

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2010



SUNDAY READINGS

The Lord secures justice
And the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
And his deeds to the children of Israel.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the
earth, so surpassing is his kindness
toward those who fear him.

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

Next Week:

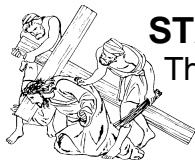
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15;
Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

8:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

MON † Helen Halko
TUE † Don & Clarina McInnes
WED † Hilaria Flores
6 pm Geri Kraski
THU Faires family
FRI † Red Crumb
SAT Crumb family

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will
be prayed on Fridays during
Lent at 6 PM in the church.

Rice Bowl

During the season of Lent, Catholics partake in the spiritual traditions of prayer, fasting, and giving alms. We intentionally take part in these three activities during the 40 days before Easter to practice justice towards God, ourselves, and our neighbors in need. **Operation Rice Bowl** is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten solidarity program. Pick up a rice bowl at the church exits or in your Sunday bulletin. Donate the funds you would have spent on candy, a meal out, a movie, etc. to your rice bowl. Give hope to Jesus in disguise.



Sunday, February 28 In the St. Anne Room

St. Vincent de Paul serves
Coffee Hour this Sunday

Next Sunday:

Coffee Hour served by St. Francis Guild

Parish
STEWARDSHIP



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	

Pastor's Column

28 February, 2010

The Sacrament of Confession

Greetings in the Lord.

Lent is known as a season of repentance and penance: repentance because this is humanities' initial posture before God, acknowledging our sinfulness and making amends; penance because reparation (even if largely symbolic) is what is just. Of course repentance is a necessary part of healing any relationship that has been harmed by sin. Our relationship with God, others, and even within our own person is damaged by sin. The eradication of sin and the healing of it, both in this life and the next is the primary reason for Our Lord's coming among us. This unmerited gift is possible for two reasons: because of the supreme sacrifice that Jesus made at the end of the season of Lent in His Paschal Mystery (passion, death, and resurrection); and by elevating repentance to that of a life saving sacrament.

Jesus gave the power to absolve sins to His priests and from the time of the apostles we have been. We read in Saint John's gospel: "After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained'." 20:22-23 Of course in order to know which sins to forgive and which to retain, we have to know what the sins are. This sacrament comes up again in 2 Cor 5:17-20 and James 5:13-16.

People fear confessing their sins to a priest for lots of reasons. The primary reason though is a sin in itself – pride. After Adam and Eve had sinned, they too did not want to confess their guilt to God, they instead hid. Its human nature to protect ourselves and confessing our sins feels a whole lot like making ourselves more vulnerable, not stronger. It takes a lot of faith in God to trust that a priest won't tell others, think poorly of the penitent (person confessing their sins), or unintentionally hurt the penitent with unkind words or a misguided penance or advice. I know for myself that I have gone to Confession with priests who were insensitive (unfortunately we're not perfect); however the vast majority were compassionate and even helpful. And for those who were insensitive, I literally *praised God* that I might suffer a little for the sake of righteousness. Of course, this sacrament is not about the priest, it is about the penitent having acknowledged their sins and receive absolution; being made whole again in our relationship with God, neighbor, and self.

With regards to confidentiality -- if a priest betrays the seal of the Confessional for any reason, he commits a mortal sin and is damned until he has been absolved. Only the Pope can absolve the priest of this sin and once the Pope has, the priest loses his ministerial faculties. In other words, this is a sin of a gravest moral bearing. For all of the horror stories we've heard about priests (abusing children, embezzling money, running off with a lover, etc), betraying the seal of the Confessional is not one of them.

Go to Confession this Lent. Ridding ourselves of sin and having that 'space' filled with God's grace is a gift from God of the highest order. Bear in mind, that if one is aware of a mortal sin, then that person needs to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion lest another mortal sin be committed. Lastly: the saints went to Confession often not because they had mortal sins to confess (they did have venial sins to confess) but because they relied on God's grace from the sacrament to help them grow in holiness. Won't you do the same this Lent? You'll be hearing more about this in an upcoming homily. J

Confessions are heard at Queen of Angels a half hour before all Masses and from 4-5pm on Saturdays. Confessions are heard at St. Anne Parish a half hour before the weekend Masses. In addition to those regularly scheduled times, Penance Services, where a handful of priests come together to hear individual confessions, are being hosted by Queen of Angels on Sunday, March 7 at 3pm; St. Anne Parish on Sunday, March 14 at 2pm; and St. Joseph Parish on Sunday, March 21 at 3pm.

