

March 7, 2010: Third Sunday of Lent



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" — Lk 13:3-5
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 7 (Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9)

8:00 am- Stacey Rabel
10:30 am- Alice Miller

Monday, March 8 (2 Kgs 5:1-15b/ Lk 4:24-30)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family

10:00 am- Edna Liebham (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 9 (Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35)

7:00 am- Harvey Pavliska, Sr.

Wednesday, March 10 (Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19)

7:00 am- Lucille Etzler
8:05 am- Special Intention

12:05 pm- Edwin & Billy Chovanetz

Thursday, March 11 (Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23)

7:00 am- Siegmund & Therese Eppinger
10:00 am- Mary R. Janak (Stevens)

Friday, March 12 (Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34)

7:00 am- Julius Grahmann & Florentine Janak Families
8:05 am- Hubert & Millie Gerlich

12:05 pm- Robert & Beatrice Melnar

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13 (Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14)

5:30 pm- Henry Sitka

Sunday, Mar 14 (Jos 5:9a,10-12/2Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32)

8:00 am- Shawn & Ryan Drozd
10:30 am- Alvin J. Grahmann



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Anniversaries:

Dan & Jacquelyn Boone 59 years Mar 10

Promise of Marriage: Lindsey Rogers & David Riegler on March 20th.

Welcome to the Parish: Justin & Kayla Pearson.

February Baptisms: Roddy Ryder, son of Roddy & Angela Kallus Renger; Jans Ky, daughter of Dale & Carol Jansky Henke; Kade Matthew, son of Bradley & Holly Bonorden Pustejovsky; Silvia Adelina, daughter of Adolfo & Silvia Grandos Cortez.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed 11:00 pm – 12:00 am on Thursday nights. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

-Tarock Tournament, KC Hall. Registration 7:00 a.m. Tournament begins 9:00 a.m. Entry fee \$25, which includes lunch.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
-KJZT Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
-RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

-CCD: Grades K-11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

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, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, 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, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

2009 Contribution Statements are available upon request. **Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you.

Grief Support Group will meet on Thursdays, March 18 – April 29 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Rose Family Center, Schulenburg. There is no fee. To register, call Hospice of South Texas 798-2077.

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

From the Desk of Father John

We welcome Fr. John Kollannur who comes to us from India. He is new to our diocese and will be staying with us for a while until he is ready to be assigned somewhere in the diocese. Welcome Fr. John and I'm sure you'll help him get adjusted to being in the U.S. and in our area.

Many people ask about cremation in the Catholic faith. Hopefully this will reassure people that cremation is now allowed.

Cremation was formerly forbidden by the church because it was promoted years ago, especially in Europe, by groups who used cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection. How could God possibly collect all those ashes and smoke together to make us rise again?

It's been a long time since that argument was raised seriously by anyone. So cremation is no longer forbidden, provided the individual involved and his family intend no disrespect or contempt for the body or for our faith. In fact, the funeral rite of the church explicitly provides for cremation ceremonies.

Church teaching still prefers traditional burial of the body of the deceased. Economic, geographic, ecological or family factors, however, sometimes make cremation the only practical choice. At the present time, more than one-fifth of American Catholics choose cremation.

Even when cremation is chosen, the church urges that, if at all possible, the body of the deceased person be present for all funeral liturgies (vigil service, Mass and prayers of commendation at the end of the funeral liturgy), with cremation following. When circumstances require cremation beforehand, it is appropriate that the cremated remains be present for all the funeral rites, and then be buried in a cemetery or mausoleum. In other words, cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to the deceased body.



The Youth ConneXion



High School Spectacular: Sunday, March 7th, KC Hall, El Campo. Doors open 11:00 a.m. Bishop Fellhauer will celebrate Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.

March 14: Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m., followed by youth gathering in the Youth House.

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.

March 8: No school. Academic Meet at SHCS.

March 11: No school. TAPPS District Band Meet) No extended care.

