

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 6, 2011

*Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety.
You are my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake you will lead
and guide me.
— Psalm 31:3-4*

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SOLID FAITH

Today we hear Moses and the Lord Jesus summon their followers to listen attentively to their words. Moses reminds the people that a great blessing awaits those who obey the commandments of the Lord. Jesus tells his followers that those who listen to and act upon his words will be like the wise man who built his house on rock. Saint Paul recalls for us the central truth of our faith: that we have been justified freely by God's grace through the redemption of Christ. In a society in which we are constantly bombarded with words, let us take the sacred words we hear today to heart. May these words strengthen our faith and make that faith as solid as that house built on rock.

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TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Take my words into your heart and soul (Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32).

Psalm — Lord, be my rock of safety (Psalm 31).

Second Reading — The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law (Romans 3:21-25, 28).

Gospel — Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
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

Rosary Dedication March: For those suffering from Cancer.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, March 6th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
Altar Guild Hospitality after 8 am &
10:30 Mass KH
PRE Class 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am.
Spanish Mass- 5 pm,
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH

Mon, March 7th

Mass - 8:00 am

Tuesday, Mar 8th

Mass- 8:00 am
Mardi Gras 6:30 pm GYM, Potluck
Dinner

Wed. Mar 9th Ash Wednesday

Mass - 9:00 am
Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Mass- 6:30 pm
RCIA 7 pm KH

Thurs. Mar 10th

Mass- 8:00 am,
Bible Study Class, 9:30-11:30 KH
Youth Group Meeting 6:30 pmJ
Baptism Class 7:30 KH

Friday, Mar 11th

Communion Service 8:00 am
Stations of Cross - 6:30 pm
Poor Man's Supper after stations in
cafeteria (Altar Guild)

Saturday, Mar 12th

3:00 - 3:30 pm, CONFESSIONS
Mass - 4 pm

Sunday, Mar 13th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
K of C Breakfast after Mass
PRE Class 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am.
Spanish Mass- 5 pm,
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH

ASH WEDNESDAY



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Girl Scout Sunday
Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Tuesday: St. John of God
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: Abstinence

Campbell Soup Labels: We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!! Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Mar 5 & 6***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry G. Hooten	Deacon Don T. Acklen	L. O'Donnell B. Bustos	N. Vinturella E. Roque
Reader:	E. Monroe	J. Bish	M. Standridge	R. Roque
Altar Servers:	C. Sawicki W. Durbin	C. Bailey D. Bailey	G. Lopez J. Lopez L. Lopez	R. Rodriguez N. Villanueva

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Mar 12 & 13***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry G. Pannell	Deacon Don P. Stavrum	J. DeStefano A. Humphrey	R. Roque E. Roque
Reader:	R. Pannell	D. Gohman	J. Collier	J. Estrada
Altar Servers:	L. Carter W. Solomon	K. Owen H. Williams	P. Moreno J. Moreno	S. Roque A. Roque

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abrahan Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Jessica Mann, Ron Marshak, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Mary Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

***Flowers on altar in memory of Bob Kissell
from Mary Kissell***



Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

Gifts Baskets for Sale: gift baskets for special holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers, & etc. Please call one week in advance! (901)-353-1486 Thanks, Stephanie & Vicci Mueller

Mass Intentions 2011: we still have openings for mass intentions; please call the office if you need a mass intention.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar 5th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday, Mar 6th 8:00 am

Anita Blumethal+

Sunday, Mar 6th 10:30 am

Tony Oliveira+

Sunday, Mar 6th 5:00

People of Parish

Monday Mar 7th 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Tuesday, Mar 8th 8:00 am

Jennie Venturella+

Wednesday, Mar 9th 9:00 am

Frank Chaput+

Wednesday, Mar 9th 6:30 pm

Hollis Hall +

Thurs. Mar 10th 8:00 am

Jean Dickinson+

Friday Mar 11th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat. Mar 12th 4:00 pm

People of Parish

Sunday, Mar 13th 8:00 am

Mary Duncan+

Sunday, Mar 13th 10:30 am

Richard Sims+

Sunday, Mar 13th 5:00

Bridget Hester+

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Jackie Perfetti

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

Helene Weiss

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5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119**