In Christ's Mercy,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

CATHOLIC WOMEN

Catholic Women will meet on Tuesday, March 2 in the St. Anne Room from 1-3 PM. All women in the parish are encouraged to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights meet Wednesday, March 3 at 7 PM in the St. Anne room. Join in our business meeting coupled with a pizza and beverage dinner. This is your time for a “guys night out” and an opportunity to do good works for your council. Marty 452-9274.

Second Sunday of Lent—The Transfiguration

Jesus’ transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services’ **Operation Rice Bowl**, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.



Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM, also Wednesday at 6 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 9 AM to Saturdays 8 AM

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6 PM

Penance Services: Queen of Angels, Sunday, March 7 at 3 PM
St. Mary Star of the Sea, Port Townsend, Sunday, March 21 at 3 PM
St. Joseph, Sequim, Sunday, March 28 at 3 PM

Parish Mission: March 22, 23 and 24 with sessions at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Holy Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 6 PM

Good Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross at 8:30 AM and at Noon
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 6 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday Masses, April 4: Masses at 8:30 AM and 11 AM

Lenten Regulations for the Archdiocese of Seattle

For this penitential season, the church draws on the wisdom of the Scriptures in suggesting a season of intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

All Catholics of the archdiocese are encouraged to enter deeply into the paschal mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection. As converts prepare during Lent for baptism at Easter, we remember the significance of our own baptism.

Catholics in the United States are obliged to abstain from the eating of meat on Fridays during the season of Lent. They are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended, as is the abstinence from meat on all Fridays of the year.

All those eighteen but not yet fifty-nine are bound by the law of fasting. The law of abstinence applies to those 14 and older. Fasting allows one full meal per day, along with two smaller meals.

BAZAAR COORDINATOR 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 and will be the weekend of November 12, 13 and 14. Contact Joni Miller, 457-5563.

Respect Life News

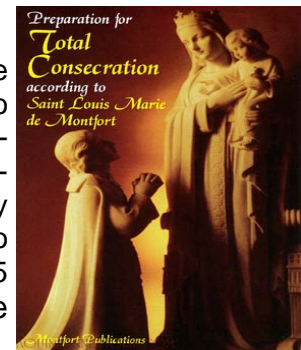
A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who spiritually and financially supported QofA pilgrims on their trip to San Francisco in January for the **West Coast Walk for Life**. It was a rewarding pilgrimage...just ask them – Micole Gonzales, Patty Haas, Ean Henninger, Sue Hynes, Chelcie Mack, Julie Myers, Michael Myers, Rachel Myers, Nancy Slowey

PARISH MISSION

Save these 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 today, 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. Call 681-8019.



All Gardening Angels are Called to Meet !

Everyone (individuals, couples, families, retired, and weekend warriors alike) is invited to send a representative to a Parish Garden Meeting to help formulate a plan for the multiple garden spots of our parish campus. Your ideas are welcome at 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 17 in the Mary Room. Wear GREEN for St. Patrick's Day!

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

The Secular Franciscans will be travelling to gather with the *Servants of the Lord Fraternity* in Bremerton. Call Denise at 452-1304 for details.

MIX-SUPS SUPPER CLUB Returns for Spring!

These groups of 6-8 folks who get together for delectable potluck dinners in parishioners homes. This is a chance to get to know fellow parishioners in a friendly setting conducive to conversation. Couples and singles are welcome. Please sign-up by March 15. Contact Barb Moritz to sign up or for more information at 452-1283 or abcreation.bam@gmail.com Everyone welcome.

Second Sunday of Lent

Lenten News for You: PENANCE SERVICES TO BE HELD

Prepare for a wonderful Easter. At least three priests will make themselves available to hear your confessions three Sundays in March! See the Lenten Schedule to dates and locations.