March 15: School Advisory Council meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Open House, Sunday, March 14, beginning 6:00 pm for prospective 8th Grade & high school students & their parents. Staff, current students & parents will be on hand for questions, conduct video presentation & tours of school.

Raffle prizes are needed for our Spring Picnic. If you are able to donate a prize, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting our Parish picnics.

The Parish Pictorial Directories will be given out after all Masses this weekend. If you did not have your picture taken but would like a directory, you may buy one for \$6.

Lenten Reflection. Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, & giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, & lack of education and other opportunities.

3rd Sunday of Lent

The account of Moses and the burning bush that is not consumed is one of the early Bible stories that we learn as children. By the third or fourth grade a child can recite the story that is often illustrated in religious education text-books. So well-known is the encounter between God and Moses that the name has even been given to a common landscape shrub. *Euonymus alata* is known as "Burning Bush" to gardeners throughout the country, because its leaves turn fiery red in the fall.



But the story in Exodus 3 is less about a bush that is not consumed and more about God's revelation of God's self. God speaks the sacred name to Moses in response to his question: "When I go to the Israelites if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

God tells Moses, "I am who am." The Hebrew word is indefinite in its meaning. It could also be translated, "I will be who I will be," or "I am going to be who I am," or even "I am who I will be." In other words, it is hard to pin God down. As limited creatures, we will never exhaust the fullness of the Creator of all.

Those of us who have been baptized for a while may sometimes think that we understand all about God, and that we have settled into our relationship with Him. As parishes prepare men and women for baptism at the Easter Vigil, those of us who are long-baptized may want to listen to those who are coming new to the faith. They may have some insights about God or some stories of conversion that can help us on our own pilgrim way to the kingdom. Even after all these years, God is still doing something new!

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One Minute Meditations

Tough stuff

When you feel overwhelmed by your challenges, remember that God never allows us to be tested beyond our ability to cope. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Trust

When caring for the poor, Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused to accept donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she was no longer trusting God to provide for her needs each day. When we trust God with our needs, we demonstrate our faith that he will care for us as his children, just as Mother Teresa did.

Year for Priests

Remember to pray for our priests each day. St. John Vianney said, "The priest is not a priest for himself; he is not for himself, he is for you."



A good warm up makes for a great Eucharistic workout

Experts recommend warming up before exercising to adequately prepare the body and get the most benefit from the workout. The same applies to our participation in Mass.

When our hearts and minds are properly prepared, our experience is richer. Try these ideas to have a great Eucharistic workout:

Prepare for exertion.

We come to Mass not as spectators but as participants. Prepare to join with other members of the Body of Christ in prayer, worship, thanksgiving, and communion.

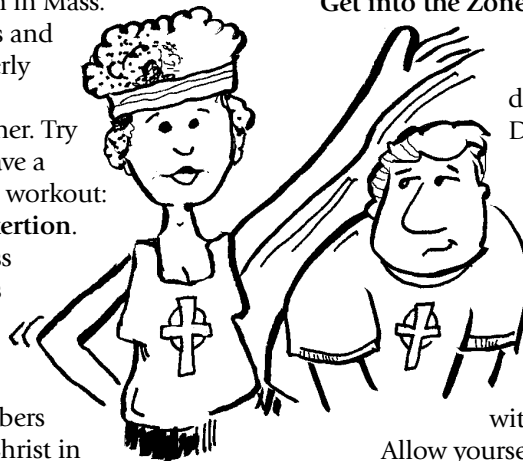
Stretch out. Is something holding you back from giving your whole love and attention to God? If you are carrying worry, anger, resentment, or guilt, spend a few moments letting it go.

Start slowly. Arrive early to review the readings. Ask what God is trying to tell you, personally, in the words of Scripture.

Get into the Zone. Something amazing happens every moment during the Mass. Don't miss a single one. Think about what you are saying as you recite the prayers. Enthusiastically speak the responses. Sing with your whole heart.

