

Liturgical Life

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: 19-20 March. Presiders:

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

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2011

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tim 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both those not yet baptized and those already baptized to celebrate the paschal mystery. The unbaptized, by both the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian Initiation; the baptized, 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 begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

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, 22 April 2011. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, through 15 April, 7:00 p.m. in the church.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: During Lent, the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday evenings, 16 March – 13 April 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The liturgical schedule for March, April and May has been mailed. **If you have not received your schedule, please call the parish office: (301) 948-5536 x105.**

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

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

IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON – No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by the mouth. Common sense dictates that one should remain at home, if one is feeling unwell.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACT: It is with sadness we announce the death of **Victoria Ann Martin**, mother of Michelle Martin; and the death of **Deacon Earle W. Coleman** of the Archdiocese of Washington.

MARCH PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversaries of their deaths, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside Wednesday, 16 March and Friday, 18 March 2011 as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT will be held on Friday, 18 March 2011 at 6:00 pm through Saturday, 19 March 2011 at 6:00 pm. Registration forms have been sent to all 8th grade confirmands. A signed registration form must be received in the parish office before the retreat.

T-BALL REGISTRATION: This spring, Mary of Nazareth School is offering Visitation Parish children ages 4-7 the opportunity to play T-ball. The program is open to all youngsters, regardless of ability. The mission is to teach the basics of teamwork and baseball. The season will run from the end of March to the end of May. Teams practice one day a week and play games on Saturday morning, both at the Victory Youth Center. The cost is \$55/per person with limited assistance available for those in need. **Registrations are being accepted through March 18. To register, email KathyRossomondoKelly@gmail.com.**

SODALITY: On Thursday, 24 March 2011, at 7:00 p.m. the new member installation mass will be held on the eve of the Feast of the Annunciation. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

SPECIAL MASS/FIRST COMMUNICANTS: All those preparing to receive First Communion are to attend a special mass with their families at 9:00 a.m. on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, 03 April 2011.**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, 5 June 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Donald Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. **To register, please contact the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x108 by Wednesday, 13 April 2011.**

VOLUNTEER PARTY - THANK YOU: Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Volunteer Party on Friday, 04 March and made it such a fun evening. Next year's party will be held on Friday, 10 February 2012.

BINGO - THANK YOU: A special thank you is offered to the members of the Sodality, Holy Name Society and students preparing for Confirmation who helped make our Family Bingo a great success last Sunday. Next year's bingo will be held on Sunday, 12 February 2012.

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 x 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.

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

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, will be on Tuesday, 15 March, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: Hey kids, are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us for **"PANDAMANIA"**, a totally Catholic VBC where God is wild about you! Registration is ongoing. Contact Michele Olewack in the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x107. The Bible Camp fun will be held in two sessions: the first session from June 20th through June 24th and the second session from June 27th through July 1st, both weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The fee is \$100.00 per child for one week for OLVP parishioners. The fee for non-parishioners is \$120.00 per week. We invite those 4 1/2 years old through 5th grade to register; 3 1/2 year olds through 5th grade may register for the second session.

Social Concerns

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are needed to serve the guests at the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, 31 March 2011. If you can help serve, please contact Connie Johnson at conniejohnson@mris.com or (301) 651-1570.

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee will distribute slips and grocery bags for the Head Start Food Collection after all the masses on the Third Sunday of Lent, 26-27 March 2011. Please help with this important collection by returning filled bags with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 2-3 April 2011.

2011 CARDINAL’S APPEAL: “Seek First the Kingdom of God” (Mt. 6:33): Thank you to all parishioners who so generously contributed to the 2011 Cardinal’s Appeal and to the members of our Stewardship and Pastoral Councils and our Confirmation students who helped collect the pledge envelopes during the in-pew collection weekend. **For those who have not had an opportunity to pledge and would like to do so, you can obtain a pledge envelope from the presider/usher or by calling the parish office: (301) 948-5536 x108.**

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: **Annette Nieves.**

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

EMAIL ADDRESS: To receive announcements and messages about parish activities, please send your email address to parishoffice@olvp.org with the subject line: **email.**

Facilities



SPRING SPRUCE UP DAY for the parish is coming soon. Please watch the bulletin for the exact time and day.

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Our Lady of the Visitation. Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is MD114. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call Faith Direct’s toll-free number, (866) 507-8757 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 13 Sun Holy Name Society, 9:00 am Liturgy
High School Faith Formation Session
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Fr. Ray’s House
- 14 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 16 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Parish Ember Day
- 18 Fri 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
begins at 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
Parish Ember Day
- 19 Sat 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
ends with 5:00 pm mass
- 21 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 23 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 24 Thur Sodality, 7:00 pm, Founders Hall
- 25 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 26 Sat Head Start Food Bag Collection – Bags
Distributed
- 27 Sun Head Start Food Bag Collection - Bags
Distribution
- 28 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 30 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

April

- 02 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 03 Sat Head Start Food Bags Returned
Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 04 Sun Special Mass at 9:00 a.m. Family Liturgy for
First Communicants
Head Start Food Bags Returned
Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 09 Sat **Forty Hours**, begins at 5:00 pm Mass,
Procession to Thomas More Chapel
- 10 Sun Holy Name Society, 9:00 am Liturgy
- 11 Mon **Forty Hours**, ends at 9:15 am Mass

May

- 22 Sun **Confirmation**, 2:00 pm
The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout

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