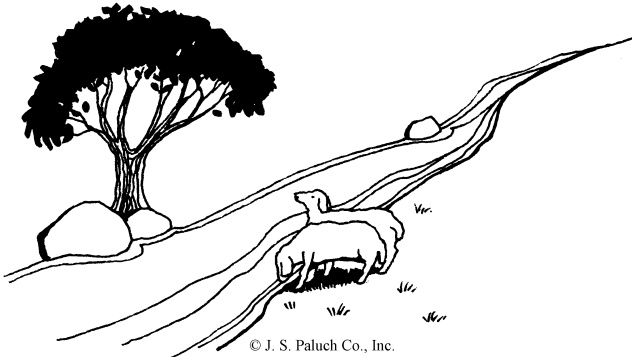


Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2011



*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not
want.
— Psalm 23:1*

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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TODAY’S READING

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (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 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
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:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don’t.

—Blaise Pascal

Rosary Dedication April: For the newly baptized that they will take seriously the new life in which they have been clothed.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, April 3rd

Rosary, 7:35 am
 BAA Video at all Masses
 Mass - 8 am
 PRE Class 9:00 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

Mon, April 4th

Mass - 8:00 am
 Mission, Fr. Bruce Neili, 6:30 pm
 Church, 8:00 pm Spanish

Tuesday, April 5th

Mass- 8:00 am
 Mission, Fr. Bruce Neili, 6:30 pm
 Church, 8:00 pm Spanish

Wed. April 6th Rectory Closed

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
 Mass- 6:30 pm
 Mission, Fr. Bruce Neili, 6:30 pm
 Church, 8:00 pm Spanish

RCIA 7 pm KH

Thurs. April 7th

Mass– 8:00 am,
 Bible Study Class, 9:30-11:30 KH
 STVDP 7 pm KH
 Youth Movie 7 pm
 Eaglefest Meeting 7 pm, Teachers
 Lounge

Friday, April 8th

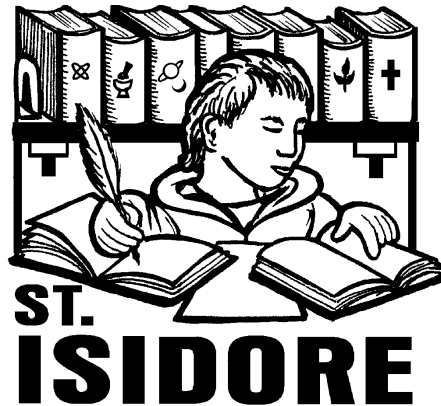
Mass -8:00 am
 Stations of Cross – 6:30 pm
 Poor Man's Supper after stations in
 cafeteria (STVDP & Legion of Mary)

Saturday, April 9th

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

Sunday, April 10th

Rosary, 7:35 am
 Mass - 8 am
 PRE Class 9 am
 K of C Breakfast after 8am Mass
 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:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Isidore
Tuesday:	St. Vincent Ferrer
Thursday:	St. John Baptist de la Salle
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.

It's Our 2011 MAY Mania! Everyone is invited to attend a May Mania the evening of **May 21, 2011**. We are planning an evening including a dinner, silent auction and pre-sale of Barbecue Butts. We will have more details in the next few weeks. Please note the date on your calendars and plan on coming to support us. Please call our chairperson, Susan Hissong if you have any questions at 690-0397.

***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

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for April 9 & 10***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	N. Vinturella G. Taulman	Deacon Henry C. Vasquez	Deacon Don L. O'Donnell	R. Roque N. Vinturella
Reader:	C. Specht	B. Williams	M. Standridge	J. Benitez
Altar Servers:	L. Carter W. Durbin	P. Moreno J. Moreno	S. Gilbreath Al. Martini	R. Rodriguez E. Garcia

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.



Eaglefest Meeting: There will be a meeting of all those interested in working on this year's Eaglefest on Thursday, April 7:00, at 6:30 p.m. in Krug Hall. Please bring will hearts and working attitudes.

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

OLS Teens4Christ: The Youth Group will meet this coming Thursday and will go to the Paradiso Movie Theater to see *The Grace Car*". The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. The church will pay admission, but members must purchase their own refreshments. Parents are needed to help drive the members to the theater. Parents who drive (one per car) will also have their admissions paid for by the church. The movie has a rating of PG-13 and was produced by Mrs. Luka's church. You can check out the film at <http://www.thegracecardmovie.com>.

Baptism Preparation Class: There will be a class on Saturday, April 30, for English-speaking parents and godparents who are anticipating the celebration of Baptism for their children within the next six months. The class will be at 10:00 a.m. and last approximately one hour. All parents and godparents who have not been to a similar class within the previous 36 months must attend such a class either in their home parish or at another parish before a Baptism can be placed on the schedule of events. Also, parents and godparents who are not members of the parish where the Baptism is to take place must furnish proof of church membership in good standing, which includes regular Mass attendance.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday April 4th 8:00 am

Peter Cianciola+

Tuesday, April 5th 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Wednesday, April 6th 6:30 pm

Alice Fricks+

Thurs. April 7th 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Friday April 8th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat. April 9th 4:00 pm

People of Parish

Sunday, April 10th 8:00 am

Theresa Raggio+

Sunday, April 10th 10:30 am

George McAuley+

Sunday, April 10th 5:00

Mary O'Keefe+

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

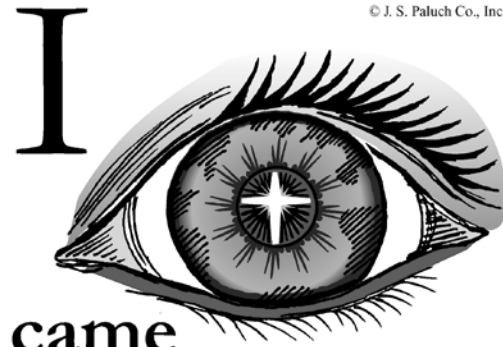
**Grace Healthcare
Room 306 A
955 N. Germantown Pkwy
Cordova, TN 38018**

Financial Report
Weekend of 03/27/2011

Envelopes	\$2,051.00
Loose Checks	420.50
Improvement	637.00

Total Collection	3,108.50
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	\$ (1,349.88)

Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 159,169.07
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>173,876.44</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (14,707.37)



came
so that those who
do not see might see

FEAST OF FAITH
The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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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 Mission in Spanish: Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP, will preach a Parish Mission at OLS this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. At 6:30 pm. The Spanish presentations will be at 8:00 p.m.. Fr. Nieli will hear confessions in Spanish after the mission talk. Please invite your friends to come and join us.

Ravioli Roll: The women of the Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who came and helped this past weekend with the ravioli roll. What a great group of volunteers we have here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Thank you and May God bless. They are now selling meat ravioli, if interested, please call Patty at 353-0316 or 283-2500.

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 differ parish organization each week. This Friday will be the STVDP & Legion of Mary.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

The World Health Organization estimates that about forty million people around the world today are blind—the majority due to disease, poor nutrition, and parasites that would be preventable or treatable in more affluent countries. People in Jesus' time thought blindness was caused by sinfulness—the sinfulness of the blind themselves or



of their parents. In the story of Jesus' healing in today's Gospel, the Pharisees—the supreme rule-keepers of their day—were far less concerned about the blind man than they were that Jesus broke the rule of the Sabbath. God had ordained the Sabbath as a day of rest for the Jews when most of them earned their living with hard physical labor, but over the centuries the rules governing what could and could not be done on the Sabbath seemed to be more important than the rest from labor. By healing the man, Jesus had done something beyond the law of Moses, and that drew the condemnation of the Pharisees. They were quick to label the blind man and Jesus himself as sinners. We are prone to this same tendency to judge people who are different from us. It can range from simple annoyance when our grown children do not live their lives exactly as we do, all the way to condemnation of a whole group, such as those of a different religion or political persuasion. The more we fall into anger at these differences, the more blind we become to our own lack of charity.

Saint Paul says we live in the light of Christ, so all our efforts should be to produce “every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth” (Ephesians 5:9). No one would deny that rules have their place, but things go amiss when we place the rules above everything else. That's a blindness we cannot afford.

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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.

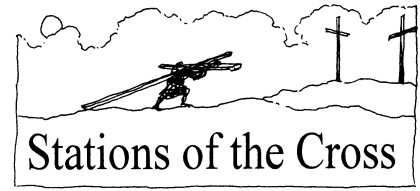
School Registration: Registration for the 2011-2012 school year at OLS will begin in the coming weeks. All tuition and fee payments must be current in order to register. Please make certain your records are current. All Catholic students will have to provide a letter from their pastors confirming their 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.

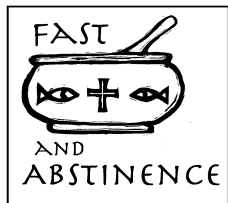
Monthly Bus Trip will be Sunday, April 17th after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849, we will be going to Sam's Town.

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

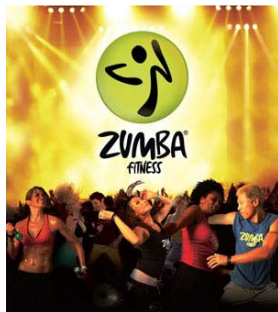


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the question “What is meat?” the answer is: “meat” is the slaughtered of flesh of any creature that uses lungs to breathe, e.g., cows, chickens, whales, frogs, snake, etc. Fish and other creatures that do not use lungs to breathe are not considered “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!

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.

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.



Zumba Classes - Sarah Hall (Certified Zumba Instructor) is offering Tuesday evenings classes starting April 12 at 6:00pm-7:00pm, at OLS 3700 Thomas Street, room over Gym, \$4.00 per person, all ages. Men & women welcome, No experience required. if interested please call Sara at 282-8029.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Our Lady of Sorrows has a goal of \$26,000 for this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Our parish receives many benefits from this annual fund drive, e.g., the Tribunal, liturgic, all training seminars, youth gatherings, days of reflection, catechist certification, retreats and continuing education opportunities for our priests and deacons, and much support from the Catholic Schools Office. When you receive Bishop’s Steib’s letter asking for your help, please thanksgiving for what

respond generously in we have received.



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