

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
February 28, 2010**

**The Lord is my light and my  
salvation; whom should I fear.**

*—Psalm 27:1*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
Mar. 1-7, 2010**



- Monday**  
**8:00 am** Evan Perez (B-day) - Mom, Dad & Lindsey
- Tuesday**  
8:00 am Josepha Valadez† - Blanca Garcia
- Wednesday**  
6:30 pm In Thanksgiving - Evelyn Martini
- Thursday**  
8:00 am Jesse Beltran† - Stephanie & Don Klock
- Friday**  
8:00 am Marcos Garcia & Benito Garza† - Joe & Gloria Alaniz
- Saturday**  
**8:00 am** Adan Saenz† - Blanca Garcia  
6:00 pm Paulita Rodriguez† - Joe & Gloria Alaniz
- Sunday**  
8:00 am Margie Hoelscher† - Roy & Jenell Richter  
9:30 am Cuberto Lopez† - Veronica Castillo & Fam.  
**10:00 am** Lydia G. