

Thoughts Along the Way

“Create for me a clean heart, O God, and renew a willing spirit within me”

Ps 51:12

Jesus Calls Us to Reconciliation

If you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first and be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23-24).

Jesus teaches that reconciliation with another is a sacred priority before fulfilling the duty to worship God.

The limitations I put on my pardon of others causes me to impute the same limits on God's forgiveness of me. I must confront and prayerfully resolve the issues of total, unconditional mercy and forgiveness—by God to me and by me to those who have harmed me. That double issue is at the heart of a life of faith. That is the work, the blessing of the Lenten experience.

THESE FORTY DAYS

REV. JOHN P. HENRY

This Monday and Wednesday evenings we will have Lent Penance Services at Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel. Other priests will join us. After singing a hymn, listening to the Word of God, and praying together, we will have the opportunity for individual confessions.

Lent more than any other time of the year is the time to get our spiritual house in order. I encourage us to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Penance Services—there is no better way to make a good Lent and prepare for the Easter blessing.

May we all grow closer to God this Lent,

Rev. Matthew L. O’Leary

Pastor

Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

PENANCE SERVICES

Holy Disciples—Monday, March 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel—Wednesday, March 17th, 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Holy Disciples—Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. and By Appointment

Our Lady of Good Counsel—Before Mass and By Appointment

Lenten Regulations

Ancient disciplines of the Church

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, having one full meal a day, and up to two smaller meals during the day.

Abstinence: Catholics 14 and older abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent.

Our Saints

MARCH 17—PATRICK (385-461) was born in Britain, sold into slavery as a boy, escaped, and ended up in France, where he became a disciple of St. Germain of Auxerre. Patrick was eventually ordained a priest and later a bishop, and in 432 was sent as a missionary to Ireland, where he lived out the remainder of his life.

Parish Stewardship Fiscal Year 2010

July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010

Total FY 2010 Offering Budget: \$667,000

Week 35 February 28, 2010

Weekly & Year To Date Offering Status

Weekly:

Weekly Offering Budget:	\$ 12,826.92
Offerings Received:	\$ 9,421.14
Weekly Surplus:	\$
Weekly Shortage:	\$ (3,405.78)

Year To Date:

FY 2009 Year To Date Budgeted:	\$ 448,942.31
FY 2009 Year To Date Received:	\$ <u>376,208.84</u>
FY 2009 Year To Date Surplus:	\$
FY 2009 Year To Date Shortage:	\$ (69,327.68)

Parish Mortgage Loan & Payment Status

Total Loan Amount:	\$ 2,854,137.51
FY ‘09-10 Interest Paid To Date:	\$ 130,008.00
FY ‘09-10 Principal Paid To Date:	\$ 10,000.00
FY ‘09-10 Total Payments:	\$ 140,008.00

Capital Campaign Report

Total Pledged:	\$ 764,863.00
Total Received:	\$ 598,856.50

Thank You To All For Your Stewardship Support!

Other Donations:

Black & Indian Missions	\$ 26.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 649.70
Food Bank	\$ 25.00
Other	\$ 132.00

March 7, 2010

THIS WEEK AT HOLY DISCIPLES PARISH

Monday, March 8

Bible Study-9:00AM
Mom's Group-10:00AM
Exercise Class-10:30AM
"BREATHE" Classes-6:30PM
Immigration Class-6:30PM

Tuesday, March 9

Sunrise Choir-7:00PM
Martial Arts-7:30PM

Wednesday, March 10

Rosary-9:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Bible Study-10:00AM
Exercise Class-10:30AM
New Creation Choir-7:00PM
Baptism Prep-7:00PM
K of C Officers Meeting-7:00PM
"Book of Job" Class-7:00PM

Thursday, March 11

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
RCIA-7:00PM
Inquiry-7:00PM

Friday, March 12

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Exercise Class-10:30PM
Soup Supper/Prayer-6:00PM
CRS Benefit Concert-7:00PM
Martial Arts-7:30PM

Saturday, March 13

Facilities-9:00AM
RCIC Retreat-9:00AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry-10:00AM
Bible Reflection Group/Spanish-3:30PM
Mass-5:00PM
K of C Potluck-6:00PM

Sunday, March 14

Mass-8:30AM
New Creation Choir-9:00AM
10:30 Mass 2nd Scrutiny
Confirmation Class-3:00PM
Scrip Fundraiser after all Masses

FOODBANK IMMEDIATE NEEDS!!!

