

March 13, 2011: First Sunday of Lent



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

— Mt 4:8-12a

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 13 (Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11)

8:00 am- Shawn & Ryan Drozd

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life # 22

Monday, March 14 (Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46)

7:00 am- Henry R. Kallus

10:00 am- Genevieve Schulte (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 15 (Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15)

7:00 am- Henry & Mildred Koerth

Wednesday, March 16 (Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32)

7:00 am- Deceased members of Frank & Anna Tupa Family

8:05 am- John & Annie Novak

12:05 pm- Henry, Annie & Irene Hruzek

Thursday, March 17, St. Patrick, bishop (Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12)

7:00 am- Otto Lee & Ethlyne Zappe

10:00 am- Herman Sciba (Stevens)

Friday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church (Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26)

7:00 am- James Bozka

8:05 am- Anthony, Florence & Connie Grahmann

12:05 pm- Graduates of SHCS Class of 1955

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19, St. Joseph, husband of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 /

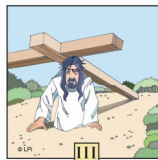
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a)

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

Sunday, March 20 (Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9)

8:00 am- Lucille Jalufka

10:30 am- Ellis, Agnes & Erma Weeks



Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Otto Lee & Ethlyne Zappe.

Radio Broadcast Mass: Frances Michalec in memory of John & Agnes Michalec & Julius & Mathilda Olsovsky.

Vigil Light: In memory of Frank, Steve & Patrick Leopold

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,308; Bldg Repair Fund-\$602; Loose-\$1,655; Children-\$33; Catholic Ed.-\$450.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Milada Netardus* of our parish family. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Julius & Lisa Tobola 25 years Mar. 15

Dominic & Josephine Grahmann 30 years Mar. 18

Fund Drive for house at 318 S. Texana: Goal \$40,000

Lucille Werner in memory of Gus Werner, Jr. \$ 200

Lillian Harned & Family in memory of Anton

Vavrusa 200

Total Donations Received To Date \$36,800

Remaining Balance -\$3,200

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

-St. Rose Festival, KC Hall, Schulenburg. Turkey Dinner 10:30am-1pm. Auction, cake walk, music & more.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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

-Dave Ramsey Course will not be held this evening.

-KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

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

-Adult Education, 7:00 -8:30 p.m., Family Center.

-Serra Club mtg., 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.

-KC Officer's meeting, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

-No CCD – Spring Break

-Scripture Study, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

-Blood Drive begins 8:45 a.m., Family Center.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Marge Rehm, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, John Pavliska, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Theresa Steffek, John D. Henneke, Bill Gohlke, Donald Zabransky, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Brenda Grahmann, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Lou Kubena, Larry Appelt, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Promise of Marriage: Justin Garza & Elizabeth Garza on March 26.

Diocesan Boy's Vocation Camp set for July 18-20 –

Young men ages 15-21 are invited to attend the 5th annual vocation camp at Coopers Farms near La Grange. This camp is being sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria Vocations Office. The cost of the camp is \$50.00. Please contact Fr. Tommy if you have any questions or if you are interested in going. Financial assistance is available. Application forms are available in the church office.

Usher's Meeting, Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. in

church for those who were unable to attend the first meeting and for those parishioners who are interested in becoming an usher. Please make every effort to attend.

Lector's Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. in

church for those who were unable to attend the first meeting and for those parishioners who are interested in becoming a lector. Please make every effort to attend.

Catholic Life Branch 22 meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 12:00 noon in the Family Center. All members are invited.

It's that time of year again! Donors are needed for the Spring Picnic Raffle. If you are able to be a donor, please call the Rectory at your earliest opportunity!

It's easy to identify a Catholic on Ash Wednesday: our signature cross of ashes gives us away. But after Ash Wednesday, and during the forty days that follow, how do we understand and make known what it means to be Catholic? What is the significance of the "penitential period" the Church has designated as Lent in the liturgical year, and how do we participate in Christ's sacrifice so as to fully experience His resurrection on Easter?

