

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.



— John 3:17

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or *1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or *Psalm 23*.

**Second Reading** — Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny  
Monday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo  
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Friday: Abstinence

**Rosary Dedication: March 2009: For those suffering from cancer.**

**Deadline for bulletin news is on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. Please call the office with any news you would like to put in the bulletin.**

### This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

#### Saturday, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>

Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm

#### Sunday, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
K of C Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass  
Pre 9 am  
Meat Ravioli cafeteria after 10:30 Mass  
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,  
Bible Study Classes 6:30 – 8:30 pm Krug Hall

#### Mon, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mass– 8:15 am

#### Tuesday, Mar 24<sup>th</sup>

Mass– 8:15 am

#### Wednesday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass – 6:30 pm  
RCIA – after 6:30 pm Mass Krug Hall

#### Thursday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass – 8:15 am  
Bible Study 9:30 – 11:30 Krug Hall  
PTO Gym 6:30 pm Culture Awareness  
K of C 6:30 pm Cafeteria

#### Friday, Mar 27<sup>th</sup>

Communion Service 8:15 am  
Stations of Cross 6:30 pm  
Poor man Supper – STVDP & Legion of Mary

#### Saturday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation class 9:00 am Krug Hall  
Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm  
Trivia Night doors open 5:30 starts 6:30 pm

**Altar Servers** – Please remember that **YOU** are responsible for finding a substitute if you are not going to be present for your assigned Mass on the weekend and holy days. The parish counts on your being present to assist at the altar and disregard for the schedule disrupts the worship of the entire community. Please pay attention to the schedule that is mailed to you because we are counting on you to be present.

**The Universal Church Celebrates** – You heard me speak last weekend of Blessed Damien and his work among the lepers on Molokai, Hawaii. On Tuesday of this past week it was announced that Blessed Jozef Damien de Vuester, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and of the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, is among 10 who will be canonized during the next year. The exact date of his canonization will only be finalized as of Saturday of this weekend. Praise God in His mercy! Ordinary men and women who responded to the shower of grace in extraordinary ways reveal the ongoing love God has for His Church. Are you working on your holiness?

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS:**

**Friday**

- Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. with Benediction (Plenary Indulgence)
- Poor Man’s Supper following Stations of the Cross sponsored by STVDP & Legion of Mary
- Day of Abstinence from Meat

**Everyday**

- Use the Little Black Books of spiritual reading provided by the Altar Guild
- Use the Lenten editions of *The Word Among Us* for daily meditation

**St. Benedict Crossroads Concert Series** final concert of the season features Memphis diva Joyce Cobb with a night of blues, jazz and rock - Sunday March 22, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. For ticket information call the school at 260-2840, visit the web site at [www.sbaeagles.org](http://www.sbaeagles.org). or E-mail - [crossroads@sbaeagles.org](mailto:crossroads@sbaeagles.org).

**Altar Guild women** needing help on making Meat ravioli Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after 10:30am Mass in the cafeteria.

**Inspirations for the week:**

**Sunday** – If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

**Monday** – Love is the only think that can be divided without being diminished.

**Tuesday** – Courage is fear that has said prayers.

**Wednesday** – Make others happy *wherever* you go, not *whenever* you go.

**Thursday** – Easter is more than something to dye for.

**Friday** – Better saved than sorry.

**Saturday** – Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up. We’re open 24 hours a day.



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**\*Please note the dates\*\*\*  
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule  
Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule  
- for Mar 21 & 22**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	M.Carpenter	D.Bennis	
G.Pannell	M.Hensley	B.Allard	
<b>Lector</b>			
R.Pannell	D.Gohman	T.Floyd	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	C.Sawicki	

**Ministers & Altar Server Schedule  
- for Mar Mar 28 & 29**

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H.Littleton	T.Acklen	D.Bennis	
N.Vinturella	L.Hall	L.O'Donnell	
<b>Lector</b>			
E.Monroe	J.Hall	B.Bustos	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
L.Carter	K.Hudson	C.Sawicki	S.Roque
	B.Hudson	S.Gilbreath	A.Roque

**Spring has Sprung  
Trivia Night**

In honor of the life of Dorsey Bailey  
March 28, 2009  
Our Lady of Sorrows | 3700 Thomas Street |  
Memphis TN 38127  
Doors open 5:30 starts at 6:30  
For more details call 901.353.1530  
Gifts for all members of the first and second place  
teams, multiple door prizes  
and a prize for the best decorated spring picnic table.  
Brother Ignatius also promises two "Heads and Tails  
contest, which will be fun for all!!  
Be ready to bid on the silent auction items, bidding  
will stop at the end of round nine.  
Pizza and Soft Drinks will be available  
for a small charge  
~B.Y.O.B. and come join the fun for a worthy cause~

