

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 28 March – 29 March -
Presiders:

5:00 pm – Fr. Raymond Fecteau
9:00 am – Fr. Mathew Puchayil
11:00 am – Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the week of March 22, 2009

Sunday: 1Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41
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/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38 (Annunciation)
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
Next Sunday: Ez. 37:12 – 14/Rm 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper

9 April 2009
6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

10 April
7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY
The Easter Vigil

11 April
8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY
Sacred Liturgy

12 April
7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means to limit oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday, 10 April 2009. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: During Lent, the Sacrament of Penance/reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays through 3 April, 7:00pm in the church.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Caelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, it is one of the four traditional Marian antiphons sung during the presentation of the gifts.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Youth in grades 4 and up who would like to become altar servers are invited to a training session on Saturday, 21 March, at 10:00am. A parent/guardian must accompany his/her child. Training will last approximately one and one-half hour.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of her death, please remember the following parishioner in your prayers:
Sue Ann Baluta (23 March 2003).

LONGING FOR SOMETHING? MAYBE IT'S GOD:
An Invitation to Come Back to Church: *Why is it so hard to talk about our faith?* For many of us, our faith is very personal. We're not comfortable talking about it and don't want to be seen as "pushy." Yet, why not share something that means so much to you? Pick up an invitation at the back of church and invite someone you know to come back. This invitation may be just the opportunity your friends and family members have been waiting for. This Lent parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington are extending a special invitation to those who may have drifted away from their faith to come back to church, to stop by for prayer and Mass. For information, visit www.maybe-its-god.org or pick up this week's Catholic Standard to read Archbishop Wuerl's new pastoral letter, *Belonging to God's Family*.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of the devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. The Forty Hours devotion begins with a procession to the Thomas More Chapel after the 5:00pm liturgy on Saturday, 28 March. The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar during the next 40 hours for parishioners to gather for personal prayer. The Forty Hours devotion will conclude at the 9:15am liturgy on Monday, 30 March. The Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of our person and family. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament by filling out the form enclosed in the bulleting and either place the completed form in the collection basket during liturgy or send an email to the parish office at parishoffice.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT: Please join the sixth grade Confirmation Class, and their parents, for a Spring-time “Spruce Up” Day on Saturday, 4 April 2009, from 8:00am - 12 noon. Confirmation candidates in the seventh and eighth grades, their parents, and interested parishioners are encouraged to participate. Please bring work gloves and small gardening tools with you.

POPE BENEDICT XVI IN WASHINGTON: Relive the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the Archdiocese of Washington in April 2008, in a special anniversary edition of the book, *“Pope Benedict in Washington: Herald of Christ’s Hope.”* With more than 170 full-color photos on 104 pages, this keepsake volume chronicles the events leading up to the Pope’s arrival, and includes a special introduction by Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl. Forty pages highlight the papal Mass at Nationals Park. Cost is only 424.95 plus \$6 shipping/handling. Look for promotional ads in our two archdiocesan newspapers, the *Catholic Standard* and *El Pregonero*.

2009 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years or more will be held Sunday, 7 June 2009, 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will be the celebrant. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 108.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class **prior to scheduling the Baptism**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register for the next class, call (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

ST. MONICA SOCIETY: This society, for widows and widowers in our parish, is a source of spirituality, prayer, social activities and service to others. All widows and widowers in our parish are invited to meet for coffee after the 9:15am liturgy in the Barn on Wednesday, 1 April. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have special intentions remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevents you from attending Sunday Liturgy, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the

vocation of matrimony. For information or to register for a weekend, go to www.dcengagedencounter.org.

MARRIAGE PLANNING: It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date.

Faith Formation for Life

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: VATICAN II - 45 YEARS LATER. This lecture series will be taught by Fr. Ray Fecteau on Monday evenings through Monday, 30 March from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in Founders Hall. Topics include: *“Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World”* and *“Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy”*.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, *Fifth Sunday of Lent*, will be on Tuesday, 24 March 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

COLLEGE SELECTION/APPLICATION/FUNDING PROCESS – Sunday, 29 March, 4:00pm: If you have a Sophomore or Junior in high school and want to learn about the “ins and outs” of the selection and application process for college, please plan to attend this presentation in Founders Hall. College and Process expert Shirley Levin will give a 60 minute presentation with a Question and Answer session to follow. Call the parish office, 301-948-5536, ext. 104 to reserve your seat!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION will meet Sunday, 29 March, 6:30pm – 7:45pm in Founders Hall.

Social Concerns

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION for the Head Start program: Filled bags are to be returned on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 22 – 22 March. Please help with this important collection by filling the bag with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: *Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kaminker, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McDonald and Mr. Charles Schneider.*

CALL FOR DONATIONS: The OLVP Mayfest Committee is looking for donations of good, used cars. To help you get the best tax write-off, we are asking to receive your donation early enough to validate its condition and publicize the vehicles. If you have a vehicle in good condition for auction, please call John Theis, (301) 977-9223 or email John at john.theis@ey.com

SPRING CLEANING? Please save your “gently used” items such as books (except textbooks) knick-knacks, toys, videos, jewelry, fine dining items for our White Elephant Sale at the Mayfest, Saturday, 2 May 2009. This year there will be an opportunity to drop off your items after liturgy on selected weekends (tbd). The goal is for each family to donate at least one “gently used” item.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office hours are Monday - Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Please note the office is closed during the lunch hour, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

PARISH RECORD KEEPING: If you are planning to move out of the area or if you have a change in your address or telephone number, please advise the parish office (301) 948-455365, ext. 108 so the parish records can be updated. Thank you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 28 – 29 March 2009, please call (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Monday, 23 March.

Facilities

SNOW EMERGENCY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. For safety reasons: Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if Montgomery County public schools are closed for school/community use; the parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed; and weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools; if schools are closed, there is no weekday liturgy.

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Parishioners can make weekly offertory and monthly mortgage reduction contributions via automatic payment from their checking account or credit card. To enroll in the program call 1-866-507-8757 or visit www.faithdirect.net and enter MD114, our church code.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 March 2009 our mortgage debt is \$765,191.24. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The February revenue from our Debt Reduction collection amounted to \$9,548.33.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
March	
22 Sun	First Eucharist Students at 9:00am Liturgy Family Choir at 9:00am Liturgy Welcome Weekend, Facilities Committee Head Start Food Bags Returned
23 Mon	“Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World” Vatican II, 7:00-9:00pm, Founders Hall
24 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
25 Wed	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
27 Fri	Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, Church
28 Sat	40 Hours Devotion Begins Following the 5:00pm Liturgy
29 Sun	40 Hours Devotion, Thomas More Chapel College & Process Presentation, 4:00pm Founders Hall High School Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
30 Mon	40 Hours Devotion Ends “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” 7:00 – 9:00pm, Founders Hall
31 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 – 6:30pm
April	
01 Wed	St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 – 6:30pm
02 Thu	Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Thomas More Chapel
04 Sat	Spring “Spruce-Up” Day
05 Sun	Building Fund Collection
09 Thu	Parish Office Closes at Noon <i>Mass of the Lord’s Supper</i> , 6:00pm
10 Fri	<i>Celebration of the Lord’s Passion</i> , 7:00pm
11 Sat	<i>The Easter Vigil</i> , 8:00pm, Church
12 Sun	<i>Easter Sunday</i> , Sacred Liturgy 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am
SAVE THE DATE	
May	
02 Sat	MayFest
17 Sun	Confirmation, 2:00pm

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