



**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2010**
**The Spirit of the Lord is upon
me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor**
— Luke 4:18 a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 --
13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 25-31, 2010



- Monday**
8:00 am Joseph Robichaux† - Marie & Family
- Tuesday**
8:00 am Luz Mireles† - Eddie & Jean Schwirtlich
- Wednesday**
6:30 pm Albert Ayarzagotia† - Oralia Gamez &
E. Ayala
- Thursday**
6:30 pm Paul Cantu† - Donor
- Friday**
8:00 am John Mekush† - Jim & Eunice Srp
- Saturday**
6:00 pm Pedro Alaniz† - Joe & Gloria Alaniz
- Sunday**
8:00 am Deceased members of K.C. #7290
9:30 am Donato & San Juana Lopez† - Lupe Castillo
10:00 am Special Intention - Donor
12:00 pm Frank Pena† - Family
6:00 pm People of the Parish

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope Collection	\$14,050.00
Loose Collection	\$1,985.00
Children's Collection.....	\$202.36
Earthquake victims in Haiti	\$1,985.00
Other Fees.....	\$573.00
Total	\$18,728.50
Total amount sent in for Haiti	\$5,000.00

Thank You!

ST. MARY MISSION

Envelope Collection	\$530.00
Loose Collection.....	\$221.00
Earthquake victims in Haiti	\$120.00
Total	\$871.00
Total amount sent in for Haiti	\$232.65

Dear Friends,



This is Year C in the three year cycle of Scripture Readings for our Sunday Masses and we will be hearing from the Gospel of St. Luke on most weekends. In today's Mass, we read the beginning of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, who tells us that he has resolved to write down the life of Christ, so that we may know the truth of the teachings that we have received. Each of us, no matter whether we are children, teenagers or adults has an obligation to know the Good News or the teaching of Jesus Christ. The obligation to study our faith lasts as long as we live and it will assist us to live good and holy lives and achieve everlasting happiness in heaven.

In every walk of life and this includes doctors, teachers, technicians etc. even though they be good at their profession, never stop studying nor reading in order to keep on learning. So it is with the Christian and we can never say we know enough about our Catholic Faith. We are told by St. Jerome that: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" and this is why Pope Benedict and the popes down through the ages have begged Catholics to become more familiar with the Word of God. We are the 'poor' to whom the Lord wants to bring glad tidings, liberty from sin and to open our eyes of faith, so we can see Him in our Masses and Sacraments. In less than four weeks we will begin "Faith Comes by Hearing" and I pray that all parishioners will commit to listening to passages of the New Testament for 28 minutes a day during Lent.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and a reminder to all of us, that with God's help, we can have a change of heart and move from being sinners to becoming saints. We know that Saul (as he was called) was on his way to hurt the early Christians, when he had his great encounter with Christ. He was knocked to the ground and heard a voice saying: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He asked: "Who are you?" and was told..."I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting in my brothers and sisters". From being a persecutor, Paul became a great promoter of the Faith and gives us words of wisdom in his letters. For example, in today's reading from his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells us that, "each and every one of us is an important part in the Body of Christ."

This coming Thursday, we will celebrate the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest philosophers and theologians of all times. The Magisterium of the Church has on many occasions recommended that the faithful see St. Thomas as a great teacher, to help us obtain a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. St. Thomas always sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit before he would begin to teach or to write. While engaged in his study of the sacrament of Eucharist, he spent many hours in prayer before the Tabernacle.

I pray that all our parishioners will grow in their knowledge of their Catholic Faith by doing four things in 2010. First of all, make time to hear and read the Word of God, secondly, study the lives of some of the Saints, thirdly attend Retreats, Mission and Programs which are organized to help us grow in holiness and fourthly read good magazines and Catholic books like "Rediscovering Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. Let us make 2010 the best year of our lives.

God Bless you,
Mmgr. Morgan

This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Mass 8 a.m.. Rosary 7:30 am. Conversion of St. Paul.

TUESDAY: Feast of Ss. Timothy & Titus; Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Bible Class 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St. Angela Merici; Novena & Rosary 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas; Mass 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7-9 p.m. RCIA Meeting 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8 a.m.

