

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: 26-27 March. Presiders:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

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11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2011

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tim 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
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: Is 7:10-14; 8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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.

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.

Parish Life

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **William Vanderhorst Brumby**, husband of Janet Brumby.

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).

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. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Sheila Bouley at (240) 632-9720 or wbouley@comcast.net.

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. **The next class is scheduled for Saturday, 26 March 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Founders Hall. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.**

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 Lent, 03 April 2011.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: The Sodality will host a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, 9 April 2011 in Founders Hall. Please save the day to honor Jesus and to learn about the women he encounters on his way to Calvary. The retreat will begin at 11:30 a.m. It will include Midday Prayer, reflections by the Rev. Msgr. Maurice (Maury) O'Connell, an opportunity for confession, and will end with mass and procession to the Thomas More Chapel to start the 40 Hours of Devotion. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Sheila Bouley at (240) 632-9720 or wbouley@comcast.net.

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 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturday, 09 April. 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 9:15 a.m. liturgy on Monday, 11 April. The devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of an individual, a couple, or a family. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament by filling out the form enclosed in the bulletin and either placing the completed form in the collection basket during liturgy or sending an email to parishoffice@olvp.org, noting "Forty Hours" in the subject line.



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.**

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The parish would like to thank Deacon Bob, parishioner and parent volunteers, and OLVP staff who provided our 8th Grade Confirmands with a meaningful and holy retreat last weekend.

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 Third Sunday of Lent, will be on Tuesday, 22 March, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY: During the season of Lent and during the Easter Season, the weekly scripture study will be included as a flyer in the weekly bulletin.

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: June 20th through June 24th and June 27th through July 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The fee is \$100.00 per week for an OLVP parishioner and \$120.00 per week for a non-parishioner. We invite 4 1/2 years olds through 5th grade to register for the first session; 3 1/2 year olds through 5th grade may register for the second session.

Social Concerns

DEVASTATION IN JAPAN: As with all such disasters, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will help people recover from the emergency and will stand with them as they recover in the months and years to come. CRS has already begun to assess the needs in Japan where the earthquake and tsunami have caused the most damage. You may donate online at <http://crs.org/Japan/>.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are needed to serve at the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, 31 March 2011. **If you can help serve, please contact Connie Johnson at conniejohnson@mrjs.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.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION for our sister parish in Haiti totaled \$1,408.00.

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

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 will be Saturday, 9 April 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please bring work gloves and small gardening tools with you. See the bulletin insert for rain date and further information.

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

- 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, Installation Mass
- 25 Fri **Annunciation of Our Lord**
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 26 Sat Head Start Food Bag Collection -
Bags Distributed
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Bags Distribution
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 30 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 31 Thur Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Barn

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 Spring Spruce Up Day, 8:00 am
Sodality Retreat, 11:30 am, Founders Hall
Forty Hours, begins at 5:00 pm Mass,
Procession to Thomas More Chapel
- 10 Sun Holy Name Society, 9:00 am Liturgy
High School Faith Formation
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Fr. Ray's House
- 11 Mon **Forty Hours**, ends at 9:15 am Mass
- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 13 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 15 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church

May

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

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