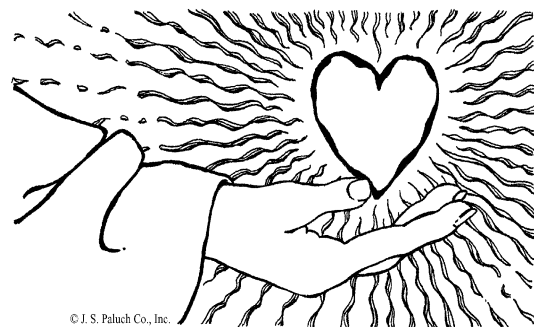


Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

*"Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness."*

- Psalm 103:8



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FROM FATHER JOHN

This is the third Sunday of Lent, next week we celebrate *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday. The recommended color for this weekend is "Rose". This weekend we will joyfully celebrate in anticipation of Easter. In anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, Easter, we prepare ourselves through penance. We also prepare by renewing our dedication to the service of the Lord.

As always happens in life, when there are changes in personnel, there are changes in the routine. The policy of the Diocese of Biloxi for "Illness Prevention" has made some cautions necessary. Our policy for ministers was amended to require Ministers of Holy Communion to cleanse their hands prior to distributing the Host. Most of these ministers have complied with this request.

To better serve the Lord as Lay Ministers, we will have training for all Ministers of the Parish.

All Eucharistic Ministers must attend one of two training sessions. The first will be Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and the second will be on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. both training sessions will be held in the Cathedral.

We will have Lector training on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, March 21st, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All Lectors must attend one of these sessions.

All Altar Servers will have two training sessions at 9:00 a.m. Saturday March 13th and March 20th. One parent is requested to attend the training with all children in grade 8 and below.

Ushers and Greeters will meet on Wednesday March 24th at 6:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A. FIRST SCRUTINY

Our parish Elect will celebrate their First Scrutiny at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend. We ask that you keep our Elect in your prayers as they celebrate the Rites these next weeks leading to their initiation and full communion into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on

April 3.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

There will now be an 8:00 a.m. Mass each Saturday morning, in the Marian Chapel.

Beginning on Saturday, March 13th, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at **4:00 p.m.** rather than 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK

Sr. Judith Gomila, M.S.C., from New Orleans, LA, will be our Parish Mission Speaker. Sister has a wealth of experience world-wide in her ministry and brings her wonderful wit and deep knowledge. She has entitled the Mission: *Diet and Exercises for Spiritual Fitness*.

Mon. - March 8 - 6:00 p.m. Mass w/Mission talk.

Tue. - March 9 - 6:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service w/Mission talk.

Wed. - March 10 - 6:00 p.m. Mass w/Mission talk.

Don't miss the opportunity for Spiritual Renewal this Lent. Bring the whole family. We'll see you at the Mission.

FROM NATIVITY SCHOOL

Nativity B.V.M. School's annual Open House will be held this Sunday, March 7th from 11:00-2:00. Demonstrations and performances by the children as well as

Scheduled Mass Intentions this Week



	<u>6:30 a.m.</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>12-Noon</u>
Mon Mar 8	Msgr. James M. Russell	Gordin Ellzey	Maria Sablich
Tue Mar 9	John T. Collins	Wilfred Wade	Special Intention
Wed Mar 10	Catherine M. DeRoever	MM Gabe Kasovich	Paul I. Newman
Thu Mar 11	Dec'd-DeRoever Family	Miriam Spragio	Kenneth Dellenger
Fri Mar 12	H. & B. McDonnell	Joshua S. Bozeman	Bobbye Holland
Sat Mar 13	<u>5:00 p.m.</u> - Joseph Gillich		
Sun Mar 14	<u>7:00 a.m.</u> - Nativity's Parishioners	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> - F. Walker Tucei, Jr.	
	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> - Dec'd-Lopez Family	<u>5:30 p.m.</u> - Special Intention	

the school Book Fair will be part of the day. ALL are welcome to come and see all that Nativity has to offer!

A special breakfast for grandparents/friends of the children will be held on Friday, March 12th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Guests will have a chance to read with the children, enjoy refreshments prepared by our cafeteria and shop, if they wish, at the Book Fair. Thank you for your help! Our school has done very well in collecting Box Tops for Education, Campbell Product Labels and UPC codes from Community Coffee products. Please continue to think of our school as you use these products!

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year begins Monday, March 8th, for students currently enrolled at Nativity B.V.M. School and their siblings. A special day of registration for new students from Nativity Parish or any of our area parishes (Blessed Seelos, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Michael, Vietnamese Martyrs) will be held on Monday, March 22nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. Open registration for all other families new to the school will begin on Tuesday, March 23rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. For further information about the school please call the school office at 432-2269 or visit the website at www.nativitybvm.org.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick High School will host their 3rd Annual "*Sham-rockin' the Coast.*" Auction and Gala on March 13, 2010, at the Nativity Sacred Heart Center, Biloxi. Tickets are \$100. and admit two. Call Theresa Whiteside or Jaime Weaver 702-0500 for tickets or info.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Make a special effort to attend Mass. Take an active part in the Mass. Celebrate and sing, even if you think you can't; use your voice in praise of the Lord. Monday-Friday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 12-Noon during the Lenten Season.

Morning Prayer of the Church is recited Monday-Friday, at 7:45 a.m., in the Marian Chapel. Please come and pray this beautiful prayer-form as a faith community.

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday evening of the Lenten Season at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral. Why not bring the entire family? Confessions will be heard during the Stations. A Communion Service will be held following the Stations each Friday.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

February 28. \$ 8,307.
 Sacred Heart Center Debt Reduction Fund. \$ 403.
 Capital Improve & Development Fund. \$ 172.
 Saltillo Mission. \$106.

We offer sincere thanks to our parishioners and guests for their continued generous stewardship of treasure, time and talent, given to support our parish and the many ministries that our parish fosters.

New Parishioner(s) or Changes

___ New parishioner(s) (Date)_____

___ Address has changed

___ Telephone has changed

___ E-Mail Address _____

Interested in _____ Parish Activities.

___ Moving out of parish (Date)_____

___ Sick at home / Hospital (Which Hospital)_____

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

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