylum, seekers must prove

that their situation is unique and that they will be victims if returned to their homelands. The wait for a hearing is long, and they cannot work legally in the United States while waiting for a hearing. Those fleeing organized crime in their home countries do not qualify for asylum because it is not the government trying to kill them.

These difficulties make the actions of those who respect the life and dignity of the human person all the more important. Groups like the Kino Border Initiative support migration with dignity by providing meals, clothing, health assistance and legal and mental health counseling. They perform vital advocacy work aimed at promoting humane, just, workable migration.

Those interested in getting involved in advocacy contact their government representatives or one of the organizations whose information has been provided by the sisters. Direct assistance is just as important, and many parishes have justice committees.

In the words of Thomas Merton: “The fact remains that our task is to seek and find Christ in our world as it is and not as it might be.” And Catholics can do this by welcoming the stranger. ▲

THE SISTERS’ TIPS FOR ADVOCACY/ACTION

- **Support democracy in Guatemala.** Ask President Biden to take actions to shore up Guatemalan democracy. Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns: <https://mogc.info/GuatemalaDemocracy>
- **Advocate for peace in Haiti,** a Caribbean country where gang violence fueled by a flow of illegal guns from the United States drives thousands of Haitians to flee the country each month. <https://mogc.info/HaitiPeace>
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2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Cathedral Parish of Christ the Light	\$28,800.00	\$59,388.83	74	206.21%
Catholic Community of Pleasanton	\$117,500.00	\$68,104.67	237	57.96%
Christ the King	\$86,800.00	\$48,038.00	134	55.34%
Church of the Assumption	\$28,300.00	\$23,145.00	31	81.78%
Church of the Good Shepherd	\$35,600.00	\$43,896.21	192	123.30%
Corpus Christi, Fremont	\$17,800.00	\$8,790.00	33	49.38%
Corpus Christi, Piedmont	\$39,300.00	\$14,330.00	41	36.46%
Divine Mercy	\$24,450.45	\$11,808.50	21	48.30%
Holy Spirit, Fremont	\$99,400.00	\$127,353.81	381	128.12%
Holy Spirit-Newman Hall	\$39,500.00	\$56,056.00	64	141.91%
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$70,800.00	\$64,377.81	246	90.93%
Most Holy Rosary Parish	\$72,100.00	\$39,658.00	106	55.00%
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	\$9,800.00	\$19,270.00	92	196.63%
Our Lady of Grace Parish	\$29,000.00	\$37,022.00	115	127.66%
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish	\$35,900.00	\$19,287.00	88	53.72%
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	\$16,200.00	\$4,963.62	18	30.64%
Our Lady of Mercy Parish	\$6,400.00	\$4,050.00	11	63.28%
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish	\$34,500.00	\$15,268.39	66	44.26%
Our Lady Queen of the World Parish	\$19,600.00	\$19,134.00	163	97.62%
Queen of All Saints Parish	\$36,600.00	\$45,608.00	137	124.61%
Sacred Heart Parish	\$9,100.00	\$10,581.00	29	116.27%
Santa Maria Parish	\$34,700.00	\$31,618.50	73	91.12%
St. Agnes Parish	\$43,200.00	\$31,070.00	73	71.92%
St. Ambrose Parish	\$10,500.00	\$16,717.36	28	159.21%
St. Anne, Byron	\$26,800.00	\$27,510.56	70	102.65%
St. Anne, Union City	\$43,600.00	\$48,276.10	229	110.73%
St. Anne, Walnut Creek	\$28,600.00	\$18,325.85	60	64.08%
St. Anthony Parish	\$21,100.00	\$26,267.00	81	124.49%
St. Anthony-Mary Help of Christians	\$16,600.00	\$29,395.00	11	177.08%
St. Augustine Parish	\$12,800.00	\$14,702.00	16	114.86%
St. Barnabas Parish	\$15,000.00	\$8,066.00	26	53.77%
St. Bede Parish	\$37,800.00	\$60,603.23	34	160.33%
St. Benedict Parish	\$12,200.00	\$7,497.00	16	61.45%
St. Bernard Parish	\$9,500.00	\$10,318.45	20	108.62%
St. Bonaventure Parish	\$86,300.00	\$95,684.50	272	110.87%
St. Callistus Parish	\$19,800.00	\$32,265.00	145	162.95%
St. Catherine of Siena Parish	\$23,000.00	\$22,143.00	70	96.27%
St. Charles Borromeo Parish	\$55,300.00	\$40,499.82	78	73.24%
St. Clement Parish	\$32,400.00	\$23,998.00	93	74.07%
St. Columba Parish	\$23,600.00	\$24,140.00	8	102.29%
St. Cornelius Parish	\$27,500.00	\$21,895.00	11	79.62%
St. David of Wales Parish	\$13,500.00	\$9,892.00	28	73.27%
St. Edward Parish	\$52,500.00	\$37,680.00	108	71.77%
St. Elizabeth Parish	\$32,200.00	\$31,021.00	16	96.34%
St. Felicitas Parish	\$34,300.00	\$31,428.00	114	91.63%
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	\$47,700.00	\$21,466.10	78	45.00%
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish	\$34,900.00	\$35,660.00	228	102.18%
St. Isidore Parish	\$116,700.00	\$129,703.47	154	111.14%
St. James the Apostle Parish	\$23,400.00	\$32,517.00	107	138.96%
St. Jarlath Parish	\$16,200.00	\$16,455.00	39	101.57%
St. Jerome Parish	\$14,200.00	\$12,180.00	39	85.77%
St. Joachim Parish	\$35,900.00	\$17,809.00	102	49.61%
St. Joan of Arc Parish	\$98,000.00	\$86,158.15	220	87.92%
St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito	\$23,400.00	\$27,396.08	70	117.08%
St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo	\$36,000.00	\$30,354.50	83	84.32%
St. John Vianney Parish	\$73,000.00	\$95,660.06	115	131.04%
St. Joseph Basilica Parish	\$51,000.00	\$32,947.86	75	64.60%
St. Joseph the Worker Parish	\$11,600.00	\$10,517.55	18	90.67%
St. Joseph, Fremont	\$72,000.00	\$63,965.97	153	88.84%
St. Joseph, Pinole	\$55,000.00	\$60,234.00	225	109.52%
St. Leander Parish	\$40,600.00	\$19,412.03	62	47.81%
St. Leo Parish	\$17,900.00	\$18,483.00	37	103.26%
St. Louis Bertrand Parish	\$15,900.00	\$11,763.00	14	73.98%
St. Margaret Mary Parish	\$21,900.00	\$29,063.60	20	132.71%
St. Mark Parish	\$17,200.00	\$19,550.00	7	113.66%
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	\$27,700.00	\$17,429.60	60	62.92%
St. Mary Parish	\$60,900.00	\$35,413.00	89	58.15%
St. Michael Parish	\$77,500.00	\$32,795.00	94	42.32%
St. Monica Parish	\$35,700.00	\$56,875.00	139	159.31%
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	\$900.00	\$1,156.00	6	128.44%
St. Patrick, Oakland	\$9,900.00	\$1,240.00	5	12.53%
St. Patrick, Rodeo	\$42,400.00	\$46,728.08	150	110.21%
St. Paul Parish	\$26,500.00	\$6,310.00	37	23.81%
St. Perpetua Parish	\$46,400.00	\$32,665.00	73	70.40%
St. Peter Martyr Parish	\$23,600.00	\$15,676.00	7	66.42%
St. Philip Neri-St. Albert Parish	\$32,500.00	\$36,045.00	79	110.91%
St. Raymond Penafort Parish	\$75,700.00	\$51,291.00	166	67.76%
St. Rose of Lima Parish	\$6,000.00	\$7,930.00	28	132.17%
St. Stephen Parish	\$15,500.00	\$4,518.00	31	29.15%
St. Theresa Parish	\$35,800.00	\$34,270.00	73	95.73%
Transfiguration Parish	\$33,600.00	\$34,700.00	41	103.27%
Unknown		\$58,149.02	59	
TOTAL	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,717,696.31	7,052	90.59%

A new altar graces St. Joseph Basilica

ALAMEDA PARISH CELEBRATES AT DEDICATION MASS

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Before placing the relics in the new altar, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ introduced the saints to the congregation.

Bishop Barber had invited Father Mario Rizzo, parochial administrator, to choose among the relics the diocese had available.

"These saints become intercessors at this parish," the bishop said.

Father Rizzo chose:

- St. Aloysius de Gonzaga, a Jesuit saint, a seminarian who died in Rome of the plague 6 years before he could be ordained. He is the patron saint of youth, chosen because of the youth of our parish.
- St. John the Baptist de La Salle, founder of Christians Brothers. They operate schools in our diocese: De La Salle High School in Concord, Cristo Rey De La Salle High School in Oakland, St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley and St. Mary's College in Moraga. He's the patron saint of teachers. This choice honors the elementary and high schools at St. Joseph Basilica Parish. We remember our teachers.
- St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, a Carmelite nun who reformed the Carmelite order and had a special devotion to St. Joseph. St. Joseph always answered her prayers. She reformed the Carmelite order and started the first reformed monastery. She named it St. Joseph.







Above:

After Bishop Barber placed the relics, they were sealed inside the altar.

At right and below:

The Chrism is consecrated once a year in a Mass during Holy Week. The Chrism is poured onto the altar and the bishop rubs it into the surface of the altar. Then the altar is ready for its first Eucharist.



A scene from The Wedding Feast of the Lamb, which will be blessed at the 8 a.m. Mass at the St. Joseph Conference. (Courtesy photo)



Invitation to pray with St. Joseph

FROM FATHER ANTHONY HUONG LEE, PASTOR, ST. JOSEPH PARISH, FREMONT

BROTHER ST. ANDRE BESSETTE (1845-1937) PRAYED TO ST. JOSEPH DAILY FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO CAME TO HIM WITH PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING. DAY AFTER DAY, PEOPLE RECEIVED HEALING MIRACLES. BROTHER ST. ANDRE INSISTED THAT IT WAS ST. JOSEPH WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE!



St. Joseph statue looks over the shoulder of Father Anthony Huong Lee as he speaks at the dedication Mass for the renovated St. Joseph Church in Fremont. (Photo by Dominique Ghekiere-Mintz)

We believe in the same thing! Who better to teach us to love God and do his will than St. Joseph? St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor in heaven. Let us pray with him!

You are invited to participate in the Second Conference of St. Joseph and Holy Eucharist on March 16, 2024.

You don't want to miss this event. Here are some worthy reasons for you to consider:

- 1 An opportunity to hear Mrs. Antonia Salzano Acutis — the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) who is likely to become the first millennial to be a saint. She will tell us how her son lived and loved the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
- 2 An opportunity to hear from some of the best speakers in Vietnamese, Mandarin, Spanish and English. They will inspire you and highlight how St. Joseph lived the Eucharistic life, centered on Christ as a source and summit of his vocation as a faithful disciple of the Lord!
- 3 You will be surprised by the holiness and beauty of Mission San Jose, St. Joseph Parish Church and the “holy” land with the life-size outdoor stations of the cross and more. Everything you see here will bring you closer to God and deepen your devotion to St. Joseph. We recently renovated the St. Joseph parish church. Its uniqueness captures the heart and soul of the mystery of the faith. Especially, The Wedding Feast of the Lamb, the 49-by-7-foot oil painting that will be blessed at the 8 a.m. Mass by our bishop, the Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ. This is an original masterpiece that you don't want to miss.
- 4 You will be blessed with a great retreat time with God and thousands of God-loving people!
- 5 Here is the schedule and how to sign up: <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/conference-2024/>

ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE MARCH 16 SCHEDULE

WHERE:

Shrine of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fremont

8:00 a.m.

Holy Mass with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Check-in

9:45 a.m.

Conferences
• Father Daniel Williamson (English)
• Father Thi Hoang (Vietnamese)
• Father Gregory Liu (Mandarin)
• Father Luis Lopez (Spanish)

10:45 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

Adoration and Confession

Noon

Lunch and Tours

1:00 p.m.

A Conversation with Antonia Salzano, mother of Blessed Carlos Acutis

2:45 p.m.

