

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 05-06, 2005



Pastor's Corner

by Fr. Glen

Lent calls us to change our lives around and we do not like change. However, if we look at our daily lives, we will soon discover that we are in constant change. We get older, taller, skinnier. Our surroundings are in constant change. We buy something new for our house, new clothes, and new flowers. Nature, also, is always changing: sunshine, rain, snow, windy, hot, and cold. Old trees die and new trees take root.



During Lent, we change our lives around to better ourselves and to grow deeper in our love for God. If we do not change then death would soon come to our immortal souls.

As our prayer life changes, we have a deeper understanding of God, and our relationship with Him.

Through the change in our relationship with God, our relationship with each other develops with a greater respect for one another because we realize that all are created equally in God's sight. We need change. The Cathedral in Birmingham has just gone through an extensive renovation. Many were opposed to the renovation but once the change came about everyone was pleased because it (the renovation) reflected our deeper relationship with God (an outward sign of our inner love for our God).

We send our children to school so that they too will be ready for the changes in their lives. They are taught how to think on their own and to learn how to learn on their own. Constant changes make us feel alive. All life emanates from God as well as all changes that bring us closer to Him. It is through change that God reveals more of Himself to us. Catholic schools help our students to be open to change in the world and also the change that comes with in our very being and in our relationship with God.

There are changes in our lives that public schools and some private schools do not prepare our young children to deal with. They tend only to deal with the secular change and not spiritual

MASS INTENTIONS

MAR 05	5:00pm	+ Charles Brandon
MAR 06	8:30am	For our Parish
	11:00am	Pro Life Mass
MAR 07	7:00am	Intention of donor
MAR 08	7:00pm	+ Margaret Hirkulich
MAR 09	7:00am	+ Frank Schrimpf
MAR 10	7:00am	Intention of donor
MAR 11	7:00am	+ Frances Radermacher
MAR 12	8:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:00pm	+ Mary Larsen
MAR 13	8:30am	+ Agnes Thome
	11:00am	For our Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Sauro, Ester Davis, George Sauro, Clovice Lewis, Briant Bienvenu, Gertrude Simmons, Hattie Bell, Audrey Mateyko, Mary McGraw, Jerry and Shirley Taylor, Louise Cox, Bro. Paul Bauer, Stanley Ezeokafor, Richard Searcy, Merrick Fontenot, Barbara Jacko, Jeanne Wilson, Michael White, Bill Dunlap, Joan Miller, Dale Dugal, Grace Marriner, Winnie Burns, Pat Davidson



change. Catholic education approaches life in all its forms and deals directly with God's role with and in our daily lives and the changes that come about as a result. Prepare your children for the changes that will come into their daily lives by considering sending them to Holy Family School.

Invest in the future of your children's lives, our nation, our community, and our church by rethinking Catholic Education.

Fr. Glen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

February/ March Schedule for RE and RCIA

Carmen Amato, Director • (256) 534-1310

March 6th - RE & RCIA @ 9:40 am
March 6th - Second Scrutiny @ 11:00 am mass
March 12th - Third Scrutiny @ 5:00 pm mass
March 13th - RE & RCIA @ 9:40 am Liturgy of the Word with Children
March 13th - 1st Communion parent/child session @ 9:40 in school cafeteria
March 13th - Super Sunday #3 - Confirmation I & II - 9:00 - 5:00 pm -PLC
March 20th - RCIA @ 9:40 am
March 20th - No RE - Spring Break
March 27th - No RE - Happy Easter! Liturgy of the Word with Children

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Our Lenten program continues reflecting this week on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching put out by the U.S. Conference of Bishops. Join us this Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. in the RE Center. Our themes are:

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable -3/10
Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers - 3/10
Solidarity - 3/17
Care for God's Creation - 3/17

Facilitator: Father Scott and guests

INQUIRY ALL YEAR ROUND

Visitation and Saint Joseph parishes are working together to offer year-round welcome and support to all who inquire about the Catholic faith. Please encourage anyone who has interest in learning about and possibly joining the Catholic Church to call now; a new group is being formed. Participation to have questions answered does not imply any commitment to join the Church. Adult Catholics who have never been confirmed may join the process. Call Evelyn Jaap (536-4156) or Carmen Amato (534-1310) for more information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION. Our Wednesday evening spiritual growth sessions will continue studying the scripture readings for the following Sunday. Join us at 6:30 pm in the RE Center.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: Every 2nd and 4th weekend of the month we celebrate LWC at all of the masses. Children in grades K-5th are invited to participate.

RCIA SESSIONS: A reminder to those interested in this ministry that we meet every Sunday at 9:40am in the RE Center and every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at Visitation Parish Center.

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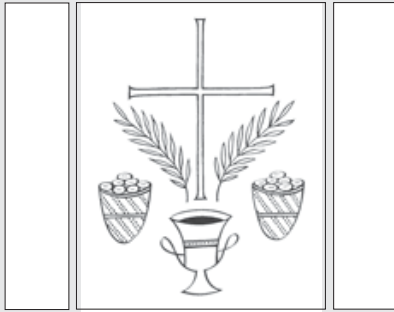
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MASS READINGS *for the week*



MONDAY

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Comm.

Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

John 4:43-54

TUESDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9

John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalms 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18

John 5:17-30

THURSDAY

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 106:19-23

John 5:31-47

FRIDAY

Wisdom 2:1, 12-22

Psalms 34:17-21, 23

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 7:2-3, 9-12

John 7:40-53

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

LITURGY AND MUSIC

doing all things through Christ who strengthens us

SAINT JOSEPH SEDER MEAL. If you have never celebrated a Passover Seder Meal let Tuesday, March 15 be your first! We join in remembering the saving events of Exodus and Calvary with prayers, songs, and symbolic, traditional foods. This weekend is the last opportunity to purchase tickets after Mass. Tickets will be available in the Parish Office until March 9th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

ELEMENTS OF THE SEDER MEAL

Lamb The word 'pesach' (pasch, passover) applies to the Lamb of sacrifice as well as to the deliverance from Egypt and to the feast itself.

Unleavened bread (Matzoh) called "bread of affliction" because it recalls the unleavened bread prepared for the hasty flight by night from Egypt. Three large matzohs are broken and consumed during the ceremony.

Bitter herbs (Moror) is a reminder of the bitterness of slavery and suffering in Egypt.

Green herbs to be dipped in salt water. Salt water represents tears of sorrow shed during the captivity of the Lord's people.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE. The Lenten Communal Celebration of Reconciliation will be held Wednesday, March 9. The service begins at 6:30pm.

HOLY THURSDAY. Our celebration of when Jesus established the sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders takes place at 7:00pm. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose; adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can be done until 10:00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY. We will once again gather to pray the stations outdoors beginning at 12:15pm. At 7:00pm we will have the Liturgical Service for Good Friday.

EASTER VIGIL. The celebration of the greatest sign of God's love for us, the resurrection of Jesus, begins with the Easter Vigil. This Mass, about two hours in length, begins at 7:00pm.

Haroseth (or 'haroses') represents the mortar used by Jews in building palaces and pyramids of Egypt during their slavery. (It is a mixture of chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine.)

Wine is dipped from a common bowl. The 'Four Cups,' Thanksgiving, Hagadah ('telling'), Blessing, and Melchisedek ('righteousness'), are "four different words for redemption, spoken by God to Moses."

TICKETS WILL NOT
BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!
THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE PARISH OFFICE
THROUGH MARCH 9

EASTER SUNDAY. There are three Masses on Easter Sunday. The first is set for 6:30am at the lookout point on Monte Sano. If the weather is fiercely terrible, the Mass will be celebrated in the Church. The other two Masses for Easter are at 8:30am and 11:00am.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to all of those volunteers of all ages who participated in Mulch/Clean Up Day at St. Joseph's last Saturday, February 28th. It was a great success. The weather was great and refreshments were delicious. Flower beds were weeded and many shrubs pruned. We were able to mulch the north and south sides of the church as well as the bed in front of the rectory. Inside St. Joseph's, the hymn boards were moved together so their backs are no longer visible and a number of the pews have been aligned and anchored to the floor. Thanks again to all who helped.

Thank You!

TOYS FOR TOTS THANK YOU to all of the generous people in the parish that supported Toys for Tots and provided a Merry Christmas for many local children. One hundred and forty-four toys were donated by the members of St. Joseph's parish. My Eagle project was a success and your generous donations made a difference in a less fortunate child's life. Once again, thank you for all of your help and your generosity. With gratitude and thanks, Jordan Procell

LENTEN FISH FRY. Proceeds from the Fish Fry Nights will go to the Holy Family Scholarship Fund. The last two nights will be March 11 at Visitation Parish and March 18 at Saint Joseph Parish. Serving times will be 5:00-7:00pm. Prices are \$6/adult and \$4/kids 12 and under (\$20/per family). Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Kelly and Steve Whitlock, 489-0148 or brightk@uah.edu. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule and also a sign up sheet for volunteers.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Registration for 2005/2006

Holy Family School is now accepting registration for transfer students wishing to attend Holy Family during the 2005/2006 school year. Registration for Pre-K (4 year olds) and Kindergarten is also taking place at this time. Class size is limited and strictly enforced. For more information, please contact the school office.

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THOUGHT FOR LIFE

Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, said: "Colored people are like human weeds and are to be exterminated."

MODELS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

by Jim Anderson

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, African catechumens (203) are remembered on Monday. Perpetua was a noble widow with an infant and Felicity was a pregnant slave. They were condemned to the amphitheater. Pray for the unborn children martyred daily.

We have the honor this week of remembering two 15 year-old saints, Dominic and Seraphina who have much to teach us about the potential of young people.

St. Dominic Savio (1857) is remembered on Wednesday. At 12 he

organized those who were to become the nucleus of St. John Bosco's Salesian order. Dominic was a normal high-spirited boy who occasionally got into trouble for laughing in class. At 15 he caught tuberculosis and was sent home to recover. One night Dominic asked his father to say the prayers for the dying, during which he exclaimed, "I am seeing the most wonderful things!" and died. Pray that our young people may be close to God, and that we might learn their exuberant love for Him.

St. Seraphina (1253) is remembered on Saturday. Her father died when she was young. Shortly thereafter Seraphina contracted a disfiguring and paralyzing disease. Only her mother and a girlfriend had anything to do with her. Seraphina was left alone while her mother went to beg or to work, but she never complained. Her only consolation was her

meditations on Jesus' suffering. Then her mother died and her friend brought food once a day. At 15 Seraphina died alone except for her savior. Pray that the sick and dying may receive peace and consolation through the intercession of this heroic young saint.

Harriet Tubman (1913) is remembered on Thursday. She risked her life rescuing 300 slaves on 19 trips on the "underground railway." Harriet was also a Union nurse, spy and once led Union troops into battle and freed 800 slaves. She was described as "a big souled, God intoxicated, heroic black woman." Pray for those helping the poor.

Fr. Peter Schuessler is remembered on the 5th anniversary of his election as Provincial of the US Salvatorians on Thursday. Pray for all Salvatorians especially those who served us.