

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

PASSION SUNDAY: 4 April – 5 April - Presiders:

5:00 pm – Fr. Mathew Punchayil

9:00 am – Fr. Raymond Fecteau

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Readings for the Week of March 29, 2009

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rm 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

HOLY THURSDAY

9 April 2009

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10 April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

11 April

The Easter Vigil

8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

12 April

Sacred Liturgy

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.

SPECIAL LITURGY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN will be celebrated at the 9:00am liturgy on Passion Sunday, 5 April and at the 9:00am liturgy on Easter Sunday, 12 April.

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.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of her death, please remember the following parishioner in your prayers: **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996), **Daisy M. Masterson** (1 April 1996), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (2 April 2004), and **Pope John Paul II** (2 April 2005).

LONGING FOR SOMETHING? MAYBE IT'S GOD:

An Invitation to Come Back to Church: *Why is it so hard to talk about our faith?* 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 ready 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 Forty Hours devotion began 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. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

ALL SOULS CEMETERY GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

12:00 noon, 10 April 2009. Make Good Friday a day of prayerful reflection on the Sacrifice and passion of Jesus and prayerfully remember deceased loved ones by walking the Stations of the Cross at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, MD. For more information or in the event of inclement weather, please contact Michael Mazzuca, (301) 428-1995.

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 \$24.95 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.

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. This week’s topic is: “*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*”.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, *Passion Sunday*, will be on Tuesday, 31 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

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to our food collection for the Head Start Program and also to all who are purchasing gifts for our Adopted Families.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION Good Friday, 10 April 2009. The bishops of the United States established national collections to support the church’s works of social justice, evangelization and education, domestically and around the world. The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI, is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Human Resources

MAYFEST DONATIONS: The OLVP Mayfest Committee is looking for donations for the Silent Auction and the Pick Your Prize Raffle. We are also looking for good, used cars to auction. If you have a donation for the Silent Auction, Pick Your Prize Raffle or 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.

RUN FOR VOCATIONS: Each year, the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors the “Run for Vocations” team for the Marine Corps Marathon. Consider joining us for the marathon, half-marathon and 10K race, to be held on 25 October 2009. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, accomplish an amazing goal of promoting vocations to the priesthood, meet new people and support our seminarians,. For more information and to register, contact Carol Flannery at cflannery@adw@adw.org or call (301) 853-4584.

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. The parish office will be closed from noon on Holy Thursday, 9 April through Monday, 13 April.

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) 948-5536, 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 Passion Sunday of Lent, 4 – 5 April 2009, please call (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Monday, 30 March.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed. Thank you.

Finance

FORWARD IN FAITH was implemented in 2004 to raise money to support the ministries and programs that are provided by the Archdiocese of Washington, catholic Charities and many other catholic agencies. As of 31 December 2008, Forward in Faith has raised more than \$100 million dollars in support of the six priorities that were

outlined for the campaign. Please visit the Forward in Faith section of the Archdiocese of Washington website at adw.org to learn more about the campaign’s educational, pastoral and ministerial objectives. A Mass will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of Washington to acknowledge the work of Forward in Faith and to thank it supporters. After Mass there will be a reception and fellowship. The Forward in faith Mass will be held Thursday, 7 May 2009, 7:30am at St. Patrick in Rockville, Maryland. Bishop Francisco Gonzalez will be the celebrant.

| MARK YOUR CALENDAR | | |
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| March | | |
| 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 “ <i>Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy</i> ” 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 | Family Liturgy, 9:00am Building Fund Collection |
| 09 | Thu | Parish Office Closes at Noon Mass of the Lord’s Supper , 6:00pm |
| 10 | Fri | Celebration of the Lord’s Passion , 7:00pm |
| 11 | Sat | The Easter Vigil , 8:00pm, Church |
| 12 | Sun | Easter Sunday , Sacred Liturgy 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Family Liturgy, 9:00am |
| 13 | Mon | Parish Office Closed |
| 14 | Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn |
| 16 | Thu | Sodality Meeting, 7:00pm |
| 18 | Sat | RCIA Day of Recollection |
| SAVE THE DATE | | |
| May | | |
| 02 | Sat | MayFest |
| 17 | Sun | Confirmation, 2:00pm |

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