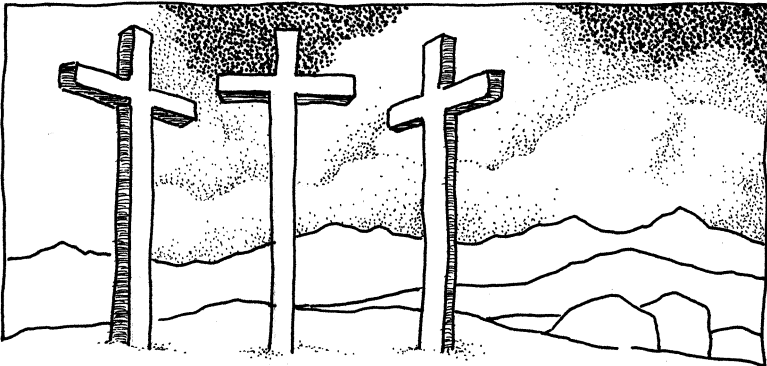


Third Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2011

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— *Romans 5:8*



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THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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TODAY'S READING

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Harden Not
Your Hearts



Rosary Dedication March: For those suffering from Cancer.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday, Mar 27th

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

Mon, March 28th

Mass - 8:00 am
Spiritual Life Meeting 6pm Teacher Lounge

Tuesday, Mar 29th

Mass- 8:00 am
1st Confession ,Church 6:30 pm
Pastoral Council after 1st penance

Wed. Mar 30th Rectory Closed

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Mass- 6:30 pm

RCIA 7 pm KH

Thurs. Mar 31st

Mass- 8:00 am,
Bible Study Class, 9:30-11:30 KH

Friday, April 1st

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

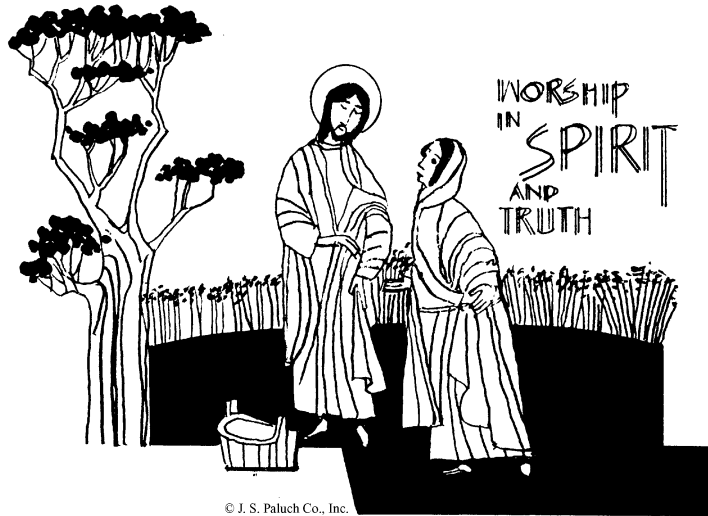
Saturday, April 2nd

8:00 am Mass
Altar Guild Meeting after Mass
3:00 - 3:30 pm, CONFESSIONS
Mass - 4 pm

BAA Video at all Massed

Sunday, April 3rd

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



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Friday: First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

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 26 &27***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry F. Bursi	Deacon Don L. Hall	K. Pope M. Standridge	R. Roque N. Vinturella
Reader:	P. Lutts	J. Hall	L. Pope	E. Roque
Altar Servers:	L. Carter W. Durbin	C. Bailey D. Bailey	S. Gilbreath K. Hissong	N. Villanueva J. Rivera

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for April 2 &3***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	E. Monroe G. Hooten	Deacon Henry S. O'Brien	Deacon Don L. DeStefano	R. Roque E. Roque
Reader:	B. Pettit	B. Plessinger	J. Collier	M.del Barrera
Altar Servers:	C. Sawicki A. Lopez	K. Hudson B. Hudson	A. Marquez B. Marquez E. & O. Marquez	B. Barrera E. Barrera

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, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, 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, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Mary Timby, Marie Torres, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar 26th 4:00 pm

Int. of Grandchildren of Bursi Families

Sunday, Mar 27th 8:00 am

Faye Seaton+

Sunday, Mar 27th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Mar 27th 5:00

Yvonne Moran+

Monday Mar 28th 8:00 am

Joseph & Jennie Fracchia +

Tuesday, Mar 29th 8:00 am

Wooldridge Family+

Wednesday, Mar 30th 6:30 pm

Hazel Gunter+

Thurs. Mar 31st 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Friday April 1st 8:00 am

Keith Trenham+

Sat. April 2nd 8:00 am

Kathleen Harley+

Sat. April 2nd 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee

Hooten+

Sunday, April 3rd 8:00 am

Roby & Gohman Families+

Sunday, April 3rd 10:30 am

Mary Duncan+

Sunday, April 3rd 5:00

People of Parish

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

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

King's Daughters & Sons

3568 Appling 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

Thinking Ahead! We are in need of a chairperson for Eaglefest 2011. The big event is less than six month away.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will host the fourth annual "FANCY BAR-B-QUE DINNER" April 9th at Church of the Nativity. Your dining experience will begin at 6:30pm and will consist of a five course bar-b-que including smoked ribs and much more. ALL proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Mission. For ticket info call 901.833.9930 or email richard.peyton@svdpmemphis.org.

