

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Registration

Registración

Student registration forms for fall Faith Formation, First Communion and Confirmation classes are available after July 1, 2018 in the church entry or parish office. Complete the forms and bring with a copy of your Baptism certificate on one of our registration Sundays:

**July 29 & August 5 in
Gym 9 to 3 p.m.**

Faith Formation Fee \$80, additional siblings \$50

Confirmation \$150

Children preparing for First Communion need to be at least 7 years old by September 1, 2018

Las formal para registrar a sus hijos en el programa de catequesis para primera comunión y confirmación estarán disponibles a partir del primero de Julio en la entrada de la Iglesia. Por favor, llene el formulario y traigalo junto con una copia del acta de Bautizo de su hijo/hija en uno de los dos días de registración:

**29 de Julio y Agosto 5 en
el gimnasio de la Iglesia
St. Lawrence 9 to 3 p.m.**

Costo \$80 (\$50 por hijo extra)

Confirmación \$150

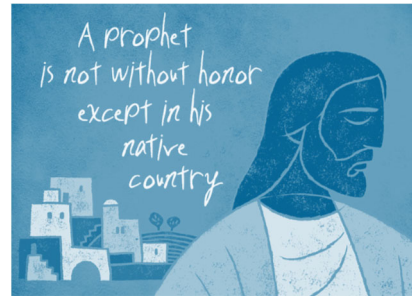
Niños primer comunión que cumplan 7 años antes de Septiembre 2018.

WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH

Unlike the people whose great faith inspired us last Sunday, we hear this week that the message of God's love is sometimes met with rejection and disbelief. It is difficult for us to grasp the immensity of God's great goodness. We cannot comprehend the offer of freedom found in God's love. Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and Jesus all experience the rejection of the prophet who witnesses to this great love of God for us. Ezekiel understands that he is compelled to share God's message, whether people listen or not. Saint Paul accepts that he is a weak vessel, and must bear insults and persecution for the sake of Christ. Jesus knows that the people are astonished at his wisdom, yet they cannot allow themselves to hear him. Unwilling to look beyond the child who grew up in their village, they are not willing to put their faith in him.

WEAK OR STRONG?

Is your faith weak or strong? Most of us have moments in which our answer could simply be "Yes!" Faith is not a once-and-for-all thing. Our faith ebbs and flows, along with changes in life circumstances, as we mature and grow in relationship with Christ and with one another. Pope Francis speaks to this in *The Joy of the Gospel*, when he encourages us to be open to an encounter with God's love daily. In these encounters, like the one that the people in the synagogue had with Jesus in today's Gospel, we may be astonished at God's love and are



invited to accept it. Weakness in faith is not always the result of some failure on our part. We may simply be at a crossroads, at which we cannot clearly see or understand what comes next. It is at such a time that we step out in blind faith with the assurance that God's love awaits us in every moment.

WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH

The opposite of strong faith may not be weakness, but rather misplacing faith by relying on ourselves, our material possessions, or others. When we think we can do things on our own, we leave little room for God in our lives. When we develop a false sense of security that is rooted in material things, our trust in Jesus is quite shallow. Growing in faith calls us to rely on God's great goodness above all things. When we open our minds and hearts and allow ourselves to be astonished at the love and life found in Jesus Christ, we realize that we do not need to rely on ourselves. Saint Paul teaches us a very important lesson about this in his second letter to the Corinthians, in which we hear, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

DIVINE MERCY CORNER

The Biography of St. Maria Faustina
(August 25, 1905 – October 5, 1938)
An excerpt from *Apostle of Divine Mercy*, a biography published by the Vatican.

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, an apostle of Divine Mercy, belongs today to the group of the most popular and well-known saints of the Church.

Through her, the Lord Jesus communicates to the world the great message of God's mercy and reveals the pattern of Christian perfection based on trust in God and on the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbors.

Sister Faustina was born on August 25, 1905 in



Glogowiec, Poland of a poor and religious family of peasants, the third of 10 children. She was baptized with the name Helena in the parish church of Swinice Warckie. From a very tender age she stood out because of her love of prayer, work, obedience, and also her sensitivity to the poor. At the age of seven she had already felt the first stirrings of a religious vocation. Helen made her first Holy Communion at the age of nine, which was very profound moment in her awareness of the presence of the Divine Guest within her soul. She attended school for three years. After finishing school, she wanted to enter the convent, but her parents would not give her permission. Being of age at 16, Helen left home and went to work as a housekeeper in Aleksandrów, Lodi, and Ostrówek in order to find the means of supporting herself and of helping her parents.