Break

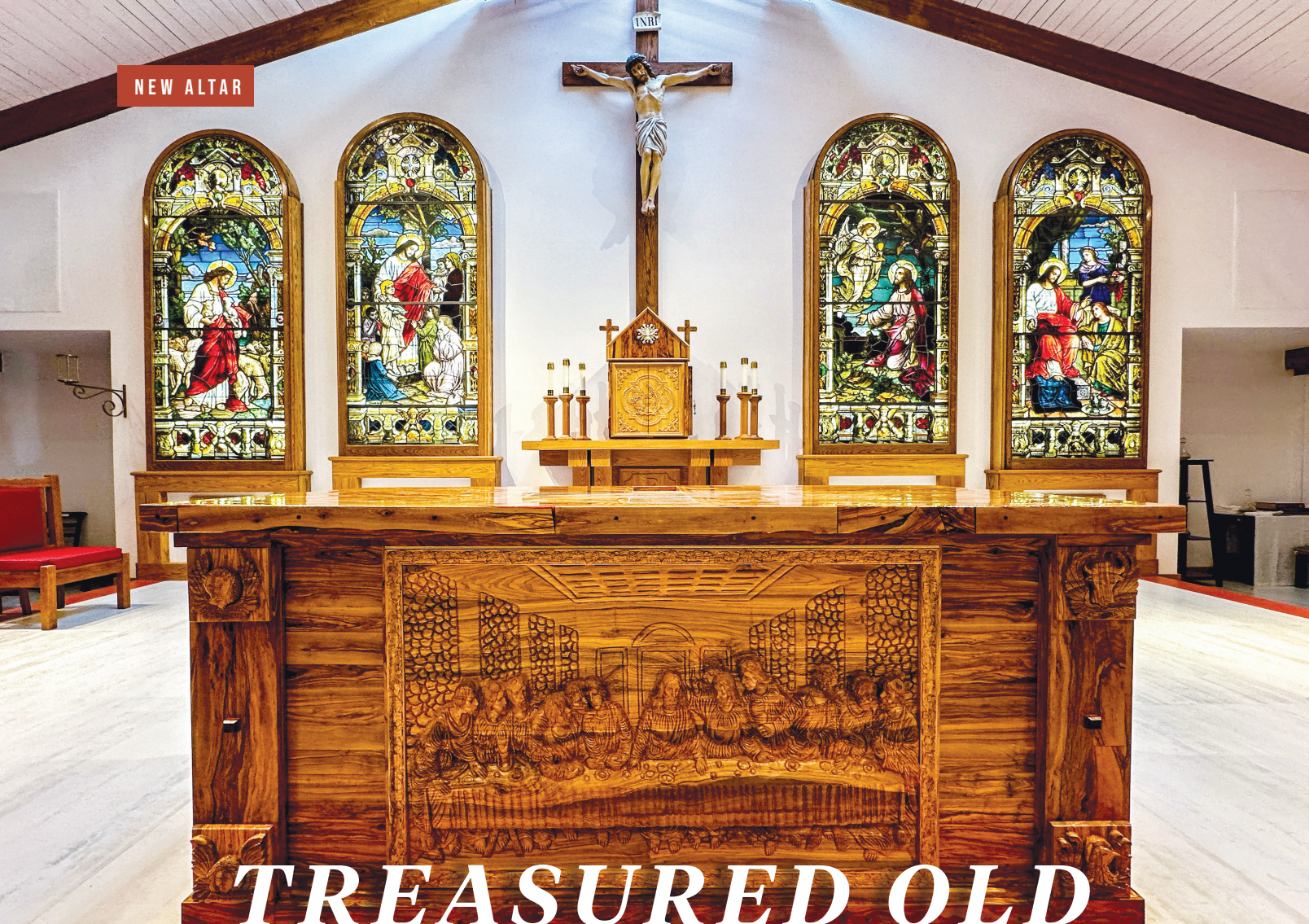
3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Closing Prayer

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TREASURED OLD BECOMES NEW

OVER DECADES, THE VISION FOR A NEW ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN FREMONT WAS ADJUSTED. IT HAD BECOME CLEAR THAT THE COST OF BUILDING A NEW CHURCH ON THE MISSION SAN JOSÉ PROPERTY WAS PROHIBITIVE. USING MATERIALS ON HAND IN NEW WAYS, BOOSTED BY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY, LED TO A RENOVATED CHURCH THAT WAS CELEBRATED AND REDEDICATED AT A MASS TWO DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

When a Mission-era olive tree had died and needed to be removed, its wood was harvested to create the new altar. Behind the altar are stained glass windows made in 1893 by the Franz Mayer company of Munich for the San Francisco convent chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

In 1959, when the Sisters moved to their home in Fremont, the windows stayed behind. But when the Sisters sold the property in the late 1970s, St. Joseph Parish purchased the windows. The pastor, Monsignor Manuel Simas, had the windows restored and placed them in storage. Now they are seen in new light. Monsignor Simas, now pastor emeritus, was on the altar for the rededicated Mass; Sisters were in the pews.

