A Lenten Message....

You probably heard about the news a few days ago from SF Mayor London Breed declaring a local state emergency to mobilize resources in defense of the deadly corona virus. Although there are no confirmed cases among SF residents, she said that, “we need to step up preparedness.” The mayor fears seeing the virus spreading in new parts of the world every day, and is taking the necessary steps to protect SF residents from harm.

In a similar context, the readings from the Prophet Joel, which has become so identified with the Ash Wednesday liturgy, was written originally in response to a crisis, an invasion of locusts. They were eating the crops and seriously causing panic among the people who feared immediate hunger and possible starvation. The prophet called the whole country to repent and beg God to destroy the locusts, save the crops, and spare the people from suffering.

The call of the mayor of SF for protection from the deadly virus and the ancient call of the Prophet Joel for repentance and return to God easily take us to the reason why we begin the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. They remind us on the true reality of who we are: vulnerable, limited, careless, forgetful, insensitive, indifferent and all the descriptions of our humanity. In short, we are not perfect and we are not God. This is why Lent has always been an invitation to return home, to acknowledge our true identity, that we are not God, we are mortals, we have a lifespan, we’re not permanent here in this life, we are just ashes at the very end.

There is a song that was popularized by Olivia Newton John and that became a hit in the early 80’s. The title of the song is “Let’s get Physical.” The accompanying music video for this hit song shows the singer in her gym attire trying to make several overweight men lose weight. The song’s refrain echoes the line, “Let’s get physical, let your body talk.”

I find this song a great contrast with what Lent is trying to tell us. Lent is actually an encouragement for us “to go spiritual and to magnify our souls.” Lent is our time for renewal or the springtime of the spirit. The church encourages us this season to focus on our truest identity, that each of us is a child of God, that though human, we have been privileged to share in the divine life through our baptism. Renewing our baptismal vows and reclaiming our baptismal identity that allows us to be the people God wants us to be are something we can work harder on during the next 40 days. Our intentional observance of the three ancient Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are our personal and communal ways to accomplish such noble task.

Father Ray
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

**March 02 - March 08**

**Monday - March 02**
- Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Conf. A
- Pre-Baptismal Class 7:00 pm Hall
- SCC Faithsharing 1:30 pm Conf. C

**Tuesday - March 03**
- Divine Will 6:30 pm Hall
- Bible Study 7:00 pm Chapel

**Wednesday - March 04**
- Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Conf. A
- Legion of Mary 6:00 pm Conf. C
- K of C Rosary 7:00 pm Chapel
- 2nd Yr Confirmation 7:00 pm Hall

**Thursday - March 05**
- Legion of Mary 9:30 am Conf. A
- CCD 4:30 pm Hall
- Santo Nino 6:30 pm Chapel
- Jubilee Meeting 6:30 pm Hall
- 1st Yr Confirmation 7:00 pm Hall

**Friday - March 06**
- Youth Choir 4:00 pm Hall
- Children’s Choir 5:30 pm Hall
- St. Augustine Chorale 7:00 pm Hall

**Saturday - March 07**
- CCD 9:00 am Hall
- CCD 10:00 am Conf. C

**Sunday - March 08**
- Youth Group 9:00 am YC
- Legion of Mary 9:15 am Conf. A
- RCIA 9:30 am Conf. C
- Parish Fellowship 10:00 am Hall

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**STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING**

**Regular Sunday Offering:**
- February 23, 2020 $9,780.59
- Maintenance Fund $4,072.00
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help $337.00
- Sacred Heart Of Jesus $339.00

**TOTAL as of the Month of January, 2020**
- Online Giving $7,450.00
- Total Number of Online Donors - 45

**Next Sunday’s SECOND COLLECTION is for**

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL.**
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Closed between noon and 1:00 pm

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**MASS SCHEDULE (NEW)**

Mon - Fri: 8:30 am, 5:30 pm; Sat: 8:30 am, 4:30 pm; Sun: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm; Holy Day: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

**CONFESSION**

Fri: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Sat: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

**BAPTISM**

2nd & 4th Sat: 12:00 noon, Sun: 2:30 pm

Parents must contact the office at least one month before baptism. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal catechesis.

**WEDDING**

Parishioners who wish to be wed in St. Augustine Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the desired date.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

1st Friday: After 8:40 am Mass to 5:15 pm
All Other Fridays: Exposition: 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm

**YOUTH MINISTRY OPERATIONS**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
9:00 am to 12 Noon
Fridays: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Sundays
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
“Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God gift’s and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.”

PARISH FELLOWSHIP
after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays
Join fellow parishioners for some Continental Breakfast. It’s a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones. See you at the hall!

Lent & Holy Week 2020

A DAY OF LENTEN RECOLLECTION
“The Spirituality of the Holy Mass”
Saturday, March 21 - 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION
(With Individual Confessions)
Monday, March 30 - 7:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY, April 5
Blessing and Distribution of Palms

HOLY MONDAY, April 6
Holy Masses 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Community Stations of the Cross
after each of the masses

HOLY TUESDAY, April 7
Holy Masses 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Community Stations of the Cross
after each of the masses

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 8
Holy Masses 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Community Stations of the Cross
after each of the masses

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9
Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Community Stations of the Cross
Mass of the Last Supper 7:30 PM
Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10
Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Community Stations of the Cross
12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM
The Seven Last Words
Re-enactment of the Lord’s Passion
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
Divine Mercy Novena
7:00 PM
Evening’s Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11
Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12
Masses: 5:00 AM Salubong (Sunrise Mass)
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

NO 5:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY