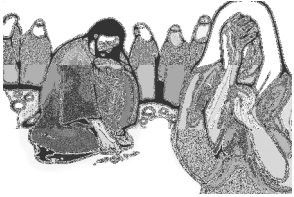


March 21, 2010: Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6-7

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 21 (Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- George E. Bujnoch

Monday, Mar. 22 (Dn 13:1-9,15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20)

7:00 am- Willie & Rosie Migl, Reinhold & Mary Koenig

10:00 am- Joe & Benita Pavlu (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 23, St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30)

7:00 am- Emil & Frances Polasek

Wednesday, March 24 (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42)

7:00 am- Deceased members of Joe Smolik & Frank Tupa Families

8:05 am- Paul & Annie Henneke

12:05 pm- Johnny Rainosek

Thursday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 am- Kathy Gillar, Tim Massie & their families

10:00 am- Elrose Haas (Stevens)

Friday, March 26 (Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42)

7:00 am- Otto & Lena Zappe

8:05 am- Margaret Muhlstein

12:05 pm- Special Intention

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27 (Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56)

3:00 pm- Henry Pavliska (Polka Fest Mass at the KC Hall)

5:30 pm- Frank, Annie & Gene Holik

Sunday, March 28 (Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49)

8:00 am- Jerome & Victoria Respondek

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Neskora & Hermes Families

5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Area Penance Services:

March 22 – St. Joseph's, Moulton, 5:30 p.m.

March 23 – Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, 5:30 p.m.

March 25 – St. Joseph's, Yoakum, 5:30 p.m.

March 26 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner, 5:30 p.m.

Bulletin Sponsor: Stevens Nursing & Rehab Center.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In honor of 120th Anniversary of St. John's Branch No. 564 Catholic Knights.

Vigil Light: Special Intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,505; Loose-\$1,265; Children-\$67; Rice Bowl-\$760.98; Catholic Ed.-\$340.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Eugene Schindler* of our parish family. *May he & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

-Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Family Center.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Men's ACTS meeting, 7:00 p.m., KC Hall, Shiner.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-Penance Service, 5:30 p.m. in church.

- No RCIA Class.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

-CCD: Grades K–11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

-Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. in church.

-South Texas Polka Fest, KC Hall. Fish Fry 5:00 p.m.
Texas Legacy Band 7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

-South Texas Polka Fest, KC Hall. Polka Mass 3:00 p.m.
Meal starting 4:00 p.m. Dance 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Dance Tickets \$8 per person per day.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.
Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-South Texas Polka Fest, KC Hall. Fried Chicken Dinner 10:30 a.m. \$7.00/person. Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. Battle Dance: Czech & Then Some, Red Ravens & Czechaholics 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dance
-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenka, Louise Tesch, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., Mason Hanson, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Raffle prizes are needed for our Spring Picnic. If you are able to donate a prize, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. The information needs to be sent to the printer soon. *Thank you for supporting our parish picnics!*

KJT Dist. III meeting, March 21, Wied Hall. Registration 10:30 am, Mass 11:30 am, followed by meal & meeting.

From the Desk of Father John

All pastors in our diocese received this letter this week from our bishop. I want to share it with you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Through God's grace, our diocese has eight seminarians. A young man may spend seven to nine years in the seminary. The offering you make goes directly to help pay for the seminarians' education and formation. Our diocese will hold the first of its annual collections on Holy Thursday to help fund the education of our future priests. Please consider being a part of our work. 100% of every dollar collected for this collection goes toward supporting the education of men studying for the priesthood. Our parishes and schools continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconal service in our diocese. We ask for your continued prayers and support for those who are being called and for those already in formation. We need your help.

Sincerely and gratefully,

*The Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer
Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria*

What more can you do to help? Donate generously to the annual Holy Thursday collection. Include the Diocesan Seminarian Fund in your estate planning. Consider your own vocation and ask your pastor about supporting vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life. Encourage our youth to pray and to be open to God's will.



The Youth ConneXion



Discount Cards are still available for \$5 at the Rectory & can be used repeatedly at various local businesses through September 30th. Proceeds benefit SH Youth.

Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

March 24: Penance Service 9th – 11th Grades.

March 31: Stations of the Cross.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

2010-2011 School Year Registration: March 1 – April 5.

Kindergarten Visitation, March 22 – 26 for prospective students. Please call the school office for information.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: An adorer is needed 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight on Thursday nights. If you are able to "keep watch" with our Lord during this hour, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Adoration during Holy Week ends on Wednesday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. & resumes on Easter Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Catholic Daughters Members, please mail 2010 Dues (\$20.00) to Joan Janak, 1342 FM 318, Hallettsville 77964.

2010 Census – In March, more than 130 million addresses across the nation will receive a 2010 Census form. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. Every person living in the U.S. must be counted (people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens & noncitizens). Census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local & tribal governments. Please complete & mail back your form & encourage your family, friends & neighbors to do the same.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Catholic Relief Services Collection. Because of you, millions of people all over the world will receive vital assistance. You have truly **given hope to Jesus in disguise.**

Lenten Reflection. The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving with Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

5th Sunday of Lent

Once again we have a well-known & familiar Gospel story proposed for our Lenten reflection. The account of the woman caught in the act of adultery is something that we can all relate to. She was found out – discovered – publicly shamed. It happens to most of us at some point in our lives, usually when we are young. We do something wrong, & get caught. And then we have to endure the humiliation of our wrongful act being known by others. It is expected that we will learn from our mistakes, but that doesn't always happen.

On the other hand, we're sometimes like the scribes & the Pharisees who bring the accusation. We discover something we can hold against another. Occasionally it is a secret knowledge that can fester in our hearts. At other times, it is a public shame that we do not hesitate to propagate for our own advantage. For whatever reason – vengeance, jealousy, mean-spiritedness – we want offenders to "get what's coming to them."

Maybe in the end, the story of the woman caught in adultery is to invite us to be neither sinner nor judge. Maybe the point of the story is to act like Jesus. Could we put ourselves in His role? He extends mercy, but He also proposes expectations ("do not sin anymore").

These past three Sundays before Holy Week have been about God giving us time. The fig tree that was allowed to grow another year, the prodigal son who was allowed to come back home, & the woman who was not condemned, were all given another chance. We all want that second chance when we sin. This Sunday's Gospel would suggest if we're going to follow Christ, we have to give another chance to those who sin against us as well. *2010 Liturgical Publications Inc