



## Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2009

God's will is not always easy to know nor to do. We need help. This is where the Christian community and the Church come to our aid. While the responsibility for these choices is ours, it is helpful to look at the teaching and traditions of the Church and get the input of those we respect. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can benefit from the insights of our confessor and perhaps get a better idea of what we need to do and focus on at this time. What resources are you using to help you grow?

My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all His people.  
Psalm 116:18

**I will make your  
descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky**

### MASSES for the WEEK

Sat	3/7	5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun	3/8	9:00	John Hougham
		11:00	†Elaine Penver
		5:00	†Allan McTighe
Mon	3/9	9:00	†Allan McTighe
Tue	3/10	9:00	Our Parish Family
Wed	3/11	9:00	†Allan McTighe
Thur	3/12	9:00	†Florenz Aubert
Fri	3/13	9:00	†Marylouise Boehner
Sat	3/14	9:00	†Ethan Mouisset
		5:00	†Charlie Borg
Sun	3/15	9:00	John Hougham
		11:00	†Ruth Huntington
		5:00	†Peter & †Rena Breschini

### 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 Hougham, 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, 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 Stoeberl, Sara Thomas, Jim Thornberry, Gene Tissot, Garrett Weeks, Bob Whitaker, Penny Austin-Wilson, Sandy Wilt 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.

### Meetings This Week

I-Help	Mon, 5:00, hall
RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Choir	Weds, 5:30, church
Bridge	Thurs, 10:00, hall
HS Youth Group	Thurs, 7:00, hall
Stations Practice	Thurs, 7:00, church
Soup Supper	Fri, 6:15, hall
Stations of The Cross	Fri, 7:00, church



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### Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your pledges. We are off to a great start! We have pledges or checks from 60 families in the amount of \$21,355.00, so far. Imagine if every family in our parish sent even a small amount. Won't you please consider making your pledge today? If you did not receive a mailer, there are some in the back of the church, or you can call the parish office at 455-2249 and we would be happy to send one out to you. *Thank you & God bless.*

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### Spring forward!

Remember to set your clocks forward on Saturday night before bed for Daylight Savings Time.

*For Your Information*

Sunday Plate

\$9,553.39

**Next weekend there will be a second collection for  
the American Bishop's Overseas Appeal and  
Church in Latin America.**

## Lenten Retreat With Father Jim

This week starts our Lenten Retreat, **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!

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## Soup Suppers



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The season of Lent is a highlight in the Catholic calendar; an opportunity for "spiritual self improvement". Lent focuses on an increased emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The journey through The Stations of the Cross is taken every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church. Come and enrich your Lent by joining us for a Soup Supper at 6:15 in the Parish Hall before attending The Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00. Dee Dannemiller will this week's host. You may reach her at 455-1268 for your questions.

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## Lenten Series at Palma High School

Palma High is holding a Lenten Series on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. For more information call Brother Jason Ford at 422-6391 x 245 or email him at [ford@palmahs.org](mailto:ford@palmahs.org).

## A Note From Father Jim

I have avoided saying anything about cell phones here in this parish because they have not really been a problem. One of the factors here is the large number of medical personnel whose patients have a right to contact them when necessary. I have heard the first sound of a cell phone and watched these people leave the church to answer and I presume deal with the issue. I have never wanted any announcement to make them in any way uncomfortable because I believe they are the very reason why a cell phone would be present in the church. But in recent weeks I have noticed a real rise in the interruption from these phones, watched people carry on conversations on the phone during services and often be particularly distracting to a person trying to do the reading. I do not like to make announcements during the liturgy, but would be thankful if the ringing of the phones would stop. Again this is not meant for the medical personnel in the congregation, one day it may be me on the other end and I want an answer!

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## 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, 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.

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**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.