

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgical Life

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: - 6 – 7 March, Presiders:

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

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both perspective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (17 February 2010) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (1 April 2010).

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 limiting 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, 2 April 2010. 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, through 24 March, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place during that time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, through 26 March, 7:00pm in the church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The March/April/May schedule has been mailed. Please let the parish office know if you have not received your schedule. Included with the mailing is an availability sheet for Holy Week, Triduum and Confirmation. Please return that special availability sheet by Monday, 15 March.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: 3 March, Katherine Drexel (1858 – 1955) Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia. An heiress to a large fortune, she sought to help educate native and African Americans. In 1891, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Their logo appears in the upper panel. These sisters staffed missions and schools throughout the United States. She founded the only Catholic University for African Americans, Xavier University in New Orleans. Its insignia appears in the lower panel.

Parish Life

MEMORIAL MASS for Mary Puchayil, mother of Fr. Mathew, will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, 6 March, in the church. Light refreshments will be served after the liturgy in Founders Hall.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of her death, please remember the following parishioner in your prayers: *Elizabeth Bonfils* (5 March 2008).

FAMILY BINGO RESCHEDULED for Sunday, 14 March, 2:00 – 4:00pm, Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$2.00 for a 3 card sheet. Families with the last name beginning with A –H, please bring drinks to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. RSVP by Friday, 12 March, (301) 948-5536, ext. 104. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15am daily liturgy. Morning Prayer begins at 8:45am in the Thomas More Chapel.

JUBILARIAN MASS – SAVE THE DATE: Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian mass on Sunday, 7 June 2010 at the Basilica of the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Registrations will begin soon. Watch the parish bulletin for further information.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to

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attend a Baptism Preparation Class **prior to scheduling the Baptism**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

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 mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Engaged Encounter is a program of the Catholic Church dedicated to preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. For more 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.

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

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Third Sunday of Lent*, will be on Tuesday, 2 March, 10:00am, in the Barn.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - THE SACRAMENTS: This lecture series will be taught by Fr. Raymond Fecteau on Monday evenings, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in Founders Hall. Topics include: “*Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist* (1 March), *Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick* (8 March) and *Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders; Matrimony* (15 March).

FAITH FORMATION: VBC IS COMING SOON! Join us on our **High Seas Expedition**. Hey kids, set sail this summer, feel the sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead and you and your crew get ready to experience the deep rolling waters of GOD’S LOVE. This year we will hold TWO, ONE WEEK expeditions. The first expedition will run from 21 – 25 June from 9:00am – 1:00pm. The second expedition will run from 28 June – 2 July. You may choose to attend either expedition, OR BOTH. The expedition fee is \$95 per week, per sailor for parishioners, and \$115 per week, per sailor for non-parishioners. Check the weekly bulletin insert pages for additional information. **Open registration will be in the St. Ann’s room (lower**

church level across from the restrooms) on Sunday, 14 March after the 9:00am family Liturgy.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBC: Twenty teens are needed for each session this year. High school students and middle school volunteers (you must have completed 6th grade to be a CIT). Please come and register on 14 March after the 9:00am Family Liturgy in the Cana Room in Founders Hall. First come, first served. MCPS SSL hours will be given for 25 – 30 hours per session.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBC: Come and sign up to join the fun with our parish children on one or two sessions Sunday, 14 March after the 9:00am Family Liturgy in Founders Hall or email Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.

Social Concerns

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE: Monday, 8 March 2010 in Annapolis. The march begins with mass and a prayer service for our state, the families of Maryland, the blessing of life and the end of abortion. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O’Brien, Bishop of Baltimore, at St. Mary’s Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis at 5:15pm. The march to the State House will begin around 6:30pm. For more information and to register, visit www.marylandmarchforlife.org.

ASSISTED LIVING BY VICTORY HOUSING: Victory Housing of the Archdiocese of Washington operates seven assisted living communities in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. Several assisted living communities have openings. For further information visit www.victoryhousing.org.

Human Resources

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PARTY has been rescheduled for **Friday, 23 April 2010** in Founders Hall. Enjoy food, fun and dancing with fellow parishioners. All adults who have volunteered in any way within the parish over the past year are invited to attend, including all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation programs. Dance to the wonderful sounds of our DJ or relax and visit with friends. RSVP by Friday, 16 April, (301) 948-5536, ext. 104.

MAYFEST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: If you like meeting exceptional people, enjoy working with creative

parishioners or just having fun, the Mayfest committee needs you. **We are holding our first organizational meeting for this year's Mayfest on Monday, 8 March, 7:00pm in the barn.** At this meeting we will decide on activities for this year's Mayfest which will be held the weekend of 1 May. Activities in the past have included a White Elephant sale, silent auction, plant sale, book sale, kids games, food and drinks, Bingo and crafts. We can use your talents in any and all of these activities, so please join us. If you would like more information, contact John Theis, (301) 977-9223 (evenings.)

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

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for in the bulletin please submit the information by calling (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Friday.

Facilities

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT: Please join the sixth, seventh and eighth grade Confirmation classes, and their families, for the Spring-time "Spruce Up" Day on Saturday, 17 April 2009 from 8:00am – noon. Please bring work gloves and small gardening tools with you.

SNOW EMERGENCY: It is not our practice to cancel Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, because of weather. 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. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy. **When in doubt, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.**

Finance

SNOWFALL SHORTFALL: Our parish is under budget because of lower attendance and the cost of snow removal. We are grateful to those parishioners who make up/increase their contributions.

CAR RAFFLE: We are participating in a car raffle with St. Mary's in Landover Hills. There are 5 new cars to win; tickets are \$5.00 each. This is a major fundraiser for our parish. Watch the bulletin for further details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 01 Mon Adult Faith Formation
7 – 9pm, Founders Hall
- 02 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 03 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church
- 04 Thu Holy Hour, 7 – 8pm, Thomas More Chapel
- 05 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Church
- 07 Sun Food Bag Collection for Head Start
Bags Distributed
High School Faith Formation Session
6:30 – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
- 08 Mon Adult Faith Formation
7pm – 9pm Founders Hall
Mayfest Committee Mtg, 7:00pm, Barn
Maryland March for Life, Annapolis
- 09 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 10 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church
- 12 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Church
- 13 Sat Confirmation Study Session,
9am – 11am Founders Hall,
7th Grade Confirmands & Parents
- 14 Sun Head Start Food Bags Returned
Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy
VBC Registration, After 9am Liturgy
Family Bingo, 2-4pm, Founders Hall
- 15 Mon Adult Faith Formation
7 – 9pm, Founders Hall
- 16 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 17 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church
- 19 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Church
- 20 Sat Forty Hours Devotion Begins, 5pm Mass
- 22 Mon Forty Hours Devotion Ends, 9:15 Mass
- 23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 24 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church
- 26 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Church
- 30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 31 Wed Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church

SAVE THE DATE

May

- 09 Mon Confirmation, 2:00pm, Bishop Gonzalez**

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