

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2008

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”



— Matthew 5:3

**February Rosary: For the success of married couples.**

### Music for Sunday, February 2 & 3

585 – Blest Are They  
780 – The Cry of the Poor  
815 – O Lord, I am Not Worthy  
586 – We Are The Light Of The World



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the LORD will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalms** — Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught the crowds from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Carnival Sunday; Boy Scout Sunday; World Day for Consecrated Life  
Tuesday: St. Agatha; Shrove Tuesday; Mardi Gras  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence  
Thursday: Chinese New Year 4706  
Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Abstinence

## This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

### Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass— 8:15 am  
K of C Making Sauce cafeteria all day  
Altar Guild Meeting after 8:15 am Mass Krug Hall  
Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Blessing of Throats after all Masses  
Mass – 4:00 pm

### Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Candidates after 10:30 Mass.  
Blessing of Throats after all Masses  
Altar Guild selling Ravioli and religious article after 8:00 & 10:30 Mass  
Hospitality after 8:00 & 10:30 Mass in Krug Hall  
PRE 9:15 am  
Adult Classes – 9:15 am Krug Hall  
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm  
Potluck Dinner after 5:00 pm Mass in cafeteria  
Bible Study Class 7:00 – 9:00 pm Krug Hall

### Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass – 8:15 am  
Bible Study Class (Deacon Don) 7-8:30 pm)

### Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass – 8:15 am

### Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

Mass— 8:15 am English  
Mass - 6:30 pm Bi-lingual  
Legion of Mary Meeting 5:15 pm Lucius Hall  
RCIA Classes 7:00 pm Krug Hall (Gerry Taulman)  
Youth Group 7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Communion Service – 8:15 am  
Bible Study Class 9:30 – 11:30  
Altar Guild Cheese Roll – cafeteria  
STVDP Meeting – 6:30 Lucius Hall  
K of C Meeting 6:30 Krug Hall

### Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Communion Service – 8:15 am  
Stations of the Cross – 6:30  
Poor Man Supper – Altar guild

### THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—  
humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even  
were they fenced in with all virtues.

—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

**May Mania is May 3<sup>rd</sup>!** It is time to start organizing our efforts to make this year's maniacal evening even more successful than last 2007. We need people to take charge of advertising, donation solicitation, volunteer enlistment, ticket sales, set-up, clean-up, and anything else that comes up. Please contact Carolyn Roberts at the Parish Office (353-1530).

**Preparation Class for Quinceañera** – Classes will be held at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting one hour/ all candidates must have received the Sacrament of confirmation before they can celebrate her Quinceañera. Families may register by telephoning St. Joseph at 396-9996. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

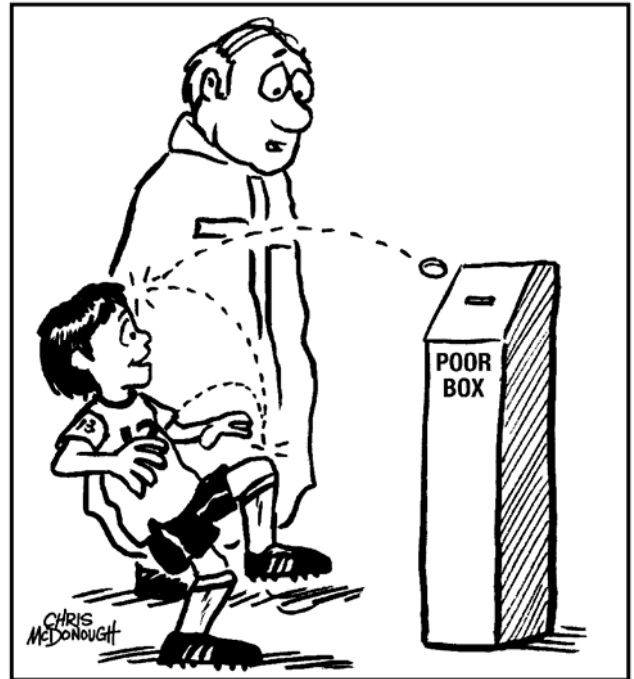
**In your prayers please remember:** Barbara Allard, Bill & Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Robert Butler, Carolyn Fracchia, Trudi Collier, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, Peggy Hooten, Michael Jackson, Margaret Jones, Earline Johnson, Paul Kennedy, Robert Kuehner, Mildred Lewis, Jerry Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Louisa Reilly, Maureen Spain, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

**Parish Retreat Weekends** – The Cathedral parish has invited members of Our Lady of Sorrows to join with them in making a spiritual retreat at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Danceyville, TN (I-40 East, exit #47). A Men's Retreat is scheduled Feb. 8-10, and a Women's Retreat is scheduled for April 4-6. Henry Littleton is coordinating our participation in these retreats. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the retreat weekends, please contact the Parish Office.

