

Celebrating the Year For Priests

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TEXAS
March 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PASTOR'S CORNER

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

June 19, 2009 ~ June 19, 2010

LENTEN SEASON:

Another form of penitential practice evolved under the influence of monks in the Celtic church in Britain and Ireland during the 6th to the 8th centuries. Thus was a private and individual form of penance for less serious sins. This new practice would influence the evolution of the sacrament of reconciliation more than the Ash Wednesday ritual.

Three kinds of traditions have given Lent its particular character: (1) those that support a somber atmosphere; (2) penitential practices, especially fasting and abstinence; and (3) devotions centered around the suffering Jesus.

LENTEN ATMOSPHERE: The atmosphere of Lent takes on a somber mood. In parish liturgies the joyous Alleluia and Glory to God are dropped. The penitential color of purple is prominent in vestments and church decorations. The Sanctuary is stripped of its usual festive decorations. Musical instruments were at one time discouraged.

Until recent times it was customary to veil prominent statues and crucifixes in Church with a purple cloth as a sign of sadness and mourning. In some churches, beginning around 900, one large cloth was hung between the people and the altar from the beginning of Lent. This was done to hide the heavenly glory depicted by the statues of saints and crosses with the figure of the triumphant Christ. This custom came to symbolize the exclusion of all sinners from the altar just as public sinners were excluded. Since the 1600s, this veiling was limited to Passiontide, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent, originally called "Passion Sunday". **(To be continued)**

**Have a blessed week!
Fr. Michael Ajewole, MSP**



Mass Intentions
Of The Week

Vigil Mass February 27, 2010

For the sick and the homebound.

Sunday Mass February 28, 2010

8:00 AM

For the people of Holy Cross Parish.

10:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Geoffrey Chima and for the consolation of his family requested by Mercy Chima.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Maxine Miller, Ella Collins, Rufus Boyce, Derrick Britton, Rev. Raymond Scott, Sue Henderson, Talfred Collins, Patrice Collins, Maggie Williams, Michael Martin, Paula Babineau, Ruthie Taylor, Preston Evans, Jesse Sanchez, Helen Hart-Shelby, Evelyne Cline, Gloria Hardeman, Bill Wilkins, Earlene Underwood, Alice Maney, Warren Nicholas, Geraldine Bridges, Ione Watts, Camille Johnson, Renae Martin, Teighlor Martin, Gloria DeLeon, Bobby Taylor Sr., Earl Taylor, Michael Watson, Lonnie Taylor, David Jones, Donna Irving, Angie Brown, Bobby Martin Jr., Mary Collins, Davis Wilkins, Beatrice DeLeon, Monica Godsey, Bernadette Phifer, Marie Thompson, Shay'La Harris, Charles Wright, Roderick Davis, Anthony Davis, Thea Williams-Douglas, Stanley Taylor, Shannon Murphy, Gloria Harris

Pray for those on active Military duty

William Cay, Jr., Steve Furr, Erica Harris, Vincent Marshall, Scott Townsend Cooper, James Tate, Raphael Lee.

Pastoral Corner

Today on our Lenten journey we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of God, the "I AM" who speaks to Moses from the burning bush yet nevertheless tirelessly tends and care for us who sometimes take so long to bear fruit in our lives. Let us pray today for a spirit of repentance, that we may be more receptive to the nourishment that God gives us in the Eucharist and every day of our lives.

Reflection

Throughout this holy season of Lent the Lord has been revealed in our midst. Today we listen to the story of the revelation of God to Moses in the phenomenon of the burning bush. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ revealed himself as real spiritual drink for us. Finally, Saint Luke, in the story of the barren fig tree, summons us to continue to reveal Christ to others as we bear witness to his death and resurrection.

Attendance

Weekend of February 28, 2010

Stations of the Cross	23
Vigil Mass,	21
8:00am Mass	54
10:00am Mass	276

OFFERTORY

Weekend of February 21, 2010

Offertory	\$6,308.00
Children	\$ 71.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,119.00
Cruise	\$1,644.00
Liturgical Dance	\$ 100.00

Weekly Readings

Sun 03-07: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Mon 03-08: 2Kgs 5:1-15 Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4 Lk 4th 24-30

Tues 03-09: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Lk 4:24-30

Wed 03-10: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Thu 03-11: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Fri 03-12: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17

Sat 03-13: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21 Lk 18:9-14

Sun 03-14: Jos 5:9, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Calendar of Events

Sun March 07: Third Sunday of Lent

Rosary 9:30am
RCIA 9:30 am – 10:30 am
Liturgical Dance Practice
Welcoming Ministry Meeting
Family Life Ministry Meeting
Youth Ministry Group 5-7

Mon March 08

Installation of Bishop Joe S. Vasquez
St William's Parish
Round Rock, TX 3:00pm

Tue March 09

Mass: 12:00 Noon
Choir Practice, KPC Sr Joint Exec 6:30pm

Wed Mar 10

Mass: 12:00 Noon
Bible Study 6:00pm
Liturgical Committee 6:30pm
Liturgical Dance Practice 6:30pm

Thurs March 11

Mass: 12:00 Noon
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30pm

Fri March 12

Mass: 12:00 Noon
Stations of the Cross (Welcoming) – 6:30 pm
Mass / Vespers 7:00pm
KPC Jr State Conference (San Marcos)

Sat March 13

KPC 4th Degree (Men): 9am
KPC Joint Senior Mtg. 10am
Altar Maintenance 12noon
No CCD Classes 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
KPC Jr State Conference (San Marcos)
Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm

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Who's Serving this Sunday

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers—Olivia Owens

Lectors —Jackie King, Brandi Smith

Parish Announcements—

Lena Brown-Owens

Ext. Ministers — Mary Brown

Lester Johnson

Altar Rosary Society- Craig Williams

Joann Meadows

Welcoming — Vonnys Rice-Gardner

10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers — Amber Anthony

Lectors —Cynthia Olivier, Adrienne King

Announcements — Wilhelmina Delco

Ext. Ministers — Melvin Mason & Sandra Murry

Altar Rosary Society — Bernadette

Cay, Carolyn Collins, Dean Dorsey

Welcoming — TBA

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers—Olivia Owens

Lectors —Rosalind Cunningham, Leah Blankenship

Parish Announcements—

Tyra Duncan-Hall

Ext. Ministers — Carolyn Collins &

Joann Meadows

Altar Rosary Society- Craig Williams

Joann Meadows

Welcoming — Vonnys Rice-Gardner

10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers — Amber Anthony

Lectors —KPC

Announcements — Johnnie Dorsey

Ext. Ministers — Bernadette Cay

Lester Johnson

Altar Rosary Society — Bernadette

Cay, Carolyn Collins, Dean Dorsey

Welcoming — Evelyn Williams,

Vonnys Rice-Gardner

Vigil Mass Lector Assignments

March 06, 2010

Pastoral Corner & Announcements

Deidra Raney

Lectors Stanton Collins,

Maceo Hall

Ext. Minister — Craig Williams

Altar Servers- Cameron & Christian

Clack, Mia Hall

March 13, 2010

Pastoral Corner & Announcements

Stacey Clack

Lectors Stanton Collins,

Rosalynn Hall

Ext. Minister — Craig Williams

Altar Servers- Cameron & Christian

Clack, Mia Hall

Mia Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 07 Dopke Ogunsanya, Brian Pendleton

Mar 08 Shawn Fontenette

Mar 09 Helen Hart, Darcholcia Fontenette-Easley

Mar 10 Octavius Harris

Mar 11 Caryn-Nicole Gay

Mar 12 Louis Bedford IV, Crystal Traurig

Mar 13 Betty Jacob, Sara Zamora



BISHOP JOE S. VÁSQUEZ ASSUMES OFFICE

Our New Shepherd, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez will be installed as the fifth bishop of Austin Diocese tomorrow, March 8, 2010 at St. William's Parish in Round Rock at 3pm. Please, keep our new bishop in your daily prayers.

BISHOP INSTALLATION TO BE

BROADCAST LIVE

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez will be installed as the fifth bishop of Austin March 8 at 3 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. This is a ticketed event. The Mass of Installation will be broadcast live on television and the Internet. The television broadcast will be live on KVUE on March 8 at 3 p.m. on digital channels 24.3 in English (also on Time Warner Cable channel 1512) and 24.2 in Spanish (also on Time Warner Cable channel 605). The Mass will also be streamed live on the Internet on www.kvue.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 17 to March 28, Austin will unite with hundreds of cities across the country and world for a simultaneous 40-day prayer vigil and sidewalk counseling effort from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily for the entire 40 days. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting and a constant peaceful prayer vigil at local abortion facilities. This national movement has resulted in three abortion facilities closing, 25 abortion facility workers having conversions and leaving their jobs, and over 2,000 women choosing life for children they were going to abort. Today, please stop by the 40 Days for Life table to find out how you can get involved with this powerful life-saving movement. For more info call (512) 225-5883 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/austin.

2010 LENTEN SERVICE

Our 2010 Lenten Penance Service and individual confession is on March 24 at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendar.

MASS OF WELCOME

San José Parish in Austin is one of the few places that Mass of Welcome is being organized for our new shepherd, **Bishop Joe S. Vásquez**. The Mass at San José Parish in Austin is on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00pm. I encourage as many as could make to it to please try to be there to warmly welcome our beloved bishop.

\$ RECYCLE AT CHURCH \$

Don't forget! Place your newspapers, catalogs, and mail in the big green bin in the back parking lot! Did you know the recycling company actually **pays** Holy Cross for the paper collected? This can provide much needed funds for Church upkeep, etc. Yes, you may bring cartloads

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Lenten Food Drive is being held March 14 thru March 28. Please assist the needy by bringing non-perishable foods and placing them in the barrels in the Foyer near the Church office or in Weber Hall. This Mickey Leland Food Drive is being sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver.

KNOW YOUR FAITH

PAPAL DEFINITION: The determination concerning a matter of faith or morals given by a Pope in virtue of his office as Vicar of Christ, which admits of no error or possibility of change. Papal definitions articulate the explicit or implicit content of divine revelation as contained in Scripture and Tradition. They may be pronounced by the Pope himself as universal teacher, or by an ecumenical council of bishops convened and confirmed by him. The First Vatican Council declared: "The Roman Pontiff, when he speaks *ex cathedra* — that is, when in discharge of the office of Pastor and Teacher of all Christians, by virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, he defines a doctrine regarding faith or morals to be held by the universal Church — by divine assistance promised to him in the blessed Peter, is possessed of that infallibility with which the Divine Redeemer willed that His Church should be endowed in defining doctrine regarding faith or morals; and therefore such definitions of the Roman Pontiff are irreformable of themselves, and not in virtue of the consent of the Church."

Please remember to pray your Rosary always!