



Holy Rosary Parish



3600 Travis Street - Houston, Texas 77002

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil - Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. (Latin)
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
3:15 p.m. (Vietnamese)
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. (Vietnamese)

Time Out Room may be used

Sunday during
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
in the Parish Center

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 p.m.
5:15 p.m.

ROSARY

Recited weekdays at 5:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. at 4:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays 15 minutes before
all weekday Masses

EVENING PRAYER

Weekdays after
5:15 p.m. Mass in Sacristy

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.
Benediction 5:05 p.m.

PRIESTS ON STAFF

Fr. Joseph Konkel, O.P. Ext. 107
Pastor
Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. Ext. 103
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P. Ext. 104
Parochial Vicar

Adjunct Staff

Fr. William Brenda, O.P. Ext. 102
Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P.
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In Residence:

Fr. James Burke, O.P.
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.
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PARISH OFFICE

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110 - Wedding Coordinator

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RELIGIOUS ED. CENTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (First Scrutiny)

February 24, 2008

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Catholic Relief Services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & CONVALESCENT - Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Mary Willoughby, Marion Spiers, George Sommers, Robert Webster, Virginia Geaslin, Diana Rutkowski, Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P. and the Friars of Holy Rosary. Please remember in your prayers David Bridges, parishioner, who passed away on February 14th of this month.

ALTAR FLOWERS - There are no flowers on the altar during the Lenten season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated on every **Wednesday during Lent** at 11:30 a.m. prior to 12:05 Mass. **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

FIRST SATURDAY is March 1st. Fatima Devotions will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:05 Mass. All are invited to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY is March 7th. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and will conclude with the Benediction before the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

FACE TO FACE CONFESSIONS - Fr. Austin Green will be available to hear face-to-face confessions at 11:30 a.m. - 12:05 before the weekday noon Mass on **First Saturday, March 1st**, in the confessional before the Blessed Mother's altar. Also, **First Friday, March 7th**, 11:30 a.m. - 12:05.

THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11023's monthly meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 1**, with the social hour beginning at 9 a.m. and the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Religious Education Center on Louisiana & Berry Street.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for teens are now underway but it is not too late to join the next class. Students must be in the 10th grade (or higher) by the time we next celebrate the sacrament - October of 2009. Please contact Marisa at 713- 526-4389 for more information.

BIBLE STUDY for young people who have already received the sacrament of Confirmation will begin in March. The study group will meet on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of the month** and the catechist will be Marisa Mendoza. The time will be after the 11:00 Mass, from 12:15 to 1:15 PM. Please make plans to join us!

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, February 24th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING ... for February 27, Chicken linguini, corn, salad, dessert, coffee and tea, will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200. Welcome.

RELIC PRESENTATION AND EXPOSITION - Please join us after the 12:05 p.m. Mass this **Wednesday 27th** for lunch in Room 200. At 1:00 p.m. there will be a 45 minute power-point presentation of the relics by Rev. Carlos Martins, CC (Companions of the Cross), followed by veneration of the relics. Among the holy items on display will be one of the largest remaining fragments of the **True Cross**, as well as relics of **Our Lady, the Apostles, St. Joseph, St. Anthony, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Therese the "Little Flower"**.

2008 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: If you have not picked up your 2008 envelopes, **they will be in the Parish Hall, room 200, after the Sunday morning Masses.** Please note that if you use loose checks please put your envelope number in the memo line of the check to ensure that you are given credit for your contribution.

DO YOU NEED YOUR 2007 ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT? - Please call the parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or drop by during parish office hours, Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 4:30. We will mail your statement if requested.

"CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE": A 15-minute radio program, hosted by Fr. Austin Green, O.P., is aired every Sunday morning at 5:30a.m. (KWWJ-AM, 1360, Baytown) & 6:45 a.m. (KYOK-AM, 1140, Conroe). March 2nd topic, *I have come that hose who do not see may see, (Jn 9)*.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS presents - "The Church and the Media" lecture series, 7:30 p.m. in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mr. Vernon, every Wednesday during Lent. **February 27th**, Advertising and Our Sense of Self: Why None of Us Feels Rich in the Richest Country in the World. Presenter, Dr. Randall Smith, Associate Professor of Theology at UST. **March 5th**, Internet Safety, Morality and Social Networking: A Christian approach for families and students. Presenter - Fr. John Huber, CSB, Principal of St. Thomas High School, Houston. For more information contact Sandra Soliz at 713-525-3103

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH:

Mr. Michael Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bruno, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Chase, Ms. Ariel Diaz, Mr. Mark Eilerman, Ms. Shana Gatling, Ms. Veronica Hernandez, Ms. Francesca Machock, Mr. Patrick Madden, Mr. and Mrs. John Molbeck, Mr. Bruce Teel, Mr. Joshua Teel, Mr. John Vian, Dr. and Mrs. Omar Vidal and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilfong.

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Thomas Fulton Gasper, (Theresa) Kirbie Anne Linthicum, (Maria) Kennedy Le Nguyen, (Teresa) Audrina Tieu-Mi Nguyen, Katherine Genevieve O'Brien and (Peter) Noah C. To.

BENEDICT XVI

ANGELUS

St Peter's Square

Third Sunday of Lent, 11 March 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The passage of Luke's Gospel that is proclaimed on this Third Sunday of Lent relates Jesus' comments on two events of his time. The first: the uprising of some Galileans, which Pilate repressed with bloodshed. The second: the fall of the tower of Jerusalem, which claimed 18 victims. Two very distinct, tragic events: one caused by man, the other accidental.

According to the mentality of the time, people were inclined to think that the disgrace which struck the victims was due to some grave fault of their own. Jesus instead says: "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans.... Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem?" (Lk 13: 2, 4). And in both cases he concludes: "I tell you, No: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (13: 3, 5).

This, then, is the point to which Jesus wants to bring his listeners: the necessity for conversion. He does not propose it in legalistic terms, but rather in realistic ones, as the only adequate response to the events that place human certainties in crisis.

In the face of certain disgraces, he warns, it does no good to blame the victims. Rather, true wisdom allows one to question the precariousness of existence and to acquire an attitude of responsibility: to do penance and to improve our lives.

This is wisdom, this is the most effective response to evil on every level: interpersonal, social and international.

Christ invites us to respond to evil, first of all, with a serious examination of conscience and the commitment to purify our lives. Otherwise, he says, we will perish, we will all perish in the same way.

In effect, people and societies that live without ever questioning themselves have ruin as their only final destination. Conversion, on the other hand, while not preserving one from problems and misfortunes, allows one to face them in a different "way".

First of all, it helps to prevent evil, disengaging some of its threats. And in any case, it allows one to overcome evil with good: if not always on a factual level, which sometimes is independent of our will, certainly on a spiritual level.

In summary: *conversion overcomes the root of evil, which is sin, even if it cannot always avoid its consequences.*

Let us pray to Mary Most Holy, who accompanies and sustains us on our Lenten journey, so that she may help every Christian to rediscover the greatness, I would say, the beauty, of conversion. May she help us understand that doing penance and correcting one's conduct is not simply moralism, but the most effective way to change oneself and society for the better.

An adage expresses it well: to light a candle is worth more than to curse the darkness.

After the Angelus:

To all English-speaking visitors and pilgrims here today, I extend affectionate greetings. In particular, I welcome the Board of Trustees and administration of St John's University, New York, the students and teachers from All Saints Catholic High School in Kanata, Ontario, and the young people from St Patrick's Evangelization School in London. Upon all here today, and upon your families and loved ones at home, I invoke God's abundant Blessings.