



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and

who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:9-10

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2008

- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
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
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

....and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him." John 4:23

Indeed, the hour has come when the Father seeks us, needs us, to worship him for the sake of the whole world. Loving God, show me the way to worship you in Spirit and truth.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Have I ever grown from a conversation with someone who disagreed with me? What does such an experience tell me of God's grace?

Children: How can I learn from those who think differently than I do?



Classroom gatherings will resume on Sunday, March 3rd. We will not meet on Sunday, Feb. 24th or on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

Looking ahead to March: Monday, March 3rd, 6pm, St. Ann Church.- our parish will have a Lenten Reconciliation service with individual confessions being heard.

Students in Grades 5 & 6 are invited to participate in the next Grade Level Mass which will be at 9am in St. Joachim Church on Sunday, March 9th. If students are interested in singing, they are asked to call Patty Natti, 978-281-4134.

5th graders are asked to attend classes on Monday afternoons from 4-5pm in St. Ann Church. Classes are scheduled to meet Mondays: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. These classes will focus on Liturgy. There will be NO Sunday morning class for the 5th graders during the month of March.

Confirmation Students will host a Soup and Bread Lenten Meal in the church hall on Saturday, March 8th following the 4pm Mass. At 7:30pm the St. Patrick's Family Players will perform "Resurrection" a cantata/music drama. Each student is asked to bring along a pot of their family's favorite soup or chowder to share with both our community and the cantata performers. (Remember to label ingredients for those with food allergies.) Everyone is invited to share this incredible experience of forgiveness, love and joy.

Reflections by Father Bullock



From the first appearance of the adult Moses, he is cast in the role of mediator: between God and His people; between Pharaoh and the Hebrew people; then between Pharaoh and God. In the desert, there is the constant attempt to mediate, to build bridges between a loving God and a fickle people. There is great strain that can only be handled by the depth of Moses' own love of and attachment to God.

Catherine of Siena is a saintly example. Born in 1347, the time of the Black Death, she would lead a life that would

be unbelievable if it weren't thoroughly attested to. At age 6, she saw a vision of Christ as Savior in the sky over the cathedral. This was her turning point; she dedicated herself to God in defiance of her family, growing up with a routine of penance, seclusion and hospital work. Her influence was amazing. Some of the worst thugs in Siena would come to mock her and become disciples, making her their spiritual mother. Italy's warring city-states of that era would be moved by her to lay down their weapons. Pope Gregory XI would then return to Rome, reversing a 70-year residence of popes in the French city of Avignon. It was the moral force of this recluse, this mystic, which brought about these changes. Why? The only answer is the genuineness of her life and sanctity. All would see this, and many, with God's grace, would find it irresistible.

How does this apply to us? In some way we are all called upon to be mediators. Our ability to do so is not primarily a matter of education or natural skills, but of genuineness. If others see us as genuinely trying to live what we profess, then we are going to have a force that cannot be bought or trained for. It will flow from us. The chasm between Catherine the mystic and us is great, but that is not the point. What can connect us is the attempt to live what we believe, to be what we profess.

RCIA will meet on Tuesday evening, February 26th at 7pm in the Parish Office.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE



The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Monday evening, March 3rd at 6pm at St. Ann Church. The evening will begin with a time for communal prayer and reflection and follow with an opportunity for individual confession.

St. Ann School

St. Ann School is accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. Visit our new website at www.stannsschool.com or call 978-283-3455 to schedule a visit





Memorials & Donations

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

Antonio Brancalone

Mr. & Mrs. Massimo Ballerin
Sarina Favazza
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Mary Russo
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Helen & Mary Powers

Divine Mercy Service

A Divine Mercy Service is planned for Sunday, March 30th, at 1pm. in St. Joachim Church. In preparation, we will meet in the parish office **Saturday, March 1st at 1pm.** Anyone wishing to help, please come and join us! For more information, contact **Angela Favaloro at 978 283-5701.**



In Sympathy

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

Robert Perkins
Howard Swinson
Alice Young

Stations of the Cross



During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held in St. Ann Church on Friday afternoons at 3pm.

Host & Wine

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

Thomas & Rose Lupo
Rosemarie Lupo, Thomas Lupo, III
Jennie Faye Lupo

From Family



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs. For more information call Ray & Beth Ginepro at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

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



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.

Women's Guild News

The next Guild meeting will be held on March 4th in the parish hall. A short business meeting will be followed by refreshments and an "Evening of Beauty" social. Come find out about new cosmetics and how to apply them. The ladies from CVS in Beverly will be there to show us how. All are welcome. If anyone is interested in becoming a member please come to the meeting or call Bea Ciaramitaro at 978-283-2691. Upcoming events include a cake sale before and after Masses on April 12th & 13th and a fashion show on May 22nd.



St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner will be held Saturday, March 15th at 6pm in the parish hall. Come for a traditional family style corn beef and cabbage dinner with soda bread and dessert. Music provided by the Docksiders. Come, wear your green, enjoy the music and dine on a hearty meal. Tickets can be purchased from Guild members, or at the church office. Cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets will not be sold at the door so purchase them early!

Living Stations of the Cross

We are in need of students, 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.





February 23, 2008 – March 2, 2008

Saturday, February 23, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Nunziata & Stefano Milone**
From Family

Sunday, February 24, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Alice & George Parker**
Amber Alsup

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

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Giuseppa Margiotta**
From Children

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**John Jordan "J.J." Nicastro**
From Family

Monday, February 25, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Marjorie Budrow**
Imelda Beaton

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim)

Thursday, February 28, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Herbert O. Hultin**
From Family

Friday, February 29, 2008

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Sylvester Nowak**
Bill Ciganek & Mary Anne Gracely

Saturday, March 1, 2007

4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Michael Fontana & Marie & Michael Fontana**
From Wife & Children

Sunday March 2, 2007

8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Samuel "Sam" Scola**
Family

9 a.m. (St. Joachim).....**Herbert O. Hultin**
From Wife

10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Paul Scuderi**
From Family

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**
From Family

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.



Altar Server Training

Students, Grades 4 and older who are interested in being an Altar Server are invited to the instructional lessons on the following Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 in St. Joachim Church; Feb. 27th, March 5th, and March 12th.

Last Weekend's Collection

Mass	Attendance	Collection
4 pm	248	1,871.00
8 am	176	1,524.00
9 am	160	1,219.50
10 am	297	1,547.00
11 am	145	864.35
	1,026	

Weekly Offertory: 7,025.85
Office Offertory: 281.00
Total Offertory: \$7,306.85

February 2007 average collection: \$7,419.55

Today's second collection benefits Holy Family Cevicos Missionary.

Your contribution helps the parish continue its mission!

Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter flower envelopes are in the back of both worship sites. These envelopes are provided for you to make a donation for flowers in memory of loved ones.

North Shore's 29th Annual Good Friday Walk

An Opportunity to Help Needy Families on the North Shore

Date: Friday, March 21st

Time: 7:30-9:30am Registration

Starting Point: St. John the Evangelist School Hall

Rear 552 Cabot St., Rte 1A, North Beverly

For Sponsor Sheets visit www.goodfridaywalk.org or

Call Alice Battistelli at 978-927-7764

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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.

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!

**Please check all lists of names to insure that each name is on one line (ESPECIALLY MEMORIAL DONATIONS). Also, please be sure section breaks are correct and not cutting off any text and that pictures do not interfere with text/layout. Thank You!END OF BULLETIN
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