**In your prayers please remember:** Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Louis Bompreszi, Crissy Brigrance, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, John Calipari, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Bonita Comans, Abrahan Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Lance Garrett, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, John & Bootsie Hammett, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, George Klein, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Bill Lindsley, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Louisa Reilly, Tony Salvati, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Wayne Sylvester, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, Louise Winter and Angie Wright.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm**

Fran Schmitt+

**Sunday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am**

Roby & Gohman Families++

**Sunday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 am**

Charlena LoBianco+

**Sunday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Monday Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:15**

Anne Kyle+

**Tues. Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Int. Of Janna Marshall

**Wed. Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Parks & Mary Louise Duffee+

**Thur. Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Dorsey Bailey+

**Friday Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Communion Service

**Saturday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Lee Gonzales+

**Sunday, Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Nanette Quinn+

**Sunday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

People of Parish



Lance Garrett – Meth Central room  
ICU 437

**PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Carolyn Fracchia**  
St. Peter Villa, 331-A  
141 North McLean  
Memphis, TN 38104

**Jackie Perfetti**  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119

**Helene Weiss**  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119

**Ginger Shemwell**  
Luther Tower  
274 S. Highland apt. 106  
Memphis, TN 38111

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

**ALTAR Guild** - Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of – anniversary – birthdays and any other occasion. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

**GRACIAS!** – We thank Paula Lutts for volunteering to serve as the new secretary to the Parish Pastoral Council. The secretary to the Parish Pastoral Council is a non-voting member who keeps minutes and attendance records for the archives of the parish. The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday on odd-numbered months. Paula will join the Council in March. The **next meeting will be Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm.**

**Financial Report for  
Weekend of March 15<sup>th</sup>  
2009**

Envelopes	\$ 3,046.87
Loose Checks	305.00
Loose Currency/Coin	155.86
Debt	12.00
Improvements	1.00
Indian Mission	12.00
Catholic Relief	6.00
Poor of Parish	530.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,062.73</b>
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
<b>Collection Diff for the Week</b>	<b>\$(813.50)</b>
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$162,228.89
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>180,092.51</u>
<b>Collections Deficit Y-t-D</b>	<b>\$ (17,863.62)</b>

We are scheduling **MASS INTENTIONS** for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.

  
**Funerals**

**Jason Morin**, the son of Ada Morin and a graduate of our parish school, was killed by gunshot on Friday, March 13. His funeral was Friday, March 20. He is also survived by Roxana, his niece, and Jacob, Andrew and Matthew, his nephews, all of whom attend our parish school. May perpetual light shine upon him and may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Barbara Taylor**, the husband of James (Skeeter) Taylor, died on Friday, March 13. Her funeral was on Tuesday, March 17. May perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Attention All Candidates For Confirmation** – Monthly preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation begin Saturday, January 31, at 9:00 a.m. These classes are required for all candidates for Confirmation enrolled in OLS Parish School and OLS P.R.E. They will be taught by Fr. Timby. Other required dates are March 28, April 25, May 16 (Retreat). Confirmation is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on May 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

**The Knights of Columbus** is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the K of C. For more info, please call Daniel Schachle, FIC, General Agent at 423-451-7643 or email:daniel.schachle@kofc.org.

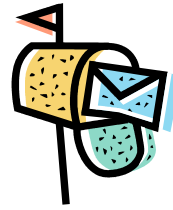
**New Pamphlets in Church** – Please look for some new pamphlets in the vestibule of the church in coming weeks. The following titles have been ordered in both English and Spanish: *How to Celebrate Holy week, How to Make a Good Confession, Questions Catholics Are Asked: Are You Saved?, and Top Ten Questions Catholics Are Asked.* The following titles have been ordered in Spanish only: *How to Pray the Rosary, How to Observe Lent, Six Ways I Can Make My Parish Better, and What the Church Teaches: Cohabitation.*

#### **COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated, rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the Temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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Be sure to check your mailbox for your Ministers of the Eucharist and the Word or Altar Server schedule for April & May.

**Evening of Discernment** – An evening of discussion, reflection and prayer for men who are interested in the priesthood and are seniors in high school or older will be held on February 16. Gathering time for Evening Prayer is 5:45 p.m. at St. Louis Church. The group will then head to a restaurant for fellowship and return to St. Louis Church for discussion, discernment and prayer. The evening concludes around 8:30 p.m. These evenings are not only a great opportunity to reflect on God's call in one's life, they are also a wonderful way to meet others who are considering the possibility of priesthood in their life as well. If you cannot make this gathering others are scheduled on March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15. Come join us!

