

**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

February 14, 2010

**“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”
—Luke 6:20-21a**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Feb. 15-21, 2010**



- Monday**
8:00 am Norma Salinas† - Chano Rodriguez
- Tuesday**
8:00 am Otilia Schwirtlich† - Eddie & Jean Schwirtlich
- Wednesday**
6:30 am Margie Hoelscher† - Vic & Marguerite Ann
12:00 pm In Thanksgiving - Chano Rodriguez
5:30 pm (Church) James Saul†-Mark & Leeanne Pearl
5:30 pm (Hall) Smitty Leonard† - Elisa & Jose Paez
7:00 pm Alice Silberisen† - Joan Gratzinger
7:00 pm (S.M.) Sophia Zapletal† - Helen Knesek
- Thursday**
8:00 am Francis Kasper† - Ernest & Janette Scholz
- Friday**
8:00 am Mary Swetlick† - Leonard & Dorothy Huff
- Saturday**
6:00 pm Aurelia R. Torres† - Zapata Family
- Sunday**
8:00 am Javier Tanguma† - Raymond & Ginny Tanguma
9:30 am Jullian Castillo, Jr. & Jullian, III† - Lupe Castillo
10:00 am William Hoelscher† - Ted & Margaret Van Blarcum
12:00 pm People of the Parish
6:00 pm Elizabeth Gajdos† - Jo Ella Menn

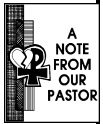
SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope Collection	\$15,990.00
Loose Collection	\$695.45
Children’s Collection.....	\$192.53
Other Fees.....	\$117.00
Total	\$16,994.98

ST. MARY MISSION

Envelope Collection	\$620.00
Loose Collection.....	\$84.00
Total	\$704.00

Dear Friends,



“You’ve Got The Time” is the name of the Bible Listening Program we are about to launch in our parish and throughout the Diocese in a few days. Today you will be given an MP3 Disc containing the whole New Testament and asked to promise to listen to it for 28 minutes for the 40 days of Lent. In this way you will hear the Good News according to the New Testament writers before Easter Sunday. The Bible tells us, “Faith comes by Hearing” Romans 10:17 and the audio by the different speakers will bring the powerful message of Christ to all who listen with hearts and minds open to the Good News.

You may go to FaithComesByHearing.com for more information. We are very excited about this God given opportunity to grow in our knowledge of the Scriptures and of Jesus Christ and the Church which He established. For now we urge everyone to: 1 Take the challenge ...Listen to the entire New Testament in 40 days...just 28 minutes a day. 2. Receive your MP3 disc today and begin your wonderful listening experience with your church family in 3 days. You can listen at home, on your computer, or CD players labeled “MP3 compatible” in your car. 3. Believe God’s Word will change you - spirit, soul and body! Ask God for His help to start your listening and finish with success.

When you open the package with your MP3 audio Bible you will notice that it has selections of the New Testament for the 40 days. For example you will listen to St. Matthew’s Gospel Chapter 1-7 on the first day and The Book of Revelation Chapters 16-22 on the 40th and final day. We will print discussion questions in our bulletins and of course you can go to your own Bible to pray or reflect on passages that are important to you at this time in your life.

Lent is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving or works of charity. As good stewards of God’s providence we are expected to return 10% of our income to God in gratitude. We should give at least 5% to our parish, 4% to charity and 1% to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. I want to encourage everyone to make a generous pledge today to the 2010 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. In this “Year of the Priest,” it is very appropriate that the theme for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal would be “The Beautiful Hands of a Priest.” In the video today, you will see that the hands of our priests play an important part in our lives, from the beginning to the very end.

Your generosity in the past has helped make it possible for parishes and Missions to have programs and priests to administer the Sacraments, Celebrate the Holy Mass, bring Communion to the sick and build up the Body of Christ throughout our Diocese. Today we are asked to support the annual appeal and make a generous pledge so we can reach our 2010 goal of \$71,781.17 and \$2,556.27 for St. Mary Mission. I know that Bishop Carmody and our Bishop-elect Michael Mulvey will appreciate your support of the 40 Diocesan Programs which will benefit from your generosity. You may send only your pledge today or if you wish send in all or part of your commitment to the Chancery Office. You may make your checks out to the Diocese of Corpus Christi and in the future you will receive monthly statements about your pledge.