Ginger Shemwell

**King's Daughters & Sons
3568 Applng Rd, room 144
Bartlett, TN 38133**

Dolores Bair

**Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

Henry Van Ness

**Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
177 North Highland, room 124
Memphis, TN 38111**

Amanda Hall

**Highlands of Memphis
3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1
Memphis, TN 38111**

Vera Trudell

**Grace Healthcare
Room 306 A
955 N. Germantown Pkwy
Cordova, TN 38018**



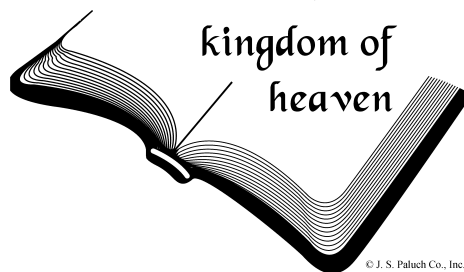
Daylight Savings Time -- Don't forget to turn your clocks

AHEAD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12, or you will be late for everything on Sunday. Daylight Saving Times begins NEXT SUNDAY.

Financial Report
Weekend of 02/27/2011

Envelopes	\$2,010.00
Loose Checks	496.10
Debt	834.00
Total Collection	3,340.10
Church Budget for the week	<u>- 4,458.38</u>
Collection Diff for the week	\$ (1,117.28)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 143,764.00
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>156,042.92</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (12,278.92)

Only the one who does
 my Father's will
 can enter the
 kingdom of
 heaven



FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

This coming Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Pilgrimage to Italy: Fr. Bryan Timby invites you to join him on his vacation this year as he makes a pilgrimage to some of the Eucharistic shrines in Italy. Visit Venice, Padua, Florence, Pisa, Ovieto, Assisi, Cascia and Rome, November 4-15. Cost: \$4,028 (cash discount price of \$3,799) plus airport taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities. Includes: round-trip airfare from Memphis, first class lodging and all meals except lunches. Call (901) 353-1530 for a brochure. Space is limited to 35 people.

House for rent; between Frayser & Millington, 4 bedroom, 1 bath, gas heat, no air or appliances big yard. \$ 575.00 per month, call 357-1590

Lector Training - Tuesdays, Feb 15, 22 & Mar 1 6:45–9 pm @ St. Brigid Church, OR Sat Mar 19 & 26, 9 am–12:15 pm @ Christ the King Church, Southaven. No online registration - register @ your parish; pastor’s approval required. For course fees and more information, visit ILS website @ www.ilsedom.org or call 722-4761.

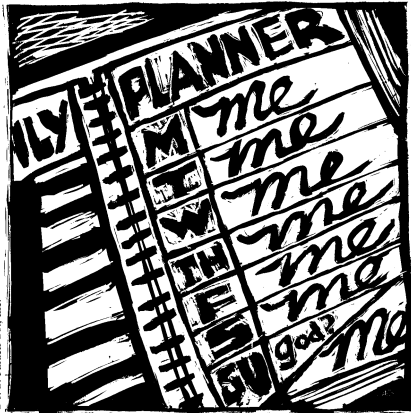
Spanish Healing Mass: The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will celebrate a Healing Mass in Spanish for the Hispanic/Latino community of Memphis at St. Michael’s Church on March 23 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and join their broken hearts, bodies and spirits together in the healing power of Christ.

Annual Liturgy and Celebration for People with Disabilities and Special Needs: 10:30 AM Mass June 26, 2011 St. Mary’s Catholic Church 257 North Street Memphis TN 38105

Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, March 27th after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849, we will be going to Resort.

ARE YOU LAUGHING?

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays sixty minutes of basketball. How people can't find the time to pray, yet have all the time in the world to talk to their friends, and actually complain when a homily is longer than ten minutes. It's strange how long a couple of hours spent at a church meeting can seem, but how short they seem when watching a movie. It may seem boring to read a chapter in the Bible, but it's easy to read a hundred pages of a best-selling novel. It's amazing the effort we make trying to get a front seat at any game or concert, yet we scramble for a back pew at Mass. And how many of us insist we need two or three weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust for other activities in a heartbeat? Maybe you feel it is too hard to learn and pass on the faith, but consider how simple it is to understand and repeat gossip. So many people believe what the TV news says, and question what the Church says. And why does a one hundred-dollar bill look so big in the offertory basket, but so small when taken to the mall? Ever wondered why you can send a thousand "jokes" through e-mail, but start sending messages regarding faith or Church teaching, and people think twice about sharing with you? How strange that everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything different or difficult. Funny how we always expect the Church to step up to help us, but we don't think we have to step up to help the Church. Funny, isn't it? Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