During the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing until Holy Thursday, the Church asks us to spend more time in intentional prayer, to fast and abstain from meat on designated days, and to practice charitable giving for the sake of others. Recalling Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness, we believe that our consistent participation in these practices is a form of purification that deepens our spiritual center by stripping away all that is unnecessary and by reminding us of our sole reliance on God.

The Church emphasizes such acts of self-denial and fraternal sharing not merely for adherence to formalities or outward displays of piety, but to echo Jesus' call for conversion. Without conversion of heart, penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works. In one of his famous homilies, St. Peter Chrysologus stressed the unity of the three spiritual practices of Lent:

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Seen through the lens of Tradition, and founded in sacred Scripture, our Lenten journey of sacrifice works toward a purpose. Striving to understand its challenge and promise, we take up our crosses, just as we are signed with the cross at Lent's beginning, and walk the penitential road with Jesus.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (Office: 798-4251)

Feb. 1-Mar. 15: Registration for the 2011-2012 school year. Registration fee is \$100 per student if paid by March 15. Fee is \$150 per student if paid after March 15. Please come by the school office to register.

Mar. 16: Student Council Blood Drive, 10:00am-6:00 pm

Mar. 17-18: No school - Spring Break.

Truck Raffle tickets are now available at the Rectory.

1st Prize is a 2011 Chev. Silverado LT 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab (value \$37,240), plus a chance to win 13 other prizes! Drawing will held at Sacred Heart's Spring Picnic on May 29. Tickets are \$100 each with a limit of 575 to be sold. **Come by the Rectory to get your tickets while supplies last!**

Notice: No Firefall on Sunday, March 13.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

Mar. 16: No CCD – Spring Break.

Mar. 23: Penance Service – High School students.

Mar. 26: Confirmation Retreat for Sponsor/Candidate at 7:30-11:30 a.m., Family Center.

Mar. 27: Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Adult Education

March 15: *New Words, Deeper Meanings: Part 2*

We continue our study of the new Mass translations by looking at priest's parts.

Perpetual Adoration – an adorer is needed on Thursdays at 12:00 midnight. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

– Fr. Tommy's Corner –

"The Lord be with you...and with your spirit."

The first noticeable change in the translation of the Mass will be the response to the priest's greeting to the people: *"The Lord be with you."* This change may be one of the simplest, but it could become one of the most difficult ones for the congregation to alter, since it has almost become automatic and habitual to respond: *"And also with you."* The new response that will replace *"And also with you"* will now be ***"And with your spirit."*** There are three reasons for the change:

- 1) *"And with your spirit"* is a more exact translation of the Latin original *"et cum spiritu tuo."*
- 2) The greeting *"And with your spirit"* more closely corresponds with the scriptural language used by St. Paul, such as in Philippians 4:23 *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit"* or in 2 Timothy 4:22 *"The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with all of you."*
- 3) Finally, in our Catholic liturgical tradition, the greeting *"and with your spirit"* has evolved to be addressed to only those who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders, i.e. deacons, priests, or bishops. The reservation of this greeting for the ordained is meant to highlight the theological fact that when a man receives the sacrament of Holy Orders, his soul becomes permanently changed in conformance to Jesus, the Great High Priest. The one who is ordained is set apart for the great purpose of acting in the person of Christ, the High Priest. And therefore, when the bishop or priest performs the sacred rites, especially in offering the sacrifice of the Mass, it is actually Jesus who offers the Mass in the person of the bishop or priest who acts *"in persona Christi"*. For this reason, the "spirit" that is referred to in the greeting, *"And with your spirit,"* is an acknowledgment of the unique presence of Christ the High Priest in the soul or "spirit" of the ordained ministers of the Church who perform the sacred rituals in the person of Christ.