Once again the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their pancake and syrup donation drive for our Foodbank which at this present time is completely out of these items.

The Knights of Columbus will match up to \$50.00 of these items, please help us fill the empty shelf in our Foodbank where these items belong.

LITURGY- March 13th & 14th

Sacristans

Shannon Scacciotti, Liz Velasco, Bev Gillitzer, Maureen Armstrong.

Reminder -Eucharistic Ministers helping in the celebration of Mass:

5:00 PM-Julie Wiesen, Michelle Goreczny, Sharon Rothwell, Jan Arruda, Tony & Dianne DePersio, Ken & Marcia Maertens, Alan Drake.

8:30 AM-Don Fouraker, Peggy Hager, Michael Hodson, Michelle Jacobs, Walt Kuehlthau, Joanne Maitrejean, Genie Mafnas, Jesse Mafnas.

10:30 AM-Sala Loko, Lucy Phillips, Adriana Posada, Oscar Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Nora Schindler, Jan Smith, Michael Smith.

Lectors

Reminder - Lectors helping in the celebration of Mass-

Altar Servers for March 13th & 14th

Nicholas D., Justin B., Brandon W.
Sarah Mc., Jack C., Duncan C.
Shane S., Chenelle B., Carlos C.

LITURGY

Readings for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Readings from the 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

HOLY DISCIPLES HOSPITALITY

COFFEE HOUR March 14

8:30AM Mass: Pam Greminger, Michael & Sheri Hodson, John & Michelle Jacobs

10:30AM Mass: Jack & Susie Brown, Pat Daniels.

March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the parish bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Listening Devices

We have assisted listening devices available for our parishioners with impaired hearing. Please see our sound operator at the sound board in the rear of the church.

JULIE & KURT CARRICK ARE BACK!

Kurt and Julie Carrick will be here on Saturday, March 20th for an incredible Evening of Music & Reflection. The special theme of Grace, Hope & Healing is sure to inspire all of us and even more so during this beautiful season of Lent. Be sure to mark your calendars and pick up your complementary tickets for priority seating. Tickets are not necessary for entrance but those with tickets will have first choice of seating!!

Need of Prayer

DEPLOYED PARISHIONERS

Aaron, Alex, Anthony, Bill, Conrado, Damian, Dave, Denise, Dennis, Derek, Dominic, Don, Donald, Eric, Greg, James, Jeff, Jose, Joseph, Kim, Lynn, Mike, Mark, Noel, Richard, Rick, Sara, Sam, Thomas and Tyrel.

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as you protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen.”

Please remember these individuals in your thoughts and prayers:

Marie Grewbe, Jerry Heinzman, Vicki Smith.

If the names of the ill have been in the spoken Prayers of the Faithful for a month or more, they will then be remembered in our prayers from this list in the bulletin.

Please call the office if you would like any of these names removed from the bulletin list. 253-875-6630

YOUTH OUTREACH 2010

We have a growing group of young people willing to give time each month to have the opportunity to serve others as Christ served for a week in the summer. They applied to receive a grant from the Kurt Warner Foundation to help fund their trip and were one of 50 to receive \$1000 to help them attain their goal! This goes a long way but won't fully fund their trip. Thanks for the support you provided with the Progress subscriptions. Some of our other fund raisers will be lawn aerating and thatching, Ram cards, brunch after Mass, and we are working on a car hop night.

Our next mini mission is to put on a benefit concert on Friday, Mar. 12 after the soup supper. We will have a band from PLU, Dave Whitesell from St. Michael (Olympia) speak on community and Ann LaBeck from St. Madeleine Sophie and Catholic Relief Services speaking on the devastation in Haiti. It is a benefit concert and we encourage you to be as generous as you can.

