



"The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me. "Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

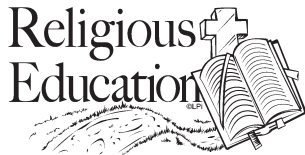
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Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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Stewardship: "I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits—the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here?



No classes this weekend, winter vacation.

Classes resume Sunday, February 28th.

Fifth Grade Students will gather for the final Presentation of Lessons at our 10am Mass. All Fifth Grade Students and their parents should head over to our Parish school gym for a review and the reception of Unit IV.

Confirmation Students are reminded that both their Saints Essay and Sponsor Forms are due.

Mark your calendar ~ Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th from 5-9pm in our Parish school gym.

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 60th 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.

First Sunday of Lent

So what's your temptation? Chocolate ice cream? Gossip? Alcohol? Petty thievery? Pornography? Or just plain ignoring God?

Gratefully, none of us has to stand up in front of the whole assembly and confess the specifics of our sins (just to be clear, chocolate ice cream isn't one!). We simply admit to our sinfulness before we enter into the celebration of the Eucharist, leaving the specific confession of sin to the privacy of the sacrament of penance when we speak individually with a priest.



Sunday's Gospel directs our attention to the fact that Jesus truly was a human person just like all of us. He was subjected to temptation, just like we are. In our desire to conform our lives to be more like Christ, we seek to avoid temptation, just like he did.

For those of us who are already baptized, this Lenten season is one of renewal. We are praying more, fasting, and helping others so as to recover our baptismal innocence. These forty days are meant to get us ready for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. In those promises we rejected Satan, his works, and his empty promises. We rejected sin so as to live in the freedom of God. These forty days will test our fortitude, but we don't go into them alone. We are surrounded by an entire community of faith, all of us working together to become even better Christians. Sometime during this season, we'll each confess our sins with a priest. But as we begin Lent, it might not hurt to tell one other person what you're striving for during this season. Ask them to pray for you, and to help you by being ready to ask how your Lent is going on a weekly basis from now until Easter.

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Arise Corner



THANK YOU to all those who made Prayer Commitments for the ARISE Groups. We are sure your prayers will be felt by all members throughout Season 4.

In this second week of ARISE we will be focusing on "forgiveness". How often do we really think about the power of forgiveness--our forgiving others as well as our receiving forgiveness? Can we forgive as Christ forgives? Do we take in the healing, strength, and joy that forgiveness offers? And not just for ourselves but for our families, and community.

Prayer can prepare the soil of our hearts to make the leap of faith to say I forgive you. So pray with ARISE Groups this week from "Philippians 3:17-4:1" so that, through prayer, Christ will open our hearts to receive the forgiveness offered to us. He has given us a precious gift to both give and receive. May we accept His gift with joyful hearts.

Remember - During Lent, individual confessions are being heard every Wednesday in both worship sites **from 6:30-8pm.**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**February 20th—
February 28th, 2010**

Saturday, February 20

4pm (St. Ann).....**Joseph & Catherine Favazza**
From Family

Sunday, February 21

8am (St. Ann).....**Pro Populo**

9am (St. Joachim).....**Frank T. Paradis**
From The Paradis Family

10am (St. Ann).....**Antonia Sciortino**
From Family

11am (St. Joachim).....**Gerald O'Connor, Jr.**
From Edward & Joan Locke

Monday, February 22

9am (St. Joachim).....**Gabriele & Orsola Ferrante**
From Family

7:30pm(St. Ann) (Mass in Portuguese)

Tuesday, February 23

9am (St. Joachim).....**Bertha Arsenault**
From Marianne Watts

Wednesday, February 24

9am (St. Joachim).....**Elisa Gulbonkian**
From Marilyn & Tim Hayes

Thursday, February 25

9am (St. Joachim)

Friday, February 26

9am (St. Joachim).....**Nunziata & Stefano Milone**
From Daughter Mary

Saturday, February 27

4pm (St. Ann).....**Guiseppe, Margaret & John Giacalone**
From Family

Sunday, February 28

8am (St. Ann).....**Annarita & Calogero Sanfilippo**
From Family

9am (St. Joachim).....**Pro Populo**

10am (St. Ann).....**Amy Slocum**
From Family

11am (St. Joachim).....**Herbert & Mary Attaya**
From Daughters

Nursing Home Schedule

Golden Living Center ~ Monday, February 22nd at 3pm

Legion of Mary

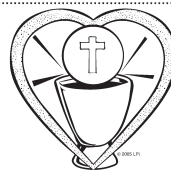
Stations of the Cross

The Legion of Mary will be leading Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 3pm in St. Ann Church.

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The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm in the Parish Hall. A short business meeting will be held which will include finalizing plans for the Irish Stew Supper and Music and Comedy Show. In keeping with the atmosphere of the Lenten season, members will view a short documentary, "Displaced: Miracle at St. Ottilien".

If you have a favorite appetizer and would like to make and share it with others, please bring a sample along and share a taste with your friends. Everyone is welcome to attend and also encouraged to join our "circle of friendship" in Holy Family Parish.