Allow yourself to be awed by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Cool down. After the celebrant leaves the church, spend a few moments figuring out what God wants you to do for the next week as a result of what you just heard and said.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

God created each of us to love and serve him in a particular way. This calling or destiny is our vocation. Faithfully fulfilling our vocation will lead to eternal happiness. Catholics can fulfill their vocations through the priesthood, the diaconate,

Why do Catholics believe in vocations?

consecrated life, or in marriage.

God has a unique plan for each of us and we all fit into his greater plan of salvation.

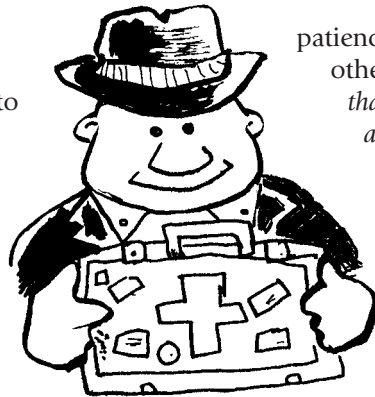
Discerning our vocation, understanding the place we have in God's plan, can only come through continual prayer.



Carry your Catholic faith with you

One challenge of our Catholic faith is to take it from Mass on Sunday to real life on Monday. One way we can carry it with us is to look at the way we treat other people. For example:

Think only the best of people. St. Ignatius said, "Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it." Assume everyone is good.
Practice patience. God has infinite



patience with us and expects us do the same with each other. "But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me ... Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life" (1 Timothy 1:16).

Respect the interests of others even if you don't agree with them. "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4).

Problems arise when we only look out for ourselves.

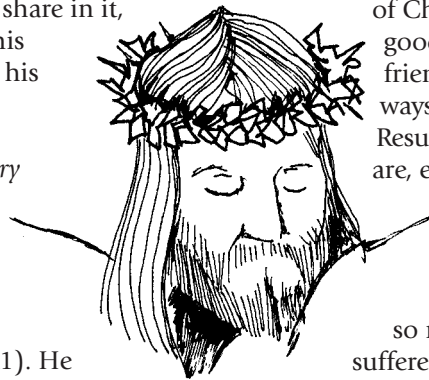
from Scripture

Luke 22:14-23:56, the Passion

It is important to recall the events of Jesus' Passion, but it is more important that we share in it, that we join with his suffering and with his love.

St. Paul said, "Continually we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed" (2

Corinthians 4:10-11). He means that everything in our lives, the negative and positive, is part of our relationship with Jesus. Our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness,

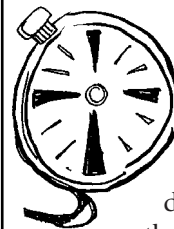


our temptations, all are ways of sharing in the suffering and death of Christ. So, too, our joys, our good health, our family, our friends; all are important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. Everything we are, everything we have, is joined to the life and experience of Christ.

St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did, so that we can share in the joy of Resurrection.

Q & A What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

In Jesus' day, Jews recited prayers at certain hours of the day or night, a custom which Christians have borrowed. The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church



and is prayed as many as six times throughout the day to sanctify it. It begins in the morning and has particular parts that are prayed at different times throughout the day.

As official representatives of the Church, clergy and religious are obliged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily. However, many lay people are beginning to pray it too. The prayer, also called the Divine Office or Breviary, can be found in approved liturgical books. It is considered the perfect prayer with Christ and to Christ.

Principally a prayer of praise and petition, the Liturgy of the Hours consists of Psalms, meditation of the Word of God, canticles, and blessings. The prayer is considered a faithful way to make holy the whole course of the day by the praising of God.

Feasts & Celebrations

March is the month in which we honor St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. As head of the Holy Family, he has become a model of fatherhood and protector of families.

March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel (1955) Katharine Drexel gave up the family fortune (estimated at \$7 million at the time) to enter a convent and established schools and missions for Native Americans and African Americans. She founded Xavier University of New Orleans, the first university for African Americans

in the country.

March 17 – St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. Although he escaped, he later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited with establishing the Church there.

March 25 – The Annunciation. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.



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