The liturgy for the rededication of a church is similar to that of the dedication of a church, with the altar blessed and walls blessed with the sign of the cross.

The atmosphere reflected the diversity of the parish; new stained glass windows on the sides of the church honored new saints, such as St. Teresa of Calcutta, as well as a special space for Blessed Father Augustus Tolton, who is among the six African Americans on the journey to sainthood.



At the rededication of St. Joseph Church in Fremont, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, blesses the walls of the church, left; at the altar, right, the bishop pours the Chrism on the altar made of wood harvested from a dead Mission-era olive tree, and then rubs the Chrism into the wood. The new church was filled for the rededication Mass; the artwork at the back of the church is expected to be completed in time for the St. Joseph Conference on March 16.



Andrew Galvin prepares to carry a relic of St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784) to Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, who will place the relic in the new altar at St. Joseph Church in Fremont. In 2015, Mr. Galvin carried a relic of the Franciscan founder of the California missions up the steps of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, to present to Pope Francis at the saint's canonization. Andrew Galvin is an Ohlone man and is a parishioner at St. Joseph/Mission San Jose in Fremont.

A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) was placed in the altar. The Italian youth, who created the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, is the first millennial to be beatified. His exhibition was seen during the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress and at parishes around the diocese. It can be viewed online at www.carloacutis.com.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) was known to the world as Mother Teresa, who ministered to the poor and sick in the slums of Calcutta. She founded the Missionaries of Charity. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. In our diocese, Missionaries of Charity serve at St. Mark Church in Richmond.

Pope St. Pius X (1835-1914) is called the "Pope of the Eucharist." He condemned the heresies of Modernism.

- The Vietnamese Martyrs
- St. Dominic Dinh Van Dat (1803-1839)
- St. Thomas Toan (1764-1840)
- St. Thomas De Van Nguyen (1811-1839)
- St. Joseph Khang (1832-1861)



THE RELICS

Father Alexander Snyder

Father Alexander Snyder died Jan. 17. He was 91 years old.

FATHER SNYDER WAS BORN MARCH 2, 1932 IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Father Snyder was ordained for the Order of Friars Minor, Conventual on Feb. 22, 1959, in the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He came to the Diocese of Oakland on March 16, 1968, and was incardinated into the diocese five years later.

While most of his work with the Friars was in education, he served in parishes for much of his time in Oakland.

From 1968 to 1973, he served as an assistant pastor at All Saints Parish in Hayward before moving into a similar role at Holy Spirit Parish in Fremont in 1970. He served there until 1973, when he moved to St. Leo the Great Church in Oakland.

In addition to his parish duties, Father Snyder served as director of cemeteries from 1973 to 1979.

In 1975, Father Snyder became associate pastor at St. Cornelius Church in Richmond.

He became pastor of St. Anne Parish in Union City in 1977, serving there for six years.

Father Snyder was appointed pastor of St. David Parish in Richmond, where he served from 1985 to 1991. During this time, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who had served at the school since its founding in 1963, moved from the parish. Father Snyder had the idea of turning the vacant convent into a preschool, which has now welcomed youngsters for two generations.

His last assignment as pastor was at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Parish in San Leandro, where his appointment began in September 1992 and ended with his retirement from pastoral responsibilities on June 15, 1998.

His retirement proved to be an active one. He answered the call to serve when needed as temporary administrator at St. Patrick, Rodeo (1999); Santa Maria, Orinda (2000); and St. Agnes, Concord (2005).

Father Larry Young, pastor of St. Patrick, recalled that he and Father Snyder shared a common experience. "I was a former Religious," he said. Not the same order, but a shared experience in the transition to diocesan life.

"After he retired, he took on managing parishes until we got a pastor," Father Young said. "When Bishop asked me to go to St. Patrick's, Alex and I met. I knew him and I trusted him."

Father Young recalled, too, how parishioners reacted to Father Snyder. "People loved him because he really paid attention to them, really listened to them," he said.

"He celebrated Mass every day as long as he was capable," he said.

