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First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2009

Once again we begin the season of Lent. We follow Jesus into the desert for a time of reflection and renewal. Most of us cannot actually remove ourselves from our daily routines and obligations and just focus on our spiritual life. It is tempting to think that this means we cannot participate in Lent. We need to look at it in a different light. Our desert is our daily life. Temptations abound everyday and we have to make choices. Set aside a little time everyday to reflect on the decisions and choices you have made each day and consider how they reflect your love of God and commitment to doing God's will.

**Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.
Psalm 25:4**

MASSSES for the WEEK

Sat	2/28	5:00	†Joseph Musso
Sun	3/1	9:00	†Jessie Rossi
		11:00	†Allan McTighe
		5:00	†Allan McTighe
Mon	3/2	9:00	
Tue	3/3	9:00	
Wed	3/4	9:00	
Thur	3/5	9:00	
Fri	3/6	9:00	†Allan McTighe
Sat	3/7	9:00	†Allan McTighe
		5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun	3/8	9:00	John H.
		11:00	†Elaine Denver
		5:00	†Allan McTighe

Remember In Your Prayers

Gus Aiello, Karen Andresen, P.M.B., Alvin Blair, Dick Bruhn, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Al DeCarli, John Douglas, Cliff Escobar, Jacqueline Farr, Jasper Foletta, John Foster, Adam Garcia, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, John H., Tom, Lynn Huff, Sr. Marie, Maggie Horowitz, Lorraine Jacop, Sylvia Jaksha, Aaron & Paul Johnson, Lou Kelner, Joe Leavitt, Bill Lee, Bea Lynch, Petra Macfarlane, Dan Menke, Bill Moreno, Bill Pacheco, Ryan Perry, Ed Roberti, Clara Robinson, Paddy Roche, Keri Rothouse, Joann Ryan, Vicky Scaqua-LaForge, Rodney Scandrett, Tamara Shipley, Catherine Shive, Carson & Pam Souza, Brittany, Suzanne Stewart, Bonnie Stoerberl, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Gene Tissot, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Bob Whitaker, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Witt and Vicky Woods.

If you or someone you know would like the faith community of St. Joseph's Parish to join you in prayer for special needs, contact the parish office, 455-2249. We do remove names after one month, so if we have taken a name from the list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on the list.

For Your Information

Sunday Plate

\$7,733.75

Meetings This Week

RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Altar Servers	Tues, 7:00, church
Scripture Study	Weds, 9:30, hall
Choir	Weds, church
MS Youth Group	Thurs, 6:30, hall
Stations Practice	Thurs, 8:00, church
Soup Supper	Fri, 6:15, hall
Stations of The Cross	Fri, 7:00, church

There was an error in the March calendar. There will be NO scripture study class at 7:00 PM on March 4.



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Altar Servers

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at 7 PM in the church. Be sure to bring your Manual for Altar Servers. If you're thinking of being an altar server, then come to the meeting. Maybe this is the time for YOU to explore this ministry. Questions, RSVP Antonette Goroch: 455-2249 or agoroch@stjchurch.org.

The Stations of the Cross



High Schoolers - This One's For You!

Once again the youth of the parish are invited to participate in the re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Our first meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 8- 9 p.m. After that, practices will be held Thursdays during Lent, from 7 - 9 p.m. and April 10th, Good Friday, starting at 9 a.m., the enactment is at noon. Twenty service hours will be earned. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate. Give us a call or just show up on the 5th, Jennifer @ 229-7629 or Cara @ 455-0917. See you the Thursday, March 5. Bring a friend!



Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal

By now you should have received your annual mailing for the Bishop's Appeal. Please take time to read Fr. Jim's letter, and consider making a generous

donation. Everything over our parish goal of \$33,400. will come back to us and be used to cover the rising costs of running a parish, with much of it going toward our building fund for acquiring land and the building of our new church, hopefully in the not so distant future. Help make it happen!

If you did not receive a mailer, there are some in the vestibule of the church, or you can call the parish office at 455-2249 and we would be happy to send one to you. *Thank you.*

Lenten Retreat With Father Jim

To help us get into a proper Lenten frame of mind mark your calendars for: **Monday, March 9 through Thursday, March 12, 2009** as Father Jim reflects with us on the virtue of hope. In Lent we are reminded to fast, give alms and pray; we are encouraged to change our lives and make better holier choices; in the current clusters of world crises we see many reasons to be discouraged. All these things might suggest that Lent would be a good time to chastise ourselves for personal and corporate failure and sin. Maybe so, but even more, perhaps it is a time for hope. Each session will be presented immediately following the 9 AM daily Mass and again at 7 PM. Refreshments and conversation will be offered after each session. Don't miss it!

Soup Suppers

Lord, I offer you my prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Do with them what you will.



Isaiah reminds us that fasting must be more than giving up desserts or a favorite food. Our fasting must affect other people for the better. Come meet the Confirmation Teens and fellow parishioners over a bowl of soup in the Parish Hall at 6:15 PM. At 7:00 journey with Jesus at The Stations of The Cross at Church. Soup Supper at 6:15 pm and Stations of the Cross begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to bring a pot of soup to share, please call Carrie Aragon, DRE, at 455-8720.

Fish Fry

Thank you once again to Richard, Sylvia and the many volunteers who put together our annual fish fry. As you can well imagine, it is not an easy task to cook a meal for a whole church- but they do it every year and they do a wonderful job. **Thank you and God bless our volunteers!**

Saint Joseph's Table

When you enter the church all throughout Lent, you will see our beautiful statue of St. Joseph in position on the St. Joseph's Table ready to receive our lenten offerings of non-perishable food items to be given to Dorothy's Kitchen. Unsure what to bring? Here are a few suggestions: rice, beans, pasta, flour, sugar, salt, canned items such as tomato sauce, soup, fruit, beans, canned meats and vegetables.



Of course, large sizes of everything are welcome, but Dorothy's also provides food to individual families, so smaller sizes are appreciated, too and can include boxed or canned meals. Non-food items can be helpful, as well. Just think what sorts of things your own families use and provide an extra one or two for those who can't provide them for themselves (deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, diapers, feminine hygiene products, etc.) And don't forget, on March 14-15, 2009, you are invited to bring your home-baked bread to be blessed and shared with parishioners and the poor.

Check It Out!

Just a reminder that St. Joseph's library is open after the 9:00 am mass on Sundays. If you have never been in our little library, come check it out! We are also, looking for volunteers to help in the library. If you are interested call Rose at 484-1581. And, if you have any items checked out, be sure to return them on the due date. **Thank you.**



Please pray for... Philip Zarate, Brian Flannery, Jeff Huff, Nathan Cuellar, and the other brave men and women serving our country overseas.

If you have a loved one serving in a foreign country, please call the office so we may put them on our special prayer list.