**The Word Among Us** – Thanks to the generosity of St. William Parish in Millington we have 100 copies of the Lenten edition of *The Word Among Us*. Please help yourselves in the vestibule of the church. Please take only one per household to allow access to these wonderful season meditation to as many parishioners as possible. We apologize, but there are no Spanish versions available.

**Little Black Books** – Once again, the ladies of the Altar Guild are providing a supply of Lenten meditation booklets. Please look for the Little Black Books in the vestibule of the church. Spanish version, which are clearly marked, are on the altar rail in front of Mary's statue.

**Thank You** – I want to thank everyone for making my celebration of St. Padraig's Day very special. The cards I received really touched my Irish spirit. All who came to eat dinner with me turned a day of hard cooking into a true celebration of what St. Padraig's Day is all about – love and family. I want to extend a special thank you to the members of the Youth Group and the boys from St. Benedict High School that helped make our parish celebration run smoothly. All of you warm the hearth of my heart. Erin go Bragh!  
~Fr. Timby

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.

**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



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the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Stations of the Cross** – The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated twice each week during Lent. The will be celebrated on Wednesday afternoons in a simple format for the children of the school, but Adults are welcome. On Friday evenings, the Stations will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. with Benediction following. There is a plenary indulgence attached to the proper meditation of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. This means that if you make a good confession within seven days before or after meditating on the Station all temporal punishment in Purgatory for sins committed will be forgiven.

**Poor Man’s Supper** – A simple, meatless meal will be provided at no cost to those participating in the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. This week’s Poor Man’s Dinner by the STVDP and Legion of Mary. The meal will be served in the cafeteria immediately following Benediction. Come join us for Stations of the Cross and dinner.



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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.

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



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**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!

**An Explanation** – A commonly asked question is what do we consider to be “meat” when determining how to abstain from meat on the Fridays of the year, especially during Lent when it is absolutely required? The answer is quite simple: If it has lungs, it is considered to be meat. This applies only to the butchered flesh of an animal and not eggs, milk or cheese. Fish have gills, not lungs, so fish is allowed for consumption. And, as I told one little boy when pressed for a more definitive answer: Yes, all insects may be eaten on the Fridays of Lent but one might want to be sure they don’t overeat them on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday lest they not be fasting as prescribed for all Catholics of age.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet it was in a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**A Follow-Up on the General Assembly of Connecticut** -- At the request of its proponents, a bill that would have given laypeople financial control of their parishes in Connecticut has been withdrawn and is dead for this legislative session. In a joint statement March 10, the co-chairmen of the Connecticut Legislature's Judiciary Committee, Sen. Andrew J. McDonald of Stamford and Rep. Michael Lawlor of East Haven, announced the cancellation of a scheduled March 11 hearing on the controversial bill. There was no immediate comment on the bill's demise from the Catholic bishops of Connecticut, who had strongly opposed the legislation and urged Catholics to turn out at the hearing in large numbers. "At the request of the proponents who are advocating this legislation, we have decided to cancel the public hearing for tomorrow, table any further consideration of this bill for the duration of this session, and ask the attorney general his opinion regarding the constitutionality of the existing law," said McDonald and Lawlor, both Democrats and Catholics.

**Christian Integrity Lectures** – Christ first gave us a command: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus loves us with a true and pure love, a compassionate and vibrant friendship, and with an eternal promise. Join us for a 3 part lecture series on Christian Integrity: Love, Friendship, and Promise. This will take place 3 consecutive Tuesdays: March 24th, March 31st, and April 7th from 7:00PM until 8:30PM in the Holy Rosary Family Room. – Anthony Maranise, a major of Religion at Christian Brothers University will present. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually this Lenten season. For more info, please call (901) 634 - 4280 or email Anthony at [amaranis@cbu.edu](mailto:amaranis@cbu.edu).

**May Mania Chairpersons Needed** – Due to pressing health problems, we are in need of new volunteers to assume the responsibility of chairperson and co-chairperson for May Mania. Without dynamic and committed leadership we will have trouble putting on the type of event that we have had in past years. If you are ready to take charge, please call Fr. Timby at 353-1530 as soon as possible.

Father Richard Gantert's family and friends invite you to join **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gantert Memorial Run/Walk** April 19, 2009. In celebration of Father Rick's life, individual scholarships have been established in his name at St. Paul Elementary School and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Memphis. Catholic education was a priority for Father Rick and we hope to continue support in these difficult times and for many years to come. Volunteers are welcome for the run at Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. Check [www.gantertmemorialrun.net](http://www.gantertmemorialrun.net) for registration or donation details, times and events.

For details contact Stephanie Sisk at [stephar1484@aol.com](mailto:stephar1484@aol.com) or Linda O'Donnell at [GantertMemorial@bellsouth.net](mailto:GantertMemorial@bellsouth.net)  
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