Father George Mockel, pastor of Santa Maria Parish in Orinda, worked with Father Snyder at a time of transition.

"When I was made vicar general by Archbishop Vigneron, it meant I could no longer be pastor of St. Agnes. Arrangements had to be made," he said. "Father Snyder left his residence in Alameda to serve as temporary administrator."

He recalled Father Snyder as "very gracious" and proud of his Polish heritage.

Father Mockel recalled, too, Father Snyder's care for the Vietnamese seminarians, mentoring them and helping finance their seminary education.

Among those seminarians is Father Anthony Hounge Le, who serves as pastor of St. Joseph Parish/Mission San Jose.

Father Le recalled the mentoring. "When priests might visit for counsel, they found a good listener," he said. The advice was supportive: "Tough it out." "Move along." "Do the right thing."

Father Le also recalled Father Snyder's generosity to the seminarians. During the Christmas vacation, they would be invited to a meal near Father Snyder's Rossmoor home. The favorite restaurants served Vietnamese or Chinese meals.

He recalled, too, the welcome monetary gifts at Christmas.

Father Snyder may have also provided them with a lesson in the grace of aging.

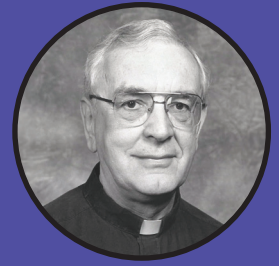
"I witnessed him move from independent living to community living to hospice," Father Le said. "When we are young, we accumulate a lot. As we grow older, we let things go."

On a visit, he asked Father Snyder if he could anoint him.

"He even participated in the anointing," Father Le said. "It was the end of a beautiful life," he said, "He surrendered to God at the end."

"I am happy for him. He has fulfilled his mission." ▲

Father Snyder's funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward will follow at a later date.



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In a *Catholic Voice* article on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Father Snyder wrote:

“Pope Benedict writes, ‘The priest preaches not himself, but the faith of the Church and, in that faith, the Lord Jesus Christ ... The holiness of the priest consists in the process of becoming spiritually poor, of decreasing before the other, of losing himself for the other: For Christ — and in Christ, for others, for those whom the Lord and entrusted to him.’

“Fifty years looking forward seems like a long time. Fifty years looking backward is such a short time. To celebrate 50 years in the ministerial priesthood is a great event. This is not for personal glory, but the grace to show Christ to others. God does not choose the qualified, but he qualifies those whom he has chosen. I hope that others have learned from me as much as I have learned from them how to follow Christ. Fifty years is but a moment in the life of the Church, but what a glorious moment. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Singing for Pope Francis

BY CHRISTOPHER COSBEY

Last spring, I joined the Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers. The singers come from parishes and schools all over the Diocese of Oakland. My brother Nicholas and I were the only students from St. Isidore School in the choir.

I didn't know any of the choir members and was nervous to try something new. During Christmas break, we went to the International Pueri Cantores music festival in Rome, Italy. Thinking about traveling to Italy made me feel even more nervous!

The first day in Rome, the choirs had a private tour of the Vatican Museum. Our choir stayed in a convent hotel about 15 minutes away from the Vatican. We were the only ones staying there. Each morning, the nuns made breakfast for over 40 of us. I had three roommates and played video games a lot at night.

For our first field trip, we took our bus to Assisi because St. Francis lived there. We sang a Mass in the Crypt Chapel of St. Catherine, Basilica of St. Francis. After singing, we visited St. Francis' tomb. We also had a field trip to St. Benedict's Monastery, and we went inside the cave where he lived for three years.

The next day, we sang a Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall with about 20 choirs from all over the United States. St. Paul's tomb is under

