

## A reflection from the Pastor

Wednesday begins the days of our Lenten journey 2009. Please take time to review the purple flyer in this week's bulletin, which contains the information for the season. Keep it near your calendar or some place convenient in your homes.

This Lent, we will be trying a project which I have been praying about for some time, serving a hot meal each Thursday of Lent (beginning the first week of Lent, March 5) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Memorial Hall, for those who go without in our community. As you can imagine, differing needs will arise. The stories will be varied, but that will be part of our response, listening. There are so many who daily go without a hot meal. This effort is very new, so there will need to be a great effort. If you have the time and can volunteer, preparation will begin March 4 and 9:00 a.m. on March 5 in the hall kitchen. Next Sunday I will provide a detailed outline of times to help. I hope that you will consider helping, either to cook or to serve or to clean up, in whatever way you find the Lord leading you. I don't know numbers, so the first week or two will be a prayerful time to see how the Lord is calling us to feed those who are hungry.

In today's gospel, the onlookers are amazed at Jesus' ability to heal the paralytic, "We have never seen anything like this." In many ways, the face and response to our following of Jesus, often gets this reaction. But we don't do the work of Jesus to please the onlookers, but to bring them closer into being 'doers' for the Lord.

May you and your families have a blessed Lent. +



### ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ashes will be distributed during Mass\*. Mass times:  
8:00 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

*The Collection on Ash Wednesday is for  
Aid to the Church in Europe.*

*\* Not a holyday of obligation*

### Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

February 24 – February 29

Tuesday, 24th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Mildred Hroch +  
by Barbara Hybner

Wednesday, 25th 8:00 a.m. Mass – David Escalante Sr. +  
Ash Wednesday by Ernie & Debbie Escalante  
Lent Begins 6:10 p.m. Mass - Joe Manuel Estrada II +  
Operation Rice by Dwayne & Cristina Key  
Bowl Begins

Thursday, 26th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Guadalupe Gonzalez +  
by Cecilio Vasquez Sr. &  
Family

Friday, 27th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Lillie Bomersbach +  
Day of  
Obligatory Abstinence

Saturday, 28th 5:15 -5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: Lupe Olguin  
6:00 (vigil) Mass – Catholic Daughters

Sunday, 1st 8:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo  
First Sunday of Lent  
2nd Collection: 10:00 a.m. Mass – Jerry Brosh  
Rice Bowl

## Readings – Sunday March

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First Reading – Genesis 9: 8-15

### Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

#### Ash Wednesday Masses

Volunteers for Lector, Servers, Gift Bearers, Ushers please

#### Saturday February 28th, 6 p.m.

Lectors Jeanette West  
Cup Ministers Veronica Garcia, Carol Sutton  
Gift bearers Alfred and Veronica Garcia  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers I. Martin, A. Chamberlain, P. Canales, J. Lange

#### Sunday March 1st, 8 a.m.

Lectors Veronica Ledezma  
Cup Ministers Deacon Fred and Patty Soto  
Gift bearers Martina Aguayo and family  
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma  
Ushers M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez, A. Posada, H. Cardona

#### Sunday March 1st, 10 a.m.

Lectors Maribel Gonzalez  
Cup Ministers Ismael and Gracie Perez  
Gift bearers Rosemary and Priscilla Mendez  
Altar Servers Derek Folmar, A. Adkins, J. Adkins  
Ushers L. Rivera Jr., D. Hybner, A. Rodriguez, A. Reyes

## Pray for our Shut-Ins

*At home, nursing homes,  
and in hospitals.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### This Wed. : Regular Classes

Grades K-6 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-12 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

**First Communion Parents:** Next Sunday March 1 is the final meeting with Father Ty, 9:05 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

#### In other News:

**TEACHERS NEEDED.** As of now we are going to need at least three new teachers for next year. Please consider giving of your time and faith to help educate our youth. Please contact Ramona Torres or myself at the office to volunteer.

### What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

#### Answer from last week:

Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, burying the dead are all:  
b. corporal works of mercy

#### This week's question:

Lent lasts

- thirty days
- forty days
- fifty days
- sixty days

(Answer coming next week)

### Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1,740.55

### Around the Diocese

**Feb. 19 – April 2** Gospel of Mark class at the Chancery 7- 9:15 p.m. with Rev. Donald Hayden

**Feb 17 – March 31** Intro to New Testament at the Chancery 7 – 9:15 p.m. with Sr. Digna Vela. Call 573-0828 for more info.

