



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- Mt 5:7-9

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2008

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
 Matthew 5:3
 May we become poor in spirit, having all our confidence in God.
 Loving God, prepare my heart to receive you.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Which quality in the beatitudes am I most in need of?
Children: How often do I ask God to help me become a better person?



Classroom Gatherings: Classes will meet on Sunday, Feb. 10th and 17th. There are no classes scheduled for Sunday, February 24th, winter vacation week.

Confirmation pictures are in! Please pick them up in the parish office.

RCIA The next meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 4th at 7pm in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call Kathleen McCabe at 978-281-4820.

World Day of the Sick



We will mark the World Day of the Sick on the weekend of February 9th-10th. There will be a special blessing for all those who work in healthcare: physicians, nurses, chaplains, pharmacists, therapists, administrators, housekeepers, maintenance workers, office workers, home healthcare ministers, and those who care for the sick and homebound in their families at all Masses.

Anointing of the Sick

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick at the 10am Mass at St. Ann Church on Sunday, Feb. 10th.

Reflections by Father Bullock



We are called to be salt and light. These are good choices because of their importance. Salt can cleanse, heal, and preserve. Salt was so important in ancient times that it was used as currency. The Latin word for salt, "salus" comes into English as the word "salary." You don't have to guess at the difference light makes in our lives. For centuries natural light dictated living habits. Only with artificial light would that change.

It's true that both salt and light must walk a fine line. Salt universally is used to add flavor and taste to foods, but there must not be too much or the food becomes salty and the flavor is destroyed. Light, too, can be overpowering and, instead of illuminating, can blur. Industrialized parts of the world are now so brightly lit that it has become difficult for people to see the night sky. Our vision of stars becomes blurred and indistinct. Astronomers prefer to set up telescopes in Africa where the vision of the night sky is relatively undimmed.

The lesson might be that we can only be the salt and light that Christ is referring to as long as we try to let Christ work through us – be conduits of His agenda and not ours. If it is not the savor of Christ but our own saltiness that people perceive, not an illuminated Christ, but a blurring and indistinctness, then we are not really serving as the salt and light that Christ intended.

Lenten Regulations

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.



Living Stations of the Cross

We are in need of students from, grades 4 and older for various parts in our live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. This live presentation is presented to the parish community on Palm Sunday evening, March 16th at 6:30pm in St. Ann Church. Rehearsals are every Thursday 4:30-6pm in St. Ann Church. This is very touching and spiritual event for those presenting it and the parish community. For more information, please call Sue Demetri at 978-283-5096 or e-mail sdemetri2000@yahoo.com.



Holy Family Parish Guild

Welcome back Guild members. The first meeting of 2008 will be Feb. 5th at 7pm. There will be a meeting to catch up on old and new business. The social will have a Valentine theme, there will be word games to solve and charades to play. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. Please call Bea Ciaramitaro at 978-283-2691 for more information. Cook Books will be for sale at the meeting.



Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations in memory of:

Angelina C. Ciaramitaro

Catherine Randazza

Catherine Favazza

Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Costanzo

Stephen D'Amico

Mr. & Mrs. David Doucette

Rosalia Favazza

Vincie Gounaris

Anthony Millefoglie

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The Host & Wine for February was donated in loving memory of:

Thomas & Rose Lupo

Rosemarie Lupo, Thomas Lupo, III

Jennie Faye Lupo

From Family



Host & Wine

Memorial donations are still being accepted for Host & Wine for the month of June. If you'd like to remember a loved one with this special gift, please call the parish office at 978-281-4820.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets **Thursdays at 7pm in St. Joachim Church, Rockport.** Questions? Call Louise 978-281-3645.



In Loving Memory

We commend into God's care those who were buried from our Parish recently:

**Stephen Dussord Catherine Favazza
Paula (Parisi) Johnson Christopher Miller
Audrea Murphy Frances Parisi**

Cursillo Ultreya

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will be having their next Ultreya on Saturday, Feb. 9th after the 4pm Mass at St. John Church in Essex. There will be a pot luck supper at 5pm with the Ultreya to follow at 6pm. (Please label ingredients for those with food allergies.) All who are seeking to deepen their Christian faith are invited and encouraged to attend. One need not have been on a Cursillo Encounter Weekend to come. Please call Al Mitchell at 978-281-0536 for more information.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Seacoast – February 11th – 3pm

Den Mar – February 18th – 3:30pm

Golden Living Center – February 25th – 3pm

Valentine's Day Party

The Madonna Del Rosario Society will hold its annual Valentine's Day Party on **Saturday, Feb. 9th at 1:30pm in the parish hall.** All members are reminded that Annual Dues are payable at this time. Mass will follow the meeting.