SATURDAY: Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

CHOIR PRACTICE for H.S. is every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR practice Wednesday, 6:20 to 7:15 p.m. All Children are invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mrs. Blandina Costley's Confirmation I (8th grade) Class will start meeting on Sunday Mornings effective this Sunday, Jan. 24th at 11:15 a.m. - 12 Noon. Letters were mailed to parents a few weeks ago explaining the situation. Parents, we appreciate your cooperation and we assure you that this is for your students best interest. We would also like to thank Mrs. Costley for her commitment to both our Religious Ed. Program and to her students.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION II: A mandatory Reconciliation Retreat will take place on Saturday, Jan. 30th at 9 a.m. - 12 Noon in St. William Center for all Sac. Prep II students. There will not be a make up session, so students are required to attend this retreat in order to receive their Sacraments this year.

THE SAC PREP II students **FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be on Saturday, Feb. 6th at 10 a.m. in the Church. Parents are encouraged to be good examples to their children and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with their sons/daughters.

JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL is having its annual Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend if you would like information on the registration process for new students, tuition assistance, academic expectations, and various teams, clubs, and organizations. In addition, this year, they will be giving away one year's tuition to a new student. The drawing will be during the Open House and the winner must be present to win. If you would like to enter the contest, please email your name of student, parent name, address and telephone number by Feb. 1 to pmartinez@jpiihighschool.org

Upcoming Events

BISHOP-ELECT MICHAEL MULVEY IS THE NEW BISHOP OF CORPUS CHRISTI. It was announced at a press conference last Monday that Pope Benedict XVI had chosen Msgr. Michael Mulvey of Austin, Texas as our new Bishop. He will succeed Bishop Edmond Carmody who has been the chief shepherd of our Diocese for the past ten years. Our new Bishop will be installed at the Cathedral on Thursday March 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HOLDING A BLOOD DRIVE TODAY. We urge as many as possible to donate Blood from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and assist parishioners who may need transfusions in the near future.

THIS COMING SATURDAY, WE ARE HOLDING A PRE-LENTEN MINI RETREAT HERE. All adults from our parish are invited to spend an afternoon with Canadian born singer/song-writer/author and retreat leader, Lorraine Harsook, preparing for Lent. We begin with Registration at 1 p.m., there will be talks, singing and time for reflection and the Retreat entitled "Lent is a Journey - Let's get ready to go?" will end at 5 p.m. There is no charge - see flyer in this bulletin and spread the word and invite your friends.

FAMILY CONCERT IN OUR CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST '10 FROM 7:15- 9 P.M. The whole family is invited to come and enjoy an evening of Country Gospel music featuring Canadian award winning singer/songwriter, conference speaker and author Lorraine Harsook. See the flyer in this bulletin and invite relatives and friends to join you for this free exciting Family Concert. CD's will be available for purchase.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME TO BEGIN HERE IN FOUR WEEKS. A Lenten 6 week session of this very successful program to help Catholics to return to the Church and the Sacraments will start on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:15 p.m. in our St. Patrick Youth Center. Please spread the word to your relatives and friends and help bring them home for Lent and Easter. Deacon Al Cicora, who is a 'returned Catholic' himself is in charge and he and the CRH team are ready to assist all who register and answer their questions. FMI and to register call our office at 241-3249.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: You are invited to join us! Who are we? Catholic Daughters of the Americas is the largest national organization of Catholic women in the world dedicated to strengthen their spiritual life through Christ and His Church. CDA strives to embrace the principles of faith, working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. Answer our Lord's call with faith, generosity and love by joining the CDA! For more information, please call: Sonia Gonzalez @ 877-6415.

AS A VOLUNTEER within the parish, you are required to attend a "Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment (CMSE) class. This class certifies you for three years. The next parish Core Class will be Monday, Feb. 1, from 7-9 p.m. in the parish hall. A CMSE Recertification class (for those whose 3 yrs are expired) will be Monday, Feb. 8, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring expired blue certification card with you.