**Financial Report
Weekend of 03/20/2011**

Envelopes	\$2,328.00
Loose Checks	286.86
Improvement	60.00
Poor of Parish	308.60
Total Collection	2,983.46
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	\$ (1,475.92)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 156,060.57
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>169,418.06</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (13,357.49)



FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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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.

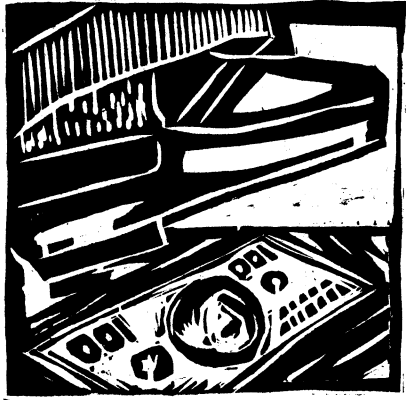
Parish Celebration of Penance: OLS joins several other parishes twice a year to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with the Rites of Reconciliation. This Lent, the celebration will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00p.m.

Parish Mission: Make plans now to attend our parish mission on April 4-6 (Monday through Wednesday). The service will begin at 6:30 each evening. Our spiritual guide for these days of blessing will be Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., a world-renowned and highly sought after speaker of spiritual renewal. Fr. Nieli speaks fluent Spanish and will hear confessions each evening after the mission service.

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.

PRICELESS

A well-known priest had been invited to speak at a parish mission. The church was packed and all eyes were on him as he started his presentation. He looked around the congregation and took something out of his pocket. Everyone could see he was holding up a one-hundred-dollar bill. He asked, "Who would like to have this hundred-dollar bill?" People looked at each other and wondered if this was some kind of trick, but hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this one hundred dollars to one of you, but first, let



me do this." Holding both hands up high he crumpled the bill up into a small tight ball. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" More hands went up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe as hard as he could. When he picked it up, everyone could see the money was all crumpled and dirty. "Now who wants it?" Almost every hand was in the air. "My friends, today you have all learned a very valuable lesson because, in spite of what I did to it, this bill has not lost any of its value. It is still worth one hundred dollars. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. When you don't live up to God's love for you, you may even feel as if you are worthless. But no

matter what has happened or what will happen in your life, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. Whether you are dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to God."

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Parish D.R.E. Needed: After many years of stellar service as the OLS Director of Religious Education, Brenda Plessinger is giving up that position so she can concentrate of being a grandmother. Please pray that a loving, kind and responsible person will surface to take over that role beginning next year. Perhaps God is calling you to take a leadership position in our parish. Listen. God talks to us in our hearts. Please see Fr. Timby personally.

P.R.E. Teachers Needed: Do you love your faith? Do you like to share your faith? Do you enjoy seeing children's faces light us when they learn about how God loves them and the many ways He shows that love to us? Please consider being a teacher in our Parish Religious Education program next year. It is a 1-hour commitment for 30 Sunday mornings and there is some adult education and training involved. Please call the parish office or see Fr. Timby personally.

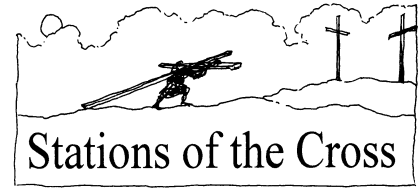
Parish School News: The children in our parish school will be having a fundraiser in the weeks of Lent following Spring Break (which is this week). They will be taking orders for pizzas, cookie dough and other snack items. Our goal is \$10,000 in sales for a profit of \$4,000+. Please be kind and generous in your response when they approach you on behalf of our school.

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



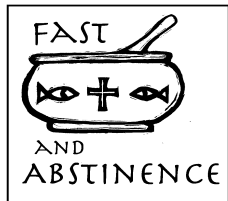
Tamale Sale: The Hispanic Ministry Committee are now taking advance orders for tamales, which will be made during the last weekend of April. Only advance orders will be filled. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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 Stations 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 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 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.



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First Penance Celebration: Our children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and the Rites of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. Please keep our First Penitents in your prayers in these coming days.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Krug Hall. The late starting time is to accommodate the celebration of First Penance by our children which is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. the same evening.

THE WATER FROM HEAVEN

As dry flour cannot be united into a lump of dough, or a loaf, but needs water, so we who are many cannot be made one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes from heaven.

—Irenaeus