FACILITIES COORDINATOR NEEDED:

We have a job opening for a part-time Facilities Coordinator to serve both St. Paschal Baylon & St. Lawrence O'Toole campus'. The primary role will be to assist the pastor in effectively managing the needs of multiple facilities at both sites. You will engage and supervise outside contractors and may personally perform a variety of semi-skilled maintenance duties. For a complete job description and application please stop by the parish office.

MUSICIANS/VOCALISTS NEEDED!

Our music ministry invites you to join in song and prayer to elevate our liturgies to powerful and prayerful heights. The only requirement is simply the willingness to try. No previous formal music training is required and we accept all age groups. Contact Enrico or any of the song leaders to get started. We can't wait to welcome you!

2019 FACILITIES SCHEDULING:

We will open the calendar for ministries to book facilities in 2019 on September 1, 2018. Please email Vanessa at SLOT.STPBoffice@gmail.com with your requests. Thank you!



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

This summer we're forming catechists for student faith formation and adult formation. Please join us: No experience necessary just a willingness to share your faith. For info please contact Fr. Brandon or Fr. Luis.

PASTA & GAME NIGHT

Our next Social Justice Pasta and Games fundraiser is July 13, 2018 at St. Paschal Baylon. Check in is at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15. Come join old and new friends to enjoy good food, great entertainment, great company and games. If you have any questions about our work or if you would like to become a part of this loving ministry, contact a Social Justice member or the parish office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-2
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Wednesday: St. Benedict
Friday: St. Henry
Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Bishop Richard Garcia, JJ Jones, Dakota Soublet, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman, Dori McGee Lundy, Kathy Ditlefsen, Willie Lewis, Meghan Johnson, Sarah Leech, Raymond Raffaelli, Cazmen Vivit, Bob Dianda, Johnny Penas, Martin Farrell, and Mary McKenzie

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Carlos Tovar

Please note the prayers for the sick will be refreshed monthly. If anyone listed on Ministry to the Sick would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Sister Mario at 510-530-0761 x104.

2019 MASS INTENTIONS:

We will open the book for scheduling Mass Intentions in 2019 on September 1, 2018. You may stop by the office for the request form, or email Vanessa at SLOT.STPBoffice@gmail.com with your requests, or download the request form on our website at oaklandcatholic.net. Thank you!

GUATEMALA VOLCANO RELIEF

Guatemala experienced an eruption of Volcan de Fuego and over 12,000 people were evacuated from the area. Prayers and financial contributions are needed. We will take a special collection July 14/15 to support Catholic Relief Services efforts for our Guatemalan sisters and brothers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 7

4:00 STPB Anne Smith†

5:30 SLOT Ed Mendoza†

Sunday, July 8

8:30 STPB Pat Scalise†

10:30 SLOT David Means†
Gene Gonzalez†

1:00 SLOT People of the Parish

Monday, July 9

8:30 SLOT Anne Donovan†

Tuesday, July 10

8:30 SLOT Edwin Burnst†

Wednesday, July 11

8:30 STPB

6:30 SLOT Paulina Hong Yao†

Thursday, July 12

8:30 SLOT

Friday, July 13

8:30 SLOT Lim Liong Kang†

Saturday, July 14

8:30 SLOT Father Chris Wetzel

4:00 STPB Robert & Ventura Norrist†

5:30 SLOT People of the Parish

Sunday, July 15

8:30 STPB Pat Scalise†

10:30 SLOT Malcolm Nunn†
Gene Gonzalez†

1:00 SLOT

MASS INTENTION CHANGES

Please note that Mass intentions for both churches will change when our new Mass schedule takes effect July 8, 2018. At St. Paschal the Saturday 5 vigil will move to 4:00 p.m. whereas the Sunday 10:30 offerings will move to 8:30 a.m. At St. Lawrence - St. Cyril the Saturday vigil offerings will change to 5:30 p.m. and the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 Mass offerings will combine moving to 10:30 a.m. The Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mass intentions will be pushed back to the new 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays followed by the Divine Mercy devotion. Please let us know if you have any questions.

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. LAWRENCE—ST. CYRIL

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri, Sat 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)
Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. (Spanish)

ST. PASCHAL BAYLON

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
1st Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass & Devotion
(St. Lawrence Church)

Pray the Chaplet in song, Confessions,
and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

BAPTISMS: Please contact the office to discuss the steps to Baptism for your children. We offer Baptism preparation classes in Spanish 1st Monday of the month; in English 2nd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (R.C.I.A.)

Call or email Fr. Brandon

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Before Masses or Wednesday 7-8:00 p.m. at SLOT-SC or call the office for an appointment

CONTACT US!

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