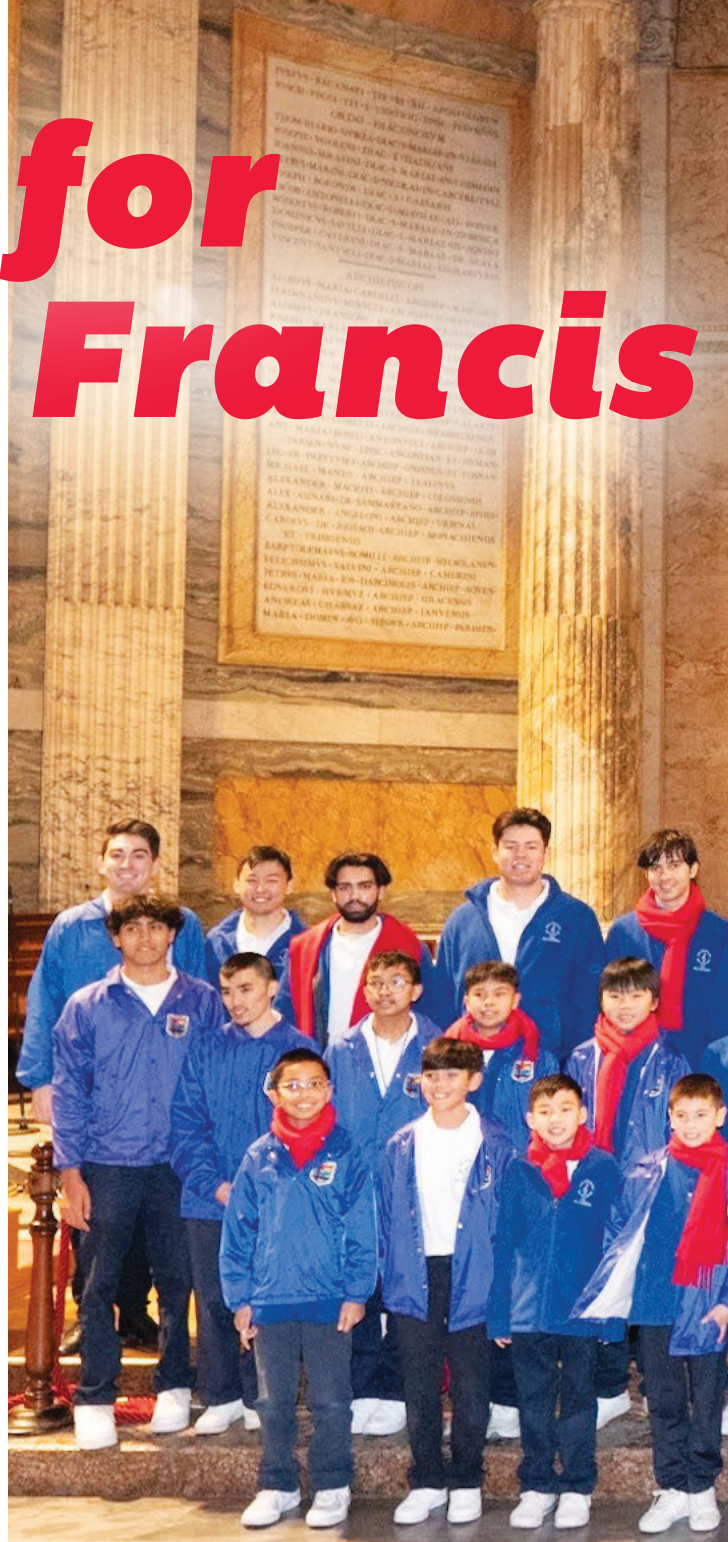
this altar. Later that night, the Golden Gate Boys Choir was the only choir selected from the United States to sing at a special concert, The Colors of Pueri Cantores at St. Andrew Church.

On Dec. 30, we went to Vatican City and had an audience with Pope Francis. We sang Et In Terra Pax for Pope Francis. When he went down the aisle to leave, my sister Olivia touched Pope Francis' hand. On New Year's Day, we sang for the papal Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. There were more than 3,000 kids singing with us from all over the world.

After the festival, we traveled to a small village and stayed with a host family. The best part of staying in their house was eating their homemade pasta!

Now that I'm back home, I'm glad I didn't listen to my nervousness. Joining the choir and going to Rome is one of the best memories of my life. I now have new friends from all over the Diocese of Oakland! ▲

Christopher Cosbey, 10, is a fifth-grade student at St. Isidore School in Danville.



Pictured, left to right: (1) The Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers after singing mass at St Paul Outside the Walls (Photo by Albert Agbulos) (2) My sister Olivia right before Pope Francis gave her a high five! (3) My brother Nicholas and I at St. Peter's Basilica after singing the Papal Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (4) My parents and sister came to Italy, too!



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OFFICIAL CALENDAR

March 2

10 a.m.
Study Day with the
Permanent Deacons of
the Diocese of Oakland
7 p.m.
Bay Wide Young Adult Mass,
St. Margaret Mary, Oakland

March 3

9 a.m.
School Family Mass on
60th Anniversary, St. Felicitas
School, San Leandro

March 4-6

California Catholic Conference
Educational Summit, Cathedral
of Christ the Light, Oakland

March 5

Priest Personnel
Board Meeting

March 7

Spring Study Day for
Priests of the Diocese
of Oakland

March 9

5 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
Vocations Dinner and Mass
in support of Seminarians,
Carondelet High School

March 10-13

USCCB Committee on
Doctrine Meeting,
Washington, DC

March 14

College of Consultors Meeting
Presbyteral Council Meeting

March 16

8 a.m.
Mass in Celebration of the
Feast of St. Joseph, Old
Mission San José, Fremont

March 19

St. Joseph Feast Day Mass
with Elementary and High
School Students, St. Joseph
Notre Dame High School,
Alameda

March 24

11 a.m.
Palm Sunday Mass,
Cathedral of Christ
the Light, Oakland

March 25

11 a.m.
Live-streamed event with
Father Leo Patalinghug for
Catholic Schools on the
theme of the Eucharist

March 26

11 a.m.
Chrism Mass, Cathedral of
Christ the Light, Oakland
Followed by Luncheon
for Priests

March 28

7 p.m.
In Coena Domini Mass on
Holy Thursday, Cathedral of
Christ the Light, Oakland
Followed by Adoration at
the Altar of Repose

March 29

Noon Ecumenical
Good Friday Service,
City Hall Plaza, Oakland
3 p.m.
Liturgy of the Passion of
the Lord, Cathedral of
Christ the Light, Oakland

March 30

7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil, Cathedral of
Christ the Light, Oakland

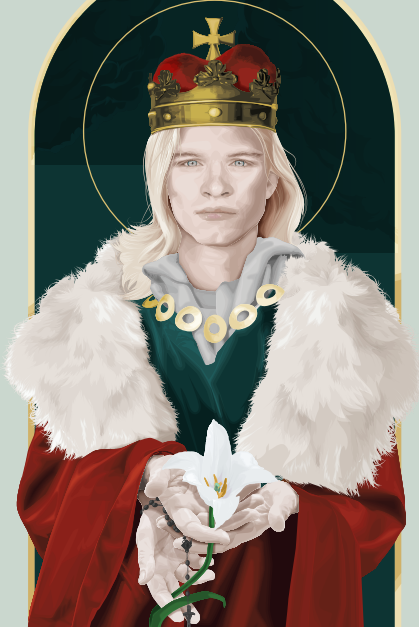
March 31

11 a.m.
Solemn Easter Sunday Mass,
Cathedral of Christ the Light,
Oakland



Bishop's schedule online at
oakdiocese.org/bishop.

SAINT OF THE MONTH



St. Casimir of Poland

(1460-84) | Feast: March 4

Although this saint was born into nobility, he dedicated his life to the King above all kings.

Casimir Jagiellon was the third of 13 children born to King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth of Austria. Alongside his brothers, he was educated by the Polish priest, Father Jan Dlugosz, who influenced the young Casimir to embrace a life of faith and devotion to God.

He was rebellious in many ways, shunning the luxuries a life of royalty afforded him and instead wearing plain clothes and often sleeping on the floor by choice. He refused to marry, choosing to lead a celibate life focused on serving God and the poor.

He came down with tuberculosis at the age of 24, and died as he was traveling to Lithuania on March 4, 1484. He was buried with the lyrics to his favorite Marian hymn, *Omni die dic Mariae* ("Daily, Daily Sing to Mary"), and was canonized by Pope Adrian VI in 1522.

In 1984, on the 500th anniversary of his death, St. John Paul II addressed Lithuanian pilgrims honoring Casimir, saying, "the Church proclaimed Casimir a saint and placed him before us not only to be venerated but also that we might imitate his heroic virtues and follow his example of holiness ... His witness of great faith and fervent piety continues to have special meaning for us today." He is often depicted with an additional right hand, based on the painting of St. Casimir in Vilnius Cathedral in Lithuania, to represent his great generosity. According to legend, the painter tried to redraw the hand in a different place and painted over the old one, but it miraculously reappeared. †

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