

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: - 13 – 14 March,
Presiders:**

5:00pm Fr. Raymond Fecteau
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11:00am Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rm 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:4-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40 - 42
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
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

Parish Life

CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION for confirmands in the 7th grade, and their parents, will be held on Saturday, 13 March, 9:00am – 11:00am in Founders Hall. For further information or for questions, please contact Fr. Ray Fecteau at rfecteau@olvp.org.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Those preparing for First Eucharist, and their parents, are asked to attend the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 14 March.

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

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, 20 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, 22 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 bulletin and either place the completed form in the collection basket during liturgy or send an email to parishoffice@olvp.org.

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.

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.

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

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parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

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, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Fourth Sunday of Lent*, will be on Tuesday, 9 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 Healing; Penance & Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick* (8 March); *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.

PURE FASHION SHOW: We are looking for a sponsor to donate a table for OLVP at this year's Pure Fashion Show on Sunday, 18 April, 12:30pm at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center. Pure Fashion is a 7-month model training program for high school girls that promotes the development of self-confidence and poise, and the program teaches young women that what they wear sends a message Catholic spirituality is at the core of Pure Fashion and the program culminates in an entertaining fashion show/luncheon that reinforces how young girls can be both fashionable and modest. With the tax deductible donation of \$500 to sponsor a table, OLVP will hold a lottery and send 4 eighth grade students from Mary of Nazareth School and 4 eighth grade students from Faith Formation to attend the show and luncheon. Two adults would accompany the students. To help us promote this positive message, call Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536, ext. 107.

Social Concerns

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$1,920 to this national collection.

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION for the Head Start program: Filled bags are to be returned on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 13 – 14 March. Please help with the important collection by filling the bag with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Kinney* has recently joined our parish.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PARTY has been rescheduled for **Friday, 23 April 2010** in Founders. 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. For 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 candidates, 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.

Finance

SNOW REMOVAL COLLECTON: We will have a special second collection **next weekend, 13 - 14 March**, which will be used to help our parish pay for the high cost of removing the accumulated snow from the church parking lot, the parish office and the rectory after the recent storms. Make checks payable to OLVP and indicate "snow removal" on your memo field. You can also mail donations to the parish office

MORTGAGE: As of 1 March 2010, our mortgage debt is \$582,876.56. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The February revenue from our Debt Reduction collection amounted to \$7,373.34.

FAITHDIRECT: Parishioners can make weekly offertory and monthly mortgage reduction contributions via automatic payment from their checking account or credit card throughout the year. To enroll in the program, visit www.faithdirect.net and enter MD114, our church code.

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

- 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
- 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

April

- 01 Thu *Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00pm*
- 02 Fri *Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00pm*
- 03 Sat *The Easter Vigil, 8:00pm*
- 04 Sun *Easter Sunday Masses,
7:00am 9:00am, 11:00am*

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Annual Adult Volunteer Party

Friday, 23 April 2010

7:30pm to 10:30pm

Founders Hall

Semi-Casual Dress

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. Dance to the wonderful sounds of our DJ or relax and visit with friends. Come and let OLVP treat you!

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**Join the fun at OLVP
Volunteer Party and Family Bingo**

Annual Family Bingo

Sunday, 14 March 2010

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Founders Hall

Admission: \$2.00 for a 3 card sheet. Families with the last name beginning with **A – H**, please bring **beverages** to share; **I – P**, please bring **snacks** to share; **Q – Z**, please bring **desserts** to share.

This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality. Gerry Foley will be our caller. Bring the entire family to play bingo and enjoy some relaxed time with family and friends before the start of Lent. Prizes will be awarded for each game.

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