Project Gabriel Angel Workshop, Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 101 W. Convent (behind St. Mary's Church) in Victoria. Gabriel Project is desperately in need of volunteers. Be a mentor to a young woman in a crisis pregnancy, work the Telephone Hotline, wash baby clothes (contact Diane at 648-0007), and other areas where help is needed. For more information, call Barbara at 649-1612 or email barbaramccain85@yahoo.com. Remember, Gabriel Project meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the above listed address at 6:30 p.m. A light meal is provided.

Catholic Men's Conference – If you want answers and would like to learn more about Catholic relationships, the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist, Spiritual Combat and Sexual Integrity for men today, then come to the San Antonio Catholic Men's Conference, March 25-26 at St. Matthew Church on Wurzbach Road. The conference offers powerful speakers such as Jesse Romero and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and others, along with a Healing Service, panel discussion and Mass with Archbishop Gustavo, live music, reconciliation, meals and much more! Register on-line at www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org. For information, call the Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.

KJT Dist. III meeting, March 13, St. Mary's Hall. Registration 10 am. Mass 11 am followed by meal & meeting. Members are to bring a dessert. Members, their families & prospective members are invited to attend.

Agricultural Benevolent Society of St. Isidore – Kettle Fried Chicken Dinner (4 pc. chicken, giblet rice, green beans & dessert), Sunday, March 20, 10:30 am – 12:30 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall. Plates to go only - \$7 each. Tickets available at Hoffer's Drive-In, Morton's Drive-In, Peoples State Bank, Moravia Store and Blasé's Place.

Fish Fry, K. C. Hall, Friday, March 25, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dine in or take out plates to go. Tickets \$7.00 each (not all you can eat). Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School.

Almsgiving opportunities are all around us –

- *collect and donate canned goods to a local food pantry
 - *box up and donate extra clothing and coats
 - *increase donations to the local parish
 - *give funds to a global charity foundation such as Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl
 - *listen more closely to colleagues and family members
 - *visit a shut-in or start an ongoing friendship with a resident of a local nursing home
 - *volunteer at a neonatal center, giving premature babies a human touch
 - *help soldiers returning from war integrate back into daily life
 - *tutor a child, or mentor a college graduate
 - *offer free babysitting for a single parent
 - *send a letter, card or email to someone who might be lonely or sick
 - *donate blood
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Clerow Wilson, Jr. is a Golden Globe and two-time Emmy Award winning actor. He is also unknown to most Americans by that given name. As a comedian he was known as "Flip" Wilson. He was the first African-American to host his own weekly variety show on television and was considered by Time magazine to be television's first black superstar. When Wilson would perform as Geraldine Jones in one of his stage personas, audience members could bet that a final excuse-making phrase would be, "The devil made me do it!" In the character of Geraldine, Flip Wilson played off of the human predilection to give in to temptation.

With a history of over two thousand years of Christianity, the followers of Jesus today don't have many stumbling blocks to believing in Him as God. Most Christians simply grow up with that understanding. It becomes a part of our common view of who Jesus is. In our day, it may be more difficult to thoroughly comprehend the other aspect of Jesus' nature: that He was fully and completely human, or as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states it, "He shared our human nature in all things but sin." If that is truly the case (and as Catholics, we believe that it is), then Jesus was subject to all of the temptations and opportunities for sin that we ourselves experience.

Sunday's Gospel about the temptations of Jesus often gets analyzed through an approach that looks for symbolic meaning in the three encounters between Jesus and the devil. That can be one way of examining at the story. But as we begin Lent, it might be good to take a more general view that simply presents Jesus as a man struggling against temptation. That is what we do each and every day. In that, He was just like us. He overcame temptation by understanding God's will for Him. That sounds like a pretty good plan for our Lent as well.

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Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves & chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance & of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties & duties, in the trials & temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field & wood, in sky & stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, & that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, & flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, & the dry & wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.