**This will be the First Diocesan Retreat for Hispanic Liturgical Ministers (Catechists, Choir, Ministers of the Holy Communion, Lectors, Marriage Preparation, Hospitality, etc) This event is sponsored by the Department of Worship and Spiritual Life and the Office of Hispanic Ministry. It will take place on February 22, 23 and 24 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Ave. Fr. Carlos Paniagua Monroy, S.V.D. will be leading this retreat.**

**If you need more information please contact me, Lupe Balderas at (901) 722-4759**

## Pastor Al™



"Nice shot, Miguel. But when you join the altar servers I ask that you stick to just using your hands."

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## THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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**Mass Intentions**

**Ministers Schedule – for February 2 & 3**

\*\*\*Please note the dates\*\*\*

**for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule**

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
F.Bursi	M.Hensley	D.Bennis	
R.Pannell	B.Hall	K.Pope	
G.Pannell	P.Stavrum	J.DeStefano	
<b>Lectors</b>			
B.Pettit	D.Gohman	M.Standridge	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
A.Younger	H.Williams	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	G.Williams	D.Butler	S.Roque

**Ministers Schedule – for NEXT**

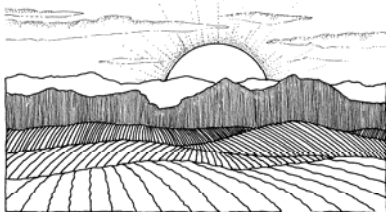
**Weekend of February 9 & 10 \*\*\*Please note the dates\*\*\***

**for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule**

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
N.Vintruella	M.Carpenter	D.Bennis	
C. Specht	L.Hall	L.O'Donnell	
G.Taulman	M.Kissell	S.O'Brien	
<b>Lectors</b>			
B.Roth	J.Hall	A.Humphrey	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
L.Carter	D.Owen	R.Martini	A.Flores
	K.Owen	H.Martini	A.Zemero

The **Monthly Bus Trip** will be Sunday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>** after 10:30 am Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Bonita Comans at 412-6700.

**Blessed  
are the  
peacemakers**



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**Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm**

Angelo Bursi+

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am**

Thelma Littleton+

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 am**

People of the Parish

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm**

Christina Wooldridge+

**Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Int. of Dr. Abullah Baig

**Tues. February 5<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Int. of Angelo Lobianco

**Wed. February 6<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Ash Wednesday**

Int. of Ellen Marlow

**Wed. February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday**

Ethel Harbach

**Thur. February 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Communion Service

**Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Communion Service

**Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Communion Service

**Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Int. of Fr. Tim O'Toole

**Diocesan Choir for Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**

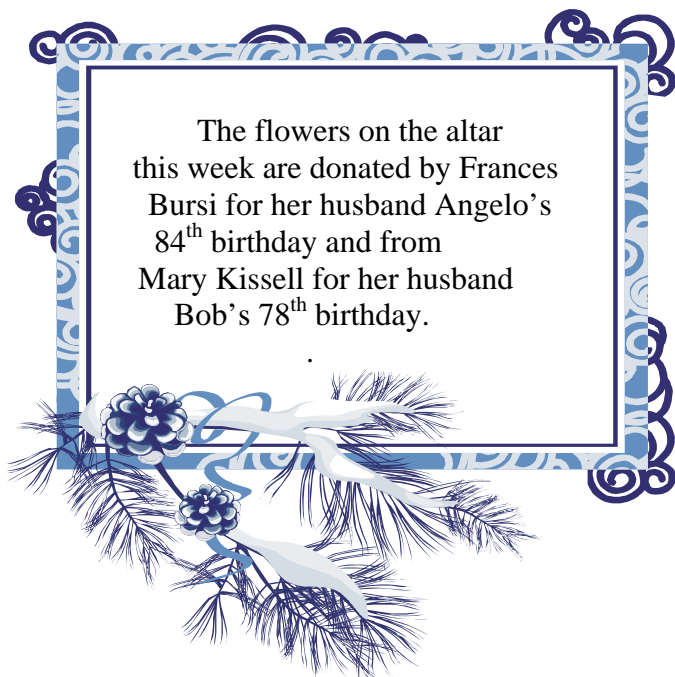
The Diocesan Choir is forming for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, Sunday, Feb. 10, 3:00 and 7:00. **Rehearsals will be Sundays, January 27, 2008, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and February 3, 2008, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will take place in Marian Hall, lower level of the Cathedral, 1695 Central Avenue, Memphis. It is necessary to be present for both rehearsals.

If you can participate in this choir and sing for the 3:00 p.m. **and/or** the 7:00 p.m. service, please call (901) 725-2703 to register. Dinner will be provided to choir members who can sing for both times. Deadline for registration is January 23, 2008

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Catholic parishes in the United States are completely dependent on those who attend Mass for their financial support. We get no money from the Pope or the Bishop to pay our bills. The only support we get comes from the hands of those who worship at Our Lady of Sorrows.

As our Anglo population ages and dies, our Latino population must bear a greater responsibility for supporting the parish financially. The Bible calls us to return to God the first tenth of what we earn as an act of worship and trust in God. Therefore, what a person earns should provide for the worship of God first (1/10) and provide for the family second (9/10). If a person works 40 hours in one week, what is earned in four of those hours should be returned to God in worship. What is earned in the other 36 hours can be spend on food, shelter, clothing and leisure activity. Too many people spend for themselves first and only give God what is left, and sometimes they do not even do that! How do you use your earnings to show that God is first in your life?



