

# Celebrating the Year For Priests

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TEXAS  
March 14, 2010

FOURTH 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 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> centuries. This 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 of Jesus. During the past twenty years these traditions have been joined by newer ones, adding a more positive dimension to Lent.

**LENTEN ATMOSPHERE:** The atmosphere of Lent takes on a somber mood. In parish liturgies the joyous Alleluia and Glory to God (Gloria) 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 the saints and crosses with the figure triumphant Christ. This custom came to symbolize the exclusion of all sinners from the altar just as public sinners were excluded.

**(To be continued)  
Have a blessed week!  
Fr. Michael Ajewole, MSP**



Mass  
Intentions  
Of The Week

#### Vigil Mass March 13, 2010

For the people of Holy Cross Parish.

#### Sunday Mass March 14, 2010

**8:00 AM**

For the repose of the soul of Godfrey Chima as requested by Chima family.

**10:00 AM**

For the repose of the soul of  
William Marvin Smith

as requested by Barbara Scott.

#### **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, 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, Alfonso Green, Ruben Torres

### **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

Our Lenten journey brings us today to the story of the prodigal son—appropriately enough, because today is also celebrated as *Laetare* Sunday. Why not rejoice along with the loving father at the return of the wayward son? Let us pray today not only for the grace and courage to seek reconciliation with God and each other ourselves, but also for the graciousness to welcome to our table all the wayward souls who receive God's unconditional forgiveness

#### Reflection

As we listen to the word of God today, let us be open to the power of the Holy Spirit. We often become lost in sin, hoping for a way out. Today's Gospel serves as an everlasting reminder that God is always there when we admit our sinfulness and come home to God's loving embrace. Let us truly taste and see the goodness of the Lord as that goodness is made present in the proclamation of the Word.

#### Attendance

##### Weekend of March 7, 2010

Stations of the Cross	27
Vigil Mass,	112
8:00am Mass	44
10:00am Mass	160

#### OFFERTORY

##### Weekend of February 21, 2010

Offertory	\$5,220.00
Children	\$ 22.00
Fish Fry	\$ 229.00
Cruise	\$3,232.00
Altar Rosary	\$ 75.00

#### Weekly Readings

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

**Mon 03-15:** Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Jn 4:43-54

**Tues 03-16:** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

**Wed 03-17:** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

**Thu 03-18:** Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

**Fri 03-19:** 2Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

**Sat 03-20:** Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9-12 Jn 7:40-53

**Sun 03-21:** Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

#### Calendar of Events

##### **Sun March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Rosary 9:30am  
RCIA 9:30 am – 10:30 am  
KPC Turnout  
Mickey Leland Food Drive  
Liturgical Dance Practice  
KPC Jr State Conference (San Marcos)

##### **Mon March 15**

###### **Spring Break**

St Vincent de Paul 6:30pm

##### **Tue March 16**

###### **Spring Break**

Mass: 12:00 Noon  
Choir Practice 6:30pm

##### **Wed Mar 17**

###### **Spring Break**

Mass: 12:00 Noon  
No Bible Study  
Liturgical Committee 6:30pm  
Liturgical Dance Practice 6:30pm  
Welcome Mass Bishop Vasquez San Jose Church 7pm

##### **Thurs March 18**

###### **Spring Break**

Mass: 12:00 Noon

##### **Fri March 19**

Mass: 12:00 Noon

**Stations of the Cross (St Vincent de Paul) – 6:30 pm**

Mass / Vespers 7:00pm

##### **Sat March 20**

No CCD Classes 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
Vigil Mass 5:30pm

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## Who's Serving this Sunday

March 14, 2010

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers—Olivia Owens

Lectors—Rosalind Cunningham,

Leah Blakenship

Parish Announcements—

Tyra Duncan-Hall

Ext. Ministers—TBA

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—TBA

Altar Rosary Society—Bernadette

Cay, Carolyn Collins, Dean Dorsey

Welcoming—Evelyn Williams,

Vonnys Rice-Gardner

March 21, 2010

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers—Olivia Owens

Lectors—Lena Brown-Owens, Bernie

Little

Parish Announcements—

Craig Williams

Ext. Ministers—TBA

Altar Rosary Society- Craig Williams

Joann Meadows

Welcoming—Vonnys Rice-Gardner

#### 10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers—Amber Anthony

Lectors—Sandra Murry, Cynthia

Olivier

Announcements—Karen Baltrip-

Cobb

Ext. Ministers—TBA

Altar Rosary Society—Bernadette

Cay, Carolyn Collins, Dean Dorsey

Welcoming—Leon Roberts, Vonnys

Rice-Gardner

### Vigil Mass Lector Assignments

#### March 13, 2010

Pastoral Corner & Announcements

Stacey Clack

Lectors Stanton Collins,

Rosalynn Hall

Ext. Minister—Craig Williams

Altar Servers- Mia Hall

#### March 20, 2010

Pastoral Corner & Announcements

Stanton Collins

Lectors Stacey Clack,

Deidra Raney

Ext. Minister—TBA

Altar Servers- Cameron & Christian

Clack, Mia Hall

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 14 Claudia Rocha

Mar 15 Kevin Byers

Mar 17 Natalie Marshall, Patrick Carter

Mar 18 Florence Nwogu

Mar 19 Patrick Nwoko, Preston Iloka,

Mrs Gabriel Onyia

Mar 20 Sharon Stower, Jada Emerson



## 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.

### MSGR. MULVEY'S COSECRATION

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Bishop-Elect Michael William Mulvey will be consecrated as the 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Corpus Christi. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes up this indispensable ministry in the Church.

## 2010-2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Holy Cross Catholic Church 2010-2011 Scholarship Application is now available online at the church website. Please contact Ms. Dokpe Ogunsanya or Ms. Wilhelmina Delco if you have any question.

## 2010 LENTEN SERVICE

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

## \$ 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

## ANNUAL 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

FROM A SERMON BY ST. PETER

CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP

*Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives*

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.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: *A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.*

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving. (to be continued).

Our Faith  Our Legacy

Strengthening the Catholic Church of Central Texas

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