MARCH 2, 2014
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD IS A LOVING PARENT

Some scripture passages require a good deal of study before they yield their inner meaning. Not so with today’s Gospel, a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Here we have Jesus’ well-known sayings about God’s care for us. “No one can serve two masters” and “Look at the birds in the sky” have become idioms in our culture. Perhaps they have become too familiar. Jesus’ point is a simple one—if we keep our hearts set on the important things, God will take care of the rest. His use of simple images from nature—birds, flowers, grass—would have resonated just as deeply with his listeners then as they do today.

The brief passage from Isaiah, situated as it is in a longer section on the restoration of Zion, uses a wonderful feminine image to portray God’s care for us. Even more than a mother’s care for her own child is God’s attentiveness to our needs. Juxtaposed with the Gospel reading, an image of God as doting parent surfaces. No wonder St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians is more confident in the judgment of the Lord than in any human assessment! For those whose hearts are set on God’s priorities, the time of judgment can bring nothing but good.
**The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God will never forget you. (Isaiah 49:14-15).

**Psalm** — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

**Second Reading** — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

**Gospel** — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs. (Matthew 6:24-34).

Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:**

WEEKLY OFFERING

**February 23, 2014**

Reg. Offertory: $36,159.87

Latin Mass: $724.00

SVDP: $1,215.00

Thank You

**RESURRECTION CALENDAR**

*ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.*

- **Adoration**, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- **Bereavement & Beyond Ministry**, Mon. 8:30am, Alouise, 481-8168
- **Coffee & Donuts**, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
- **Craft Club**, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Club**, 2nd Monday of month, 7:30p.m., Sept. - May
- **Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena**, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church
- **Prayer for Priests**, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
- **RCIA**, Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
- **Rel. Ed.**, September - May
- **Rosary**, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
- **St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting**, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749
- **Teams of Our Lady**, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
- **Women’s Guild**, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

**2014 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**

Our assessment for this year is $370,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $102,718.15

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK**

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.
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By Family & Friends

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

Schedule for this Lenten Season
(March 5 - April 20):

March 5, ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
7:00, 8:00, 9:30 AM, & 5:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
8:30 AM - Wednesdays of Lent
(begins March 12th)

BENEDICTION AND ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Each Friday of Lent - (Except Good Friday)
(begins March 7th)
Benediction begins after 8:00 Mass until 10 a.m.

RECONCILIATION
Every Friday Evening 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Every Saturday Morning 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!

Please join us for coffee & donuts at the Parish Center after the 10:30 Sunday Mass

Lent is the preparation for the celebration of Easter, the heart of the paschal mystery. It is a time to meditate on the passion and suffering of Christ, and to look forward to His resurrection.

DIOCESE OF VENICE LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Christ’s faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance.

However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully, and to deny themselves especially by observing the fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday, April 18, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller 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 are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection (USCCB).

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence. Note: if a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.
Lent set to begin
by Diocese of Venice | February 20, 2014 2:06 pm

Time for fasting, prayer and almsgiving
By Bob Reddy (Florida Catholic)

Lent is one of the most important liturgical seasons of the Church’s calendar. Beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5, Lent prepares the faithful for Holy Week, for those sacred days in the Church when we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

In the first Lenten Message of his pontificate, Pope Francis focuses on the poverty of Christ in becoming man, emphasizing that it is our duty to give the same humble witness in our care for the poor.

Taking his theme from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians, the Holy Father message is titled: “He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

As Christians, we are called to be a witness of Christ in our daily lives. Pope Francis explains that the imitation of Christ in enriching others is crucial. “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial,” and that “we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty… Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance… I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

At the conclusion of his message, Pope Francis prayed to the Holy Spirit, asking that the faithful receive help in their resolutions to have a greater concern and responsibility for humanity so that they “can become merciful and act with mercy.”

To take up this challenge from the Holy Father, the faithful must remember that Lent is a time to refocus one’s thinking on how to grow closer to God and farther away from evil.

Lent offers many opportunities to take advantage of that concept of knowing, living and sharing the Faith, Bishop Frank J. Dewane said. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that the three pillars of the Lenten observance – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others.

The Catechism notes that these pillars help to foster the state of interior penance. By uniting prayer, fasting and almsgiving, one seeks to become a better person, more than he or she has ever been before, Bishop Dewane said.

Prayer
All Catholics are called to a prayer life that is both diverse and rich. A diverse prayer life includes both personal and communal prayer, in which the faithful grow closer to both Christ – as well as to the Church He founded. “During Lent our prayer life should not only grow, but it should focus upon the areas of life in which we might have fallen short of God’s expectation – in particular, where we have sinned,” Bishop Dewane said.

By growing and maturing in faith, integrating a rich prayer life elevates this discipline to something more than a rote chore by transitioning it into an act of worship. As life progresses and one receives as increased number of Sacraments, prayer is recognized as a critical act of public worship in the Church, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – the Eucharist. Just as one develops a relationship with another person – such as a friend – one engages in conversation on various topics in a range of settings. In a more profound yet similar way, prayer is an ongoing conversation with Christ, expressed through both words and actions. It is easily understood that in order to grow in deeper communion with Christ, one must pray daily. Lent is a time to become a closer friend with Christ.

The many forms of prayer that one can choose to begin a conversation with Christ. When someone prays, they are expressing different emotions, needs, concerns or appreciations. No two prayers are the same, just as no two conversations with a friend or Christ are the same.