New Diaconate Class Forming: The Diaconate is part of Holy Orders established by the apostolic church to assist Priests and Bishops in the ministry of Christ. As one called by Christ the Deacon is committed to the work begun by Jesus, he is ordained to the ministry of service. He is a sign of Christ's love and concern for all who are in need - especially the widowed, orphans, the infirm, the elderly, prisoners, couples, teenagers, and all who are in need of the loving and serving heart of Christ.

The Diocese of Memphis, Office of Diaconate Formation, under the direction of the Rev. J. Keith Stewart, will begin a new Diaconate Formation Class in September of 2011.

Men who feel called by God to be a Deacon are invited to an informational meeting. Those interested:

- must be at least 30 years of age,
- if married, must have been married at least 5 years
- if a convert, must be a Catholic for at least 2 years

Husbands and wives, if married, are required to attend one of the following scheduled meetings in order to enter the program. Meetings will be Thursday, March 17th from 6pm to 9pm or Saturday, March 19th from 9am to 12 Noon in the Family Room at Holy Rosary Church, 4851 Park Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of Permanent Diaconate at 373-1299

School Registration: Registration for the 2011-2012 school year at OLS will begin in the coming weeks. All tuition and fee payments must be current in order to register. Please make certain your records are current. All Catholic students will have to provide a letter from their pastors confirming their membership and active participation. New students will need: 1) a copy of their baptismal record; 2) a copy of their birth certificate; 3) an up-to-date immunization record. Priority will be given to siblings of currently enrolled students and children of parents who are actively involved as members of OLS Parish when accepting new students for enrollment. OLS OPEN HOUSE next Saturday March 12 at 10 am – 2pm all are welcome.

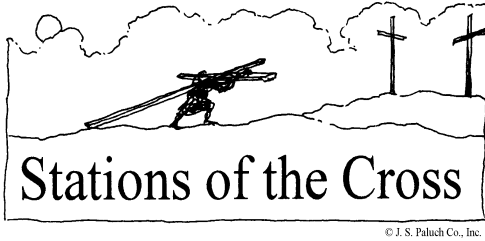


Diocesan Mission: The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be giving a mission March 21-24 entitled "I Have Come That You May Have Life Abundantly" at Holy Rosary Church, 4851 Park Avenue. All Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to strengthen their faith in the Risen Lord with the assistance of excellent preaching from the Franciscan Friars.

Mardi Gras '11 – Our annual Mardi Gras celebration and potluck dinner will be this Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. There will be a parade with the throwing of beads, trinkets and coins and fun for all. Make plans now to join us as we say good-bye to Miss Gloria and Mr. Alleluia and embrace the season of Lent.

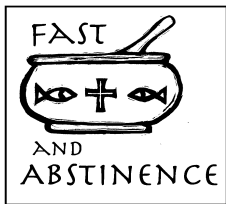


Stations of the Cross – The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated twice each week during Lent. They will be celebrated on Wednesday afternoons in a simple format for the children of the school, but Adults are welcome. On Friday evenings, the Stations will be celebrated at 6:20 p.m. with Benediction 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.



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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 14th 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 do not 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!



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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.

Poor Man's Supper – Each Friday night during Lent we will have our traditional “Poor Man's Supper” in the cafeteria following the Stations of the Cross. The supper will be prepared by a different parish organization each week. Friday, March the 11 will be by the Altar Guild Women.

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 Mar 8th.

Teens4Christ: The Youth Group will meet this Thursday. They will meet again on Thursday, March 10. We will talk about our experience at DYC over pizza. Bring your own drink.

Ravioli Roll: The Altar Guild is having a meat ravioli roll on Friday, March 18th, at 2:00p.m. and Saturday, March 19th, at 8:00 a.m.. Many hands are needed for this roll to be a success.

Tamale Sale: The Hispanic Ministry Committee will soon begin taking advance orders for tamales, which will be made during the last weekend of April. Only advance orders will be filled. Watch the bulletin for more details.