**Ms. Madison Tracy, Development Director for OLS** is looking for an energetic person that will launch Eaglefest 2008. We are in need of individuals to perform services in the Board Committee and to lead several committees that make this event successful every year. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Tracy at Our Lady of Sorrows School at 358-7431, or Mrs. Carolyn Roberts at the parish office at 353-1530.

**PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Paul Kennedy**  
**Ave Maria Nursing Home**  
**2805 Charles Bryan Road**  
**Bartlett, Tn 38134**

**Jackie Perfetti**  
**St. Francis Nursing Home**  
**5959 Park Ave, room 306**  
**Memphis, Tn 38119**

**Margaret Jones**  
**Primacy Healthcare**  
**6025 East Primacy Parkway**  
**Memphis, Tn 38119**

*Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten*

**Parishioners In the Hospital**  
**Bootsie Hammett – Methodist Central room 732**

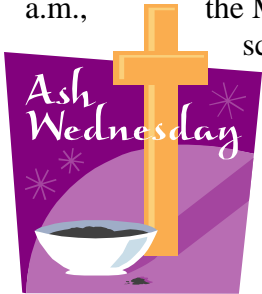
**Financial Report for Weekend of January 27<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Envelopes	\$2,794.00
Loose Checks	995.00
Loose Currency/Coin	152.50
Improvement	42.00
Debt	55.00
Latin America	152.00
Solemnity	25.00
Initial Offering	35.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.50</b>
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-5,324.00</u>
<b>Collection Diff for the Week</b>	<b>(1,073.50)</b>
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	151,244.18
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>165,044.00</u>
<b>Collections Deficit Y-t-D</b>	<b>\$(13,799.82)</b>



**Mardi Gras Celebration** – Our Parish Dinner to celebrate Mardi Gras will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 pm. Every family is asked to bring food enough to feed themselves and four additional people. All activities will be in the gymnasium, including the prayer service and the “burying of the Alleluia.” Fr. Timby is offering a pizza lunch for every grade at OLS with 100% participation. Come, join us for the fun.

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the Lenten Season and comes very early this year on February 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be two liturgies that day. At 8:15 a.m., the Mass will be in English with the schoolchildren present. A bi-



lingual Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. Those who do not appreciate multicultural celebrations may choose to join the earlier celebration that morning. According to liturgical law of the Church, ashes will

only be distributed during the celebration of the liturgies. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but all Catholics who have reached the age of reason (7 years) are strongly encouraged to participate.

**Blessing of Throats** – February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the traditional fast day of St. Blaise, the patron saint of those with afflictions of the throat. Although the celebration of the Sunday liturgy takes precedence over the celebration of a saint’s feast day, Fr. Timby will bless throats at the conclusion of the four Sunday liturgies (4:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.).

Each Friday evening we will meditate on the **Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 p.m. The Stations were originally promoted by St. Francis of Assisi as a way for those were unable to visit Jerusalem and trace Our Lord’s steps along the Via Dolorosa to make the ascent with Jesus to Calvary in their parish churches. Besides being a good spiritual exercise, *a Plenary Indulgence is offered to those members of the faithful who make a good confession and complete their penance within a week prior to meditating on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent and on Good Friday.* **Benediction** will conclude the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening.

No **baptisms** will be celebrated during Lent to focus our attention on the call to conversion and the significant role the sacrament plays in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In fact, there will be no holy water available during the season. So, if you need a supply for your home, be sure to get it before Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Lenten Penance Service** – The combined penance service for nine parishes held at the Cathedral during Advent was such a huge success with more than a dozen priests and 200+ people in attendance that we are joining forces again during Lent. Our Lenten Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be available to assist those who speak Spanish. Come, be a part of this wonderful celebration of God’s mercy and compassion!

*Ash Wednesday is one of two days on which Catholics who have reached the age of 18 and have not yet celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday are required to fast.* Fasting means that a person may have one regular meal on that day and two smaller meals that together do not equal the regular meal. It also means that one turn away from between-meal snacks and beverages like coffee, soft drinks. Water is the allowed exception between meals. As always, those who are under observation or treatment for medical problems are not obliged to fast from food and beverages but may choose to fast in some other form. (The other day on which Catholics obliged to fast is **Good Friday.**)

**Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent**, including Good Friday, are also days of **abstinence** from meat and meat by-products. *All Catholics who have*



*celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are obliged to abstain from meat and all food made with or flavored with meat on*

*these days.* For those who wish to beg the question “What is meat?” the answer is: “meat” is

the slaughtered of flesh of any creature that uses lungs to breathe, e.g., cows, chickens, whales, frogs, snake, etc. Fish and other creatures that use lungs to breathe are not considered “meat” and may be consumed in days of abstinence. There is no dispensation from abstinence, not even for health reason or “old age,” despite the valiant efforts of some to get me to give one!

