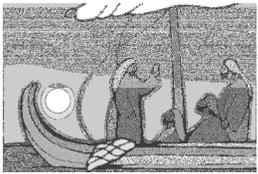


## February 7, 2010: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." — Lk 3:9-10*

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## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### **Sunday, February 7 (Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11)**

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr.

#### **Monday, Feb 8, *Ss. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita* (1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56)**

7:00 am- Louis & Stazie Haas

10:00 am-Living & deceased members of CDA (H'ville Rehab)

#### **Tuesday, February 9 (1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13)**

7:00 am- Lorine Vasek

#### **Wednesday, February 10, *St. Scholastica* (1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23)**

7:00 am- Thelma & Ann Spies

8:05 am- Steve & Irene Otahal

#### **Thursday, February 11, *Our Lady of Lourdes* (1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30)**

7:00 am- Tom & Anna Pastucha

10:00 am- Margaret Etzler (Stevens Nursing Home)

#### **Friday, February 12 (1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37)**

7:00 am- Mildred Burrows & Joyce Gerdes

8:05 am- Alois & Buck Leopold

#### **Saturday, February 13 (1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10)**

5:30 pm- Janie, Stasie & Rudy Billimek; Jim & Otilia Zissa

#### **Sunday, Feb 14 (Jer17:5-8/1Cor 15:12,16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26)**

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Anton Vavrusa, Stacey Harned, John & Mary Mozisek

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Mary & Floyd Simmons & Floyd, Jr. by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In honor of Vickie Klmitchek & in memory of Maggie Volcik.

Vigil Light: In memory of Dennis Appelt.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,008; Loose-\$1,154; Children-\$70; Haiti-\$985.

Anniversaries:

Robert & Roberta Jurena 25 years Feb. 9

Welcome to the Parish: Ronald & Misti Ridgeway, & sons, Trey & Garrett.

January Baptisms: Conner Allyn, son of Charles & Leah Steinocher Joyce; Cole Jackson, son of Frank & Sandra Garcia Bludau; Macayle Jase, son of Luis & Candice Etzler Camarillo; Hannah Leigh, Hailey Doreen & Heidi Gwen, daughters of David & Stacie Kammerdiener Ortolon.

*Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

-First Communion Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Family Center.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

-CCD: Grades K-11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

-St. Mary's Parish Festival, Victoria Community Center.

BBQ Brisket & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 p.m.

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, Geraline Morgenroth, Joseph Iardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Barbara Tesch, John D. Henneke, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Theresa Hemmi, Bruce Fritz, Henrietta Jansky, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemeč, Ernest Schulte, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

2009 Contribution Statements are available upon request.

**Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you.

"Come & See" weekend, Feb. 27-28, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria for single Catholic women up to 50. If interested, call 575-7111, email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com) or check [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) for more information.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

### **SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**

In memory of Jerome Kocian:

Royce & Jeanette Chudej	10.00
Caroline & Robert Polasek	25.00
Michael & Janice Jares	20.00
Glenn & Mary Ann Janca	10.00
Arnold & Gene Marie Bohuslav	10.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00
David & Carol Bohuslav	20.00

## From the Desk of Father John

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It was a great celebration with a wide variety of activities. Let us continue to pray for our parish school, the faculty and staff, the students and all of our benefactors, living and deceased.

This weekend we are having the blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise at all the Masses. St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, in the early years of the fourth century. It is said that an anxious mother hurried to Blaise with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. The saint called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed the boy. Immediately the bone loosened and was removed. Devotion to St. Blaise was very popular during the Middle Ages and continues to this day.

As you receive the blessing of St. Blaise today, ask through his intercession for deliverance from physical and spiritual evils of throat and tongue.



## The Youth ConneXion



**February 14:** Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. Gathering to follow in Youth House.

**Discount Cards** are now \$5.00 each & offer discounts at various local businesses & can be used repeatedly through Sept. 30, 2010. Cards are available at the Rectory. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Youth.