Host & Wine

The Host & Wine for February were donated In loving memory of

~Grazzia & Giuseppe Cilluffo
and Vito Cilluffo~

From Maria & Richard Therlault

Memorials & Donations

Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges donations received in memory of:

Barbara Davenport

Sefatia & Matthew Theken
Pauline Pelosi

Martin Dillon

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Ciaramitaro and Family
Tom, Judy & Sandra

Corcoran

Pauline Danish

Regina & David Girard

Joe & Joanne Grella

Mary Mahoney Howard

Vito Piscitello

Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Antoinette Palazola

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Felicia Aiello

Vito & Rosemarie Asaro

Vito & Grace Favaloro

Regina & David Girard

Jennie (Curcuro) & George

McKinnon

Len & Stella Nurse

Joseph & Jennie Parisi

Vito Piscitello

Helen Porper

Phyllis & Larry Scola

Fena Souza

Sefatia & Matthew Theken

Flower Donation

Last weekend's altar flowers at St. Ann Church were donated in loving memory of **Rose & Gaspar Lucido and Elizabeth & Joseph Martell** by Sam & Janet Lucido.



We commend into God's care **Martin Dillon, Carleton B. McKay, and Antoinette Palazola** who were buried from our Parish recently. May they rest in peace.

Living Stations of the Cross

This prayer service/live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross will be presented to the Parish community on Palm Sunday, March 28th, 6:30pm at St. Ann Church. Students in grades 3 and up are needed to participate in this service. Parent helpers are also needed. Rehearsals will take place every Thursday, at St. Ann Church from 4:30-6pm. If your son/daughter is interested in participating, please call Sue Demetri at 978-283-6096, or e-mail her at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com for further information.

€ € **Bulletin Deadline** € €

Please have all items for submission to the Feb. 28th bulletin in our office by noon on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week.

The Light is On For You

On Wednesday February 24th from 6:30pm-8pm, and on all Wednesdays in Lent, we will be offering confessions at St. Ann Church and St. Joachim Church of Holy Family Parish, together with all the churches of the Archdiocese of Boston. This outreach is called "The Light is On For You," and is an effort on the part of our Archdiocese to highlight the importance of the sacrament of confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love. You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic church. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightsOnForYou.org, with lots of great material and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent. St. Anthony Chapel in East Gloucester remains closed for the winter months and will not be open for Wednesday night confessions.



If there was a death in your family yesterday, what would you be doing today?

Most families are not as well prepared as they should be. Counselors from the Catholic Family Awareness Program (a division of the Catholic Cemetery Association of the Archdiocese of Boston) will be attending Mass at St. Ann this weekend, February 20th and 21st, daily Mass at St. Joachim from Feb. 22nd - 26th and Sunday Mass on Feb. 28th. They are providing all families in our parish with a free book entitled "The Catholic Family Emergency Record Guide". This free book is an incredible tool that will assist families in organizing their personal affairs and can help guide them in the event of an emergency or death. It is free of charge and trained counselors will even assist you in navigating through and completing this book. In addition, the Catholic Family Awareness Program will make available to all our families information on Catholic cemeteries as well as saving certificates, discounts and valuable family protection programs that they offer at no charge. It is our hope that every family will take advantage of this incredible opportunity and receive this information. For further information please call Rob Baker at 339-226-1271

Pre-Need Planning Presentation

The Council on Aging will host guest speaker Mr. Rob Baker, at the Rose Baker Senior Center on Wed., Feb. 24th at 10am. Mr. Baker has helped families through the pre-arrangement planning for many years. Because there are over 40 important decisions to make when planning arrangements after a loved one passes away, this important session is designed to help alleviate some stress during a difficult time. Many people decide to make decisions in advance in order to not impose the burden on family members. Organizing your affairs and making pre-need arrangements has never been easier or more prudent. Often wishes are unknown, conflicts arise and emotions take over. Mr. Baker works with families of any religious background helping to make stressful times more bearable. Light refreshments will be served. For further information please call the senior center at 978.281.9765.

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.



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Mass	Attendance	Collection
4pm	255	\$1,931.60
8am	145	1,139.74
9am	136	1,440.00
10am	230	1,227.60
11am	156	866.25
	922	

Weekly Offertory:	\$6,605.19
February EFT Contributions (4 Weeks):	1,167.50
Office Offertory:	514.01
Total Offertory:	\$8,286.70
February 2009 average collection:	\$7,862.72
Grand Annual:	\$79,199.87

Your support is appreciated!!

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Next week's second collection benefits Holy Family Parish Cevicos Missionary Outreach.

Catholic Appeal

The weekend of March 6-7 will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Holy Family Parish. Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2010 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our Parish—so your participation and support are critical. Because of the current economic climate, the need for the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal has increased, making support for the Appeal more urgent than ever. On Appeal Weekend, we will be asking every catholic household to make a pledge. Please begin to prayerfully consider how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Family Parish is in need of bureaus. If you have one to spare please contact Harry Miller at 978.281.2701 to arrange for pickup. Your donations are needed and appreciated!

Food Pantry Needs

The following items are needed for the SVDP food pantry: Canned soups & vegetables, boxed potatoes, crackers, baked beans, juice, macaroni & cheese, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly.

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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!!