“BREATHE”

Our Lenten Penance Service is on **Monday, Mar. 15 beginning at 7 PM.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is defined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the sacramental celebration in which, through God's mercy and forgiveness, the sinner is reconciled with God and also with the Church, Christ's Body, which is wounded by sin. “The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship.” Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation “is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation.” Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true “spiritual resurrection,” restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God. (CCC 1468)

Question of the Week:

Children:

God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Youth:

What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Adult:

What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

K-6TH: Grade level assembly is on Mar. 8 at 6:30 PM

JH/SH: Our next gathering is on Sunday, Mar. 14 “Enduring the Dark Knight”.

Households: The intergenerational assembly for March will be on the 22nd beginning with a potluck dinner at 6 PM. Fr. Matthew will be the presenter and the topic is Paschal Mystery.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Volunteers!!

Our Holy Disciples Thrift Store on Meridian needs volunteer help. There are a variety of tasks and the hours are flexible. You might have personal life skills or unique talents to share with our pool of volunteers. Please call June Lambert, the thrift store volunteer coordinator at (253) 474-7482 to find out how you can help us in our mission of helping others or stop by the store and ask for the store manager. We also need donations of all kinds. We start taking donations at 9:00AM till 4:00PM.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Our next preparation meeting is today at **3PM** (please note the time change). The topic is Sacraments of Initiation. If you have not had your initial interview, bring your calendar and get it scheduled. A late lunch will be served provided by the Haworths.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Classes will begin on Tuesday, April 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For more information, and to register, call Sue in the parish office. 253-846-3932.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

The classes for parents preparing for their baby's Baptism are Wednesday evenings, March 10 & 17, 7:00-8:45 p.m. Both evenings are required. To register, please contact Sue, in the parish office.

WYD BINGO NIGHT

Save the date!!! The WYD group will hold its semi-annual family bingo night on Friday, April 9, from 7:00 - 9:30. Bingo cards are only \$1. Over \$100 in prizes for each game played. A total of \$1,124 was given away during the last event. Don't miss out on this one!!!

The WYD group is taking orders for personalized chocolate covered fudge Easter eggs. Choose from peanut butter, chocolate fudge, mint chocolate fudge, or vanilla fudge. The eggs will be available for pickup the week before Easter. Order forms will be available after each mass.

Save the Date & Time—5:00 PM April 18, 2010

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 11948 at the 9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Auction and Raffle. Fellowship, Dinner, Entertainment, Live Auction and drawing for Raffle prizes are the planned activities.

Passover Seder Meal

In our Lenten observance on Saturday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Passover Seder Meal, as was customary in Jesus time, presented by a Rabbi here at Holy Disciples for the 5th year. Learn about our roots and the traditions in Jesus time. This will be a potluck dinner with traditional foods. (Recipe book available) Sign up to be part of this celebration and bring a potluck dish (traditional or not). Sign up now! For more information contact Annette at 253-847-5089.

Trumpet Player!!!

We need a trumpet player for Holy Thursday Mass, April 1st, 7:00PM. Please call Anna Peterson at 253-847-0457

Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 Mass, for those up to 12 years old. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Senior High Youth Group. Please help them with donations of plastic eggs and small wrapped candy (to fit into the eggs). Boxes will be provided in the foyer to place your donations starting the weekend of March 6th & 7th. For more information contact Annette at 263-847-5089.

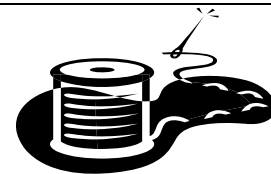
THE BOOK OF JOB – a film presentation & discussion

Have you ever said "Why Did God Do This To Me?" Suffered a loss recently, a loved one? a job? your home? your retirement? a dream of the future? Beginning Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00-8:15 pm, join us to consider God's thoughts through a video presentation of the book of Job followed by a time of sharing our thoughts. For more details or to register, call Barbara Smith, 253-476-1635.

Operation Rice Bowl

Third Week of Lent—The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.



Silver Threads

March 9th we will be joining the 39er's at All Saints for a fun time playing Polish Poker. We can car pool from Holy Disciples, so please sign up on the Silver Thread's board in the back of church.

Immigration Study Group

What is the Christian response to immigration? What do the Catholic Bishops have to say about immigration?

Join others in an eight week study examining the complexity of this issue. The study group will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30PM beginning March 1 sponsored by the Justice in Action Commission.

For information contact Brian Peterson at 253-847-0457 or Ramonda Huff at 253-531-1864.