**Music Practice:** Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

## Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

**February 7:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade youth involvement, 8:00 am Mass.

**February 7:** First Communion Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Family Center.

**February 17:** Ash Wednesday Mass 6:15 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Grade youth involvement.

**February 24:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade penance service.

## SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In memory of Jerome Kocian:

Kubena Funeral Home 20.00  
Bob & Lou Kubena 20.00

In memory of Willard Brock, Jr.:

Kubena Funeral Home 20.00

## SACRED HEART CHURCH FLOWER FUND

In memory of Jerome Kocian:

Lillian & William Gohlke 15.00

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND

In memory of Thomas Parks, Sr.: 20.00

In memory of Ben Spanihel: 20.00

In memory of Jimmy Sanchez: 20.00

Snow & Irene Matula

## Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

**February 8:** Aim for Success parent meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**February 11-22:** Magazine subscription drive. This sale is of major importance with 40% of the price of magazines remaining with our school. Please consider renewing your subscriptions through our magazine drive.

**February 13:** Junior/Senior Prom, KC Hall.

**February 15:** President's Day. No school.

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin'" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel. After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let Him teach from the boat. Then He tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin'," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: "From now on you will be catching men."

It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like He got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") He tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in Him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness to the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women.

It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin'" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ. \*2009 Liturgical Publications Inc



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Jerome Kocian:

AJ & Alice Kallus 20.00  
Dorothy Bujnoch 25.00  
Robert & Louise Pesek 20.00  
Norma Skelton 10.00  
Glenn & Donna Leopold 10.00  
Charles & Renee Hardt 20.00  
Marjorie Gallia 10.00

In memory of Frank Mikes, Sr.:

Joseph & Ramona Bludau 20.00  
LaNelle & Glenn Blahuta 25.00  
Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann 25.00

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## One Minute Meditations

### A warm "hello"

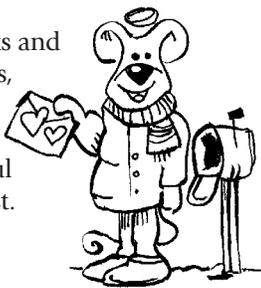
Mass is a community celebration. Try to arrive five to ten minutes before Mass is to begin and greet the people around you. Stay for the entire Mass and visit after it is over. Making others who may be new to your parish feel welcome strengthens the entire Body of Christ.

### Amen

The word "amen" shares the same root as the Hebrew word for "believe." When we say it at the end of our prayer, we affirm our belief in what we just said. "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises, and commandments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1064).

### Your harvest

When you plant tomato seeds in a garden, you will harvest tomatoes. In the same way, whatever is planted in your heart and mind will be your harvest. Avoid seeds like violence, negativity, and self-indulgence. When you plant positive thoughts and attitudes, you will reap a beautiful harvest.



## Catholics leave their mark on the world

As Catholics, we believe that it is possible to build a just society despite the challenges of modern life. In fact, the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching can help us to understand how we can work to create a better world. As Lent begins this month, why not use these principles to figure out

where you can make a greater difference:

**Life and dignity of the human person.** People are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred and Catholics act to uphold the dignity and rights of all people.

**Call to Family, Community, and the Common Good.** Catholics work for the good of everyone, especially working to support marriage and family.

**Rights and Responsibilities.** All people have a right to life and basics required for human decency such as food, shelter, health care, education, and employment.

**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.**

Jesus brought hope and compassion to the less fortunate, and he asked that we continue his work.

**Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.** The economy exists to serve people, not the

other way around. Workers have the right to productive work and to fair wages

**Solidarity.** Loving our neighbor recognizes no boundaries.

**Care for God's Creation.** Out of love for God, we care for the earth and all that he created.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics observe Lent?

Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church year. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Easter Triduum, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying before his



public ministry.

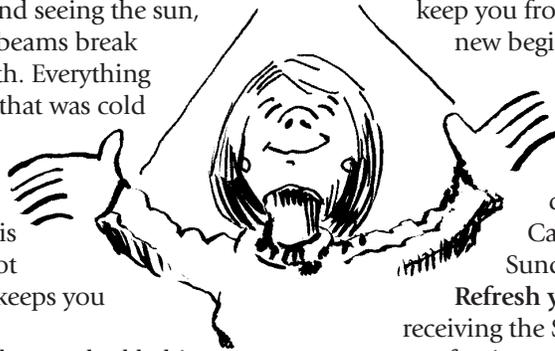
This helps us remember the great events of salvation history. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

# Stand in the Light during Lent

Imagine looking up to the sky and seeing the sun, so powerful and bright that great beams break through any gray to touch the earth. Everything that was dark is now light and all that was cold feels warmth.

Jesus is like that sun. His glory shines rays of hope on each of us, warming us with the strength of his love. During Lent this year, why not remove anything in your life that keeps you from standing in his light?

**Refresh your sight.** Eliminate whatever bad habits



keep you from seeing Christ's light. Let Lent be a new beginning to your lifelong journey down the right path.

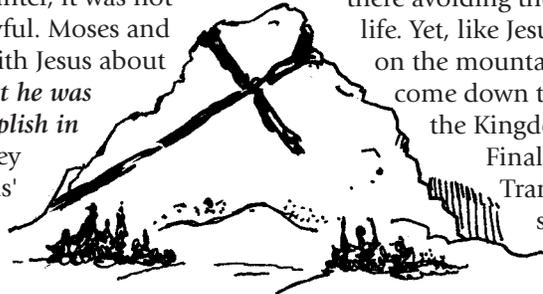
**Refresh your faith.** Find your way to the light. Recommit to the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation. (You can find them at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).) Sunday Mass can help you stay on track.

**Refresh your soul.** Clear your way to the light by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is ready to forgive us if we ask.

## from Scripture

### Luke 9:23-36, Linger on the mountaintop.

While the Transfiguration was a fantastic encounter, it was not particularly joyful. Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." They referred to Jesus' death, as the shadow of the Cross loomed.



Like Moses' exodus from slavery in Egypt however, Jesus' exodus would deliver his people from the slavery of sin.

When he offered to build shelters for the three men, Peter clearly wanted to remain on the mountaintop in this holy moment. Sometimes we have an

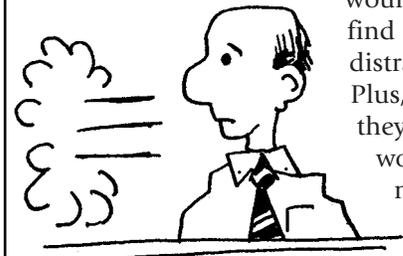
inspiring experience and want to stay there avoiding the realities of daily life. Yet, like Jesus, we cannot linger on the mountaintop but must come down to take our place in the Kingdom.

Finally, God used the Transfiguration to speak a message – the same one he spoke at

Jesus' baptism. He confirmed Jesus as his son, the Messiah, and added, "Listen to him." The son of God has God's power and authority. If we believe that Jesus is the son of God, then surely we will want to do what he says.

## Q & A Is it permissible to leave Mass early after Communion?

Imagine if some of your dinner guests gobbled their food and bolted when they finished. Not only would you think it rude, your other guests



would find it distracting. Plus, they would miss out on

the rest of the evening.

The same is true for Mass. Jesus is present for the entire Mass, so ducking out before it is over means walking out on him. Can you imagine meeting with an earthly king and leaving before he concluded your time together?

Lastly, participating in Mass is intimately linked to our call to go forth and live the Gospel. The final blessing and dismissal prepares us to share what we have received with our brothers and sisters. If we leave directly after Communion, we miss this important component.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858)** A heavenly lady who called herself, "The Immaculate Conception," appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl from a village in France. After the first vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a spring with miraculous healing waters emerged from a nearby cave.

**February 17 – Ash Wednesday.** Marking the first day of Lent, ashes from the palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. One form of Lenten observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross, meditating on

Jesus' walk to Calvary.

**February 22 – St. Peter's Chair (1st century).** We celebrate St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church.

**February 23 – St. Polycarp (156).**

As Bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before being martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



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