Your friend,
M^{sr}. Morgan

This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Mass 8 a.m.. **Rosary** 7:30 am. Presidents' Day

TUESDAY: **Rosary** 7:30 a.m. **Mass** 8:00 a.m. **Bible Class** 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday; Fast & Abstinence; **Masses** 6:30 a.m., 12 noon, 5:30 & 7:00 p.m. **St. Mary:** Mass 7 p.m.

THURSDAY: **Mass** 8:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Prayer Meeting** 7-9 p.m. **RCIA** 7-9 p.m. Catholics Returning Home 7:15-9 p.m.

FRIDAY: (Abstinence) **Mass** 8 a.m. **Rosary** 7:30 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 on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. in the church.

LIVE OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS: Starting this weekend, we are calling for all HS students, interested in participating in the LIVE way of the cross, to please sign up. Sheets will be posted in the front foyer and practices will begin on March 10th. FMI or if you would like to help, please call Georgia Major at 549-3318 or Audri Quintero at 779-5750

CCD STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED to attend Mass and receive the Blessed Ashes with their families. **NO WEDNESDAY CCD CLASSES** on Ash Wednesday. Students must sign-in. Sign-in sheets (by class) will be in the Church foyer.

FEBRUARY 21,22,24 NO CCD CLASSES due to Tuloso Midway Intercession. Classes resume on Sunday, Feb. 28th.

PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT (FREE) in preparation for Lent! Featuring David Moore and the Glory Estate at St. Thomas More Church, 2045 18th St. (Across from Del Mar College)
Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Refreshments afterwards

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE YEAR: The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat. The law of fast obliges all those from ages 18 through 59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. In the United States, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

ST. PATRICK'S MISSION ANNUAL BARBECUE in Historic Old San Patricio, 4 miles north of Bluntzer on FM 666, March 21st beginning at 11 a.m. Chicken BBQ plates, Live Auction, Country Store, Children Games, Moon Walk for the children, Raffle Drawing at 3:00 p.m. FMI: Call 361-547-5748.

Upcoming Events

SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO TODAY IN ST. WILLIAM HALL FROM 2-4 P.M. All our senior citizens are invited to attend this once a month gathering of fun, food, fellowship and bingo. Please spread the word about this fun-event and provide transportation to those who need it. We thank Charlotte Byerly and all who help her with the bingo, food and drinks.

2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL AT ALL MASSES TODAY. We sincerely thank all parishioners who supported the BAA last year and helped us go over our parish and Mission goals. You can read more about the programs that we are supporting this year on the brochures and why it is so necessary for us to give at least 1% of our income to this worthy cause. Please read the letter on the previous page and watch the DVD entitled "The Beautiful Hands of a Priest" today. You just need to make your pledge today and send in the money to the Diocese later. Let us all give our fair share and show Bishop Michael Mulvey that we want to support our parish and our Diocese.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING MP3 DISCS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY. On your way out of Church today you will receive a free MP3 Disc which contains the whole of the New Testament. By listening to sections of it for 28 minutes a day you will complete the entire New Testament during the 40 days of Lent. Children will receive a "KIDZ BIBLE" which contains Bible stories from the Old and New Testament as well as Bible songs. We ask that you only take one of each per family. A free-will offering will be taken up on March 7 to enable the producers to provide audio Bibles for adults and children in third world countries. Read letter on previous page for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES will take place this Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 & 7 p.m. The Mass at St. Mary Mission is set for 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast (one full meal) and abstinence (no meat). Let us begin Lent 2010 with Holy Mass and Blessed Ashes.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME PROGRAM TO START THIS THURSDAY 7:15 - 9 P.M. If you or some relative or friend have been away from the Church for some time and would like to "Come Back Home" this is a wonderful program to assist you get back on track and be able to receive the Sacraments again. Sessions are held every Thursday evening from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in St. Patrick Youth Center and Deacon Al Cicora and the CRH Team are in charge. To register and for more information, call us at 241-3249.

SPECIAL LENTEN EDITION OF 'THE WORD AMONG US' ON SALE TODAY. This little booklet has excellent meditations of each day of Lent and great articles to help you enjoy the journey to Holy Week and Easter. You will be blessed in reading "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord!" and reflecting on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" on the cross. To prepare to make a good Lenten Confession you should read the Examination of Conscience called "Turning from Self to God" in this little magazine. We are asking for a donation of \$2 per copy.

A VOCATION VIEW: Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care and love. Follow the Master.