**Feb 22 - Czech Heritage Day** – Flatonia Sacred Heart Parish Hall

## February Calendar

- 21 Holy Family Church – Mini Lent Retreat  
Registration 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
Lunch will be served, no fees. Reservations please call 575-6045. Guest speaker is Rev. Tommy Chen.
- 24 R.C.I.A. Meeting – Confirmation 7 Heritage
- 25 Ash Wednesday – Season of Lent Begins  
Masses: 8:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
- 28 Pre-Baptism Instruction 10 Heritage  
*To baptize, you must be a registered parishioner for at least four months and attending Mass. If from another parish (immediate family [i.e., parents or grandparents] are active parishioners) you must provide a letter from your pastor stating you are active and you must attend your parish's baptismal class. Baptisms are held the first Sunday of each month except during the seasons of Advent and Lent.*

**Baptismal Promises**

Each Lent, the Church anticipates the baptism of catechumens. For those already baptized, Lent is also a time to prepare ourselves for renewing our baptism at Easter. The following is the renewal we will make at Easter. Take some time to renew yourself today, the parts in italics might be used for reflection\*.

**Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?** I do.

*Lord, I want to live in the freedom you offer me. I want to reject the unloving choices I have made, and the sinful failures to love anywhere in my life. I reject all injustice, all violence, all that disrespects the dignity of human life*

**Do you reject the glamor of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?** I do.

*Lord, I admit that some evil has a hold on me: it is attractive, it has such powerful rewards, it has become a habitual way for me to be myself. Lord, I renew my commitment this day to turn from that evil and from letting any disordered attachment, any empty promises master me, and try to separate me from you.*

**Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?** I do.

*Lord, as I renew my promises of baptism of dying to sin and rising to life, I know that an Enemy tries to tempt me to sin, I now promise that I renew my commitment to reject that Enemy, and all his ways of subverting your reign and the coming of your kingdom.*

**Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?** I do.

*Lord, you made me and give me life every day. I believe in you, I turn to you, and I place my life in your hands.*

**Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?** I do.

*Jesus, my Lord and Savior, my life is in your hands. I believe in you, I commit myself to growing closer to you, placing myself with you, in love for others.*

**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?** I do.

*Holy Spirit of Jesus, I desire to be enkindled with the fire of your love, that I might be renewed in courage. I believe in and renew my commitment to your work among us. I want to contribute to the unity that you desire for us. I promise to be as merciful, for I have known your mercy. And I pledge to live my life each day on this earth, full of faith in the resurrection Jesus gained for me.*

*\* supplied by Creighton online ministries.*

**R.C.I.A. - Rite of Sending  
Sunday March 1, 2009**

The Rite of Sending of Catechumens to be received by the Bishop at the Rite of Election will take place at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. This next step in the final phase of preparation for the Easter Sacraments, involves the name of our catechumen being written in the parish *Book of the Elect*. The Bishop will sign the *Book of the Elect* at the Rite of Election, electing or choosing those formally to be baptized and received into the Church at Easter. The candidates for full communion (Confirmation) in the Church will also be called by the Bishop to continuing conversion toward Easter.

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Please continue to prayer for our catechumen, Tracy, to be baptized at Easter, and our candidates, Jason, Manuel, Edward, Alfredo, all of whom will become full members of the Church at Easter.

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Begin Preparing for the 2009 Spring Barbecue

**Sunday, April 26, 2009**

- **Try to find at least one new item for the auction.**

*If each member could bring at least one item, that would be great. If you can find more, even better.*

- **Country Store Items** – New Handmade items, Homemade goodies, crafts, etc. help make the country store successful.

- **Attend the planning meeting:** Thursday March 5  
7:00 p.m. Heritage Room

- Volunteer to work at the festival

- Meat donations will begin next week

**2009 Raffle**

We are accepting donations toward the raffle prize tickets. Please consider donating a prize, or going in with other family members to donate a prize. Prizes must be received before the tickets can be sold.

Again, this year, I am asking that each parish family do their best to purchase their books of tickets that are sent in the mail. This is the easiest way to generate income (power in numbers). **With over 325 registered families, the raffle could generate nearly \$10,000,** and that's not counting what we sell to others. Please pass the word to your families and friends.