

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2010



SUNDAY READINGS

Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me.

Like Jesus, we enter the desert to be tempted by our own hungers and desires. Lent is the time to turn away from the enticements of this world and return to the Lord with our whole heart. Let us seek the Lord's mercy and grace for the times we have fallen into temptation.

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10;
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13**

Next Week:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

8:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

MON † John McGrory
TUE † Jane Sparhawk
WED † Hilaria Flores
† Don Kelly
THU † Kaylene Palaniuk
FRI Family of Kaylene Palaniuk
SAT † Claire Lerner

Please note: We will pray *Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer* whenever a priest is not available to offer morning Mass. Father will offer the scheduled Mass intention privately.

WEDNESDAY MASSES 8:30 AM & 6 PM



Diapers Needed

St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of diapers sizes 4 and 5 to help families with small children. Please bring diapers to the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity and all your support for our conference.

Contact Jan Morgan, 457-6213 with questions.

Queen of Angels School 6th grade students and parents host Coffee Hour this weekend



Next week:

St. Vincent de Paul hosts coffee hour

Black & Indian Mission

The Black and Indian Missions Collection provides yearly grants to United States Bishops to promote evangelization and catechesis among Native American and African American peoples, with an emphasis on serving economically challenged areas within dioceses.

We will take up a collection for this important Mission today.

Please give generously.



Fiscal Year
July 1 — June 30

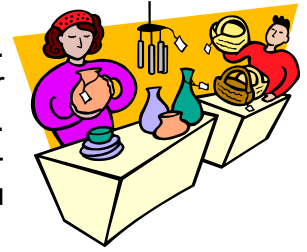
Sunday & Holy Day Collections

January 2009	\$ 35,815
January 2010	\$ 37,110
<i>Difference in Donations</i>	\$ 1,295
08/09 Year To Date Collection	\$ 300,686
09/10 Year To Date Collection	\$ 301,151
<i>Difference in Donations</i>	\$ 465

Thank you for your generous support

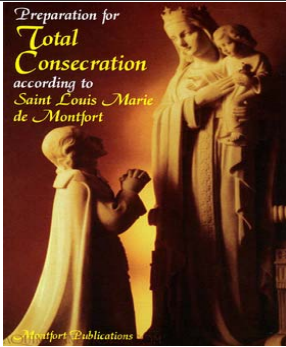
BAZAAR CHAIRMAN NEEDED

We are in need of a chairman for the annual Fall Bazaar. This can be done by an individual, couple, or family. The Bazaar is our all-parish event on the weekend of November 12, 13 & 14. Please pray about this; it is an important fund raiser for our parish. Contact Joni Miller, 457-5563 from Catholic women, if you are interested.



PARISH MISSION

Save the dates! March 22, 23 and 24, morning and evening sessions will be held in our church. Our parish mission will be given by Fr. Pinto. More information in future bulletins.



TOTAL CONSECRATION

The people of Queen of Angels are being given the opportunity to make a Total Consecration of their life to Jesus through Mary, according to St. Louis De Montfort. This will take place on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25. A prerequisite is the catechesis, explaining the commitment, which will be presented in the Columban Room on Sunday February 28 at 9:30 am. At that time the Preparation Booklets will also be available. Those who wish to renew their consecration on March 25 may begin the preparation for that on March 4 on page 21 of the Preparation Booklet. Questions? Call 681-

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Mass will be offered at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM. Attend a daily Mass as a blessed opportunity to enrich your Lenten experience. Rice Bowls for almsgiving and Meditational materials available at exits.

CELEBRATION FOR HOME BASED BUSINESSES

The Knights of Columbus are considering sponsorship of a Spring Celebration for *Home Based Businesses* on April 10. Parishioners interested in taking part in this exposition may call Harvey Kortman at 417-9199 or e-mail qaknights@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Would your organization like to host coffee hour? We are looking for a group to share a time-slot and we also need a group to host 5th Sundays of the month. Duties include set-up, baking, serving and clean-up. Call the parish office if interested, 452-2351.

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

Baptism classes are required for parents of children through 1st grade. The next session will be held April 7 & 12, 2010. Contact Jean Marie for more information 928-3395.

PENANCE SERVICES TO BE HELD THIS LENTEN SEASON

Prepare for a wonderful Easter. At least three priests will make themselves available to hear your confessions on Sunday, March 7 at 3 PM in Queen of Angels Church. A similar service will be held at St. Joseph's parish, Sequim, on Sunday, March 28, at 3 PM and one at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Port Townsend, on Sunday, March 21.



Pastor's Column

21 February, 2010

Love Jesus this Lent.

Strange as it may seem, Lent has become my favorite season of the year. I suspect over the coming years that the Easter season may well supplant it – as I already have an eye to that as well. I love Lent because it affords me a somewhat public (think – ashes on the forehead) opportunity to really work on growing in holiness; some things to give up, take on, and become. These outward “things” are manifestations of our faith and are meant to help us grow *inwardly* in holiness, and not just for a season but hopefully for a lifetime.

For me the issue of inconsistency is one that I want to address. This is in almost every area of my life, e.g. prayer, work, diet, sleep, exercise, recreation/leisure, home work, etc. So the theme of consistency/constancy will be my motto for the seven weeks of Lent. I have written up a schedule that I will make an extra special effort to be faithful to daily. I encourage you to do the same.

As is my recent custom, I will give up three things: sweets, snacks, and alcohol. I do this first of all as a penance, which the season of Lent is duly noted for. Penance for my sins past, present and future and for those of the whole world; just as Jesus embraced the ultimate penance in enduring his passion for our sins – not His. I also give up these things, or say ‘no’ to these things because they help me to say ‘yes’ to other things such as self control, good health, more energy, and a more positive self image. I encourage you to give something up for Lent; something perhaps that you have always really wanted to stop doing or at least do less of. Here are some examples of something to give up or reduce: TV, internet, text messaging, I-pod, sweets, snacks, alcohol, coffee, fast food, unnecessary shopping, gossip, complaining, swearing, any kind of bad habit, and the list goes on. Please think of something that you would like to gain greater control over or simply get ride of for the rest of your life and that’s what you “give up” for Lent.

Now on to what I am going to do for Lent. Lent is a spiritual project that involves more than a negation of things but positive addition as well. A big part of this is re-reading The Fulfillment of All Desire and as I do so, making notations so as to be able to have a series of teachings available for the parish from this great spiritual work. Of course the primary reason for my reading of this book is for my own continued growth in holiness. Another thing that I will do is renew my consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary through St. Louis DeMontfort’s True Devotion to Mary. I invite you to do so with me. More information on this will probably be in this bulletin as well as Mass announcements. Here are some other ideas for you to consider for Lent: attend daily Mass, daily rosary, stations of the cross on Fridays, Confession, weekly holy hour (or more), spiritual reading, giving alms, visiting with someone who could use your friendship, joining a group in the parish, volunteering time with the parish or another organization, etc. Let’s take advantage of this season to grow further into the person that we will be for eternity in heaven.



To Jesus through Mary, Fr. Thomas Nathe