Rosary

The Rosary is being said Wednesday nights at 5pm in the Mother of Grace Club (48 Washington St., Glou.). Please join us!

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays – 7 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)

7:30pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

8pm – Rosary

Thursdays – 9:30am – 1:30pm

7 – 9pm (St. Joachim Church)

To sign up or for more info, call Angela 978-283-5701.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet located in the basement of St. Ann School, corner of Prospect and Pleasant Streets, is open Wednesdays from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm. A mid-winter clearance sale is now being held through the month of February. Items of clothing for men, women and children include coats, jackets, ski pants, sweaters, and many quality accessories for the family wardrobe. Stop by and see what we have to offer. Through the efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society proceeds benefit the everyday needs of families in our community.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is also in need of helpers to move furniture to homes at lease once a week. Please call Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 if you are interested.

Food Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Rice, Pasta, Cereal & Canned Meats. Donations can be left in the office or in the receptacles at the back of both churches.



Mass Intentions

February 2, 2008 – February 10, 2008

Saturday, February 2, 2008

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Madeline & Joseph Fiorentino**
From Son

Sunday, February 3, 2008

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Capt. Joseph & Angela Curcuru**
From Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Antonia Kaminsky & Francis Kaminsky**
Ellie Kaminsky

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Peter A. Burns, Anita Burns, Matthew Burns**
From Wife & Children

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Matthew Kane**
From Family

Monday, February 4, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)
Noon (St. Ann Church)
7 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

Ash Wednesday



Thursday, February 7, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Friday, February 8, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Saturday, February 9, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Matthew Kane**
From Family

Sunday, February 10, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Mary Frontiero**
From Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Mario Peritore & Ursola Ferrante**
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Katherine Favazza**
From Family

Ash Wednesday Schedule

FEBRUARY 6TH

- 9 a.m. – Mass (St. Joachim)
- Noon – Mass (St. Ann Church)
- 4 p.m. – Prayer Service, (St. Ann Church)
- 4 p.m. – Prayer Service (St. Joachim Church)
- 7 p.m. – Mass (St. Ann Church)

Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes

NURSING HOMES

- DenMar – 10:30am
- Seacoast – 2pm.
- Golden Living Center – 3:30pm

SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEXES

- Rockport:** Broadway Apts. – 10:15am
- Pigeon Cove Ledges – 10:15am
- Gloucester:** Sheedy Park – 10:30am
- McPhearson Park – 10:30am
- Day by Day – 10:30am
- Curtis Clark – 11:15am
- Elder Service of North Shore – 11:30
- Sheedy Park – 1 p.m.
- Central Grammar – 1:30pm

Family, friends, and parishioners are always welcome!

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	259	2,312.05
8 am	125	988.00
9 am	102	911.00
10 am	350	1,688.62
11 am	129	1,086.07
	965	

Weekly Offertory: 6,985.74
Office Offertory: 220.00
Total Offertory: \$7,205.74

January 2006 average collection: \$7,018.00
January 2007 average collection: \$7,908.00

Church in Latin America: \$1,906.17

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection

The second collection for the weekend of Feb. 9/10 is Peter's Pence, which funds emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous to this worthy cause!

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all who donated in any way to the recent Holy Family Parish Mission to Cevicos in the Dominican Republic. Nine of our parishioners traveled to Cevicos in January along with four people from Incarnation Parish in Melrose/Saugus. Your donations of money as well as medical supplies, pain relievers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, vitamins – over 400 pairs of eyeglasses – contributed to the great success of the medical and eye clinics we held there for the poor who have little or no access to health care. Remember, some give to the missions by going, others go to the missions by giving. To all who took part in the mission in any way – muchas gracias!

Project Bread

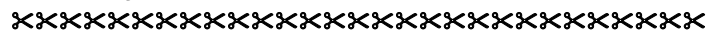
Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline is a statewide service that provides free information about Food Stamps, emergency food programs and other food resources here in our community. If you need help stretching your food budget, call **FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333**, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

Bulletin Deadline

Please have all items for submission to next week's bulletin in our office by noon on TUESDAY. Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.

Tracking Contributions For Tax Reporting

One of the easiest ways to track your offertory contribution for tax reporting is to participate in the parish envelope system. If you are not receiving envelopes, please fill out the form below.



Holy Family Parish Registration

If you wish to register as a member of Holy Family Parish, please print the following information and deposit in the offertory.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Comments: _____

We look forward to hearing from you!