“In a world so full of uncertainty and loneliness, great comfort should be taken in knowing that by praying, God will offer His blessings and grace,” Bishop Dewane added. “By offering blessings back to God in prayer, the blessing is returned to Him. What a beautiful exchange of love that becomes!”

Fasting
Fasting is not about food, or lack of it, but instead about sacrifice for the benefit of our spiritual lives. Sacrifice and self-denial should not be viewed as something to lament, but instead should be viewed as an opportunity to remove anything that distracts us from Jesus Christ while at the same time calling us to be closer to Christ through a simple human action. The current Lenten discipline, defined by the Catechism, consists of both fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as well as abstaining from meat each Friday of Lent. These small sacrifices are to be only the beginning of one’s Lenten journey as we are all called to grow closer to Christ.

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RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB
ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
SUNDAY MARCH 16TH

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Dessert

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Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCMi Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit & vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausages/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, Ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), Baby Diapers, and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!

A SPIRITUAL LENTEN MORNING WITH FATHER TONER

To all men and women of the parish -
You are invited to a special morning with Father Toner on Wednesday, March 12th at the parish center immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. Father’s Lenten Talk will include a question and answer period. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Come and join us for this opportunity to reflect on our Lenten season.
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Religious Education
Syllabus

March Offertory
Sunday:

Rice

Sun 3/2 Lent project
Wed. 3/5 — ASH WED

** Sun 3/9 — Chapter 17
** Wed 3/12 — Chapter 17

Sun. 3/16 — NO CLASS
Wed. 3/19 — NO CLASS

Sun 3/23 — Chapter 18
Wed. 3/26 — Chapter 18

Sun. 3/30 — Chapter 19
Wed. 4/2 — Chapter 19

Sun 4/6 — Reconciliation Service
Wed. 4/9 — Reconciliation Service

** Sun 4/13 — Seder
** Wed 4/16 — Seder

Sun 4/20 — EASTER: NO CLASS
Wed. 4/23 — NO CLASS

Sun. 4/27 — Chapter 21
** First Holy Communion Retreat @ 1:00
Wed. 4/30 — Last Wed. Religious Ed. Class

Sun. 5/4 — Last Sun. Religious Ed. Class
*Wed. 5/7 — First Holy Communion Rehearsal

** Sat. 5/10 — First Holy Communion

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March 25 - 27 bus trip to Tallahassee - Last chance!! Register now - go to www.dioceseofvenice.org or contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-441-1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

SCRIPTURE & SOUP FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING MAR. 12, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NOON MASS. 12:30 - 2:00 PM AT ST. AGNES PARISH, NAPLES. PLEASE RSVP, 239-592-1949

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This means fasting is not about food, and abstinence is not about meat; rather, both are ultimately about spiritual conversion and renewal.

“I encourage each of you to reexamine fasting and abstinence this Lenten Season and possibly rediscover them as pillars in your life during the Lenten Season,” Bishop Dewane noted. “When fasting, or abstaining from meat; remember what Pope Francis said, ‘self-denial is not real without a dimension of penance.’ This Lenten Season, make an extra attempt to use self-denial as an opportunity to improve upon the spiritual areas of your life that need refocusing.”

Almsgiving

The third and final discipline of Lent is almsgiving. While mentioned as the last of the three traditional pillars of the Lenten observance, it is often misunderstood. While one might be led to believe that almsgiving and charity is simply giving money to the poor and needy, the Catechism defines almsgiving as, “Money or goods given to the poor as an act of penance or fraternal charity.” As with fasting, almsgiving is an act of self-denial, and in particular, it is in fact an expression of charity and assistance extended to the needy.

In a sense, almsgiving is a type of prayer, Bishop Dewane noted. Because almsgiving requires sacrifice, it is also a sort of fasting from the material world. By almsgiving during Lent, one not only expresses care for those in need, but also expresses a sign of gratitude for all God has provided in one’s life.

Such acts of charity are connected to the responsibilities of living the Faith that begins with Baptism and is reignited in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone bears a responsibility in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, “but it takes prayer and reflection to understand how God is calling individuals to give of themselves,” Bishop Dewane said.

The Holy Father makes it clear how we are guided into the deep theological journey of Lent, and how these observances help to lift human beings out of their sinfulness toward a closer, more holistic, relationship with the Lord.

It is important to understand the way in which the three pillars of Lent can work in concert with one another. Practicing the Lenten observances should be done in unison so that the greatest spiritual benefit can be gained, Bishop Dewane added. Each is indispensable in its own way and offers the faithful an opportunity to grow in greater love and appreciation of God.

The Lord calls each person to total commitment. By practicing these observances together throughout the Lenten Season, they become more than the sum of their parts. They become part of a faith that flourishes and a heart that is increasingly dedicated to the Lord.
Faith and Wine

Please join us on March 13, as we welcome Lois Thome, WINK TV news anchor who will be speaking to us on “The Inside Scoop: Bridging the Gap Between Religion and Journalism”

6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

Religion and journalism are dominant forces in the 21st Century, influencing politics, economics, and social policy. Journalism has been criticized for being anti-religious, controlling what is reported and how it is reported. As a Catholic and a journalist, Lois will discuss the intersection of religion and journalism - whether her religious beliefs influence her reporting and whether there is a place for people of faith in the news industry.

Please pre-pay for this event no later than noon on March 11th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before March 6th) or drop off (no later than noon on March 11th) your check made payable to “Faith and Wine, Inc.” to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato), 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108. Bring a friend or make new ones!

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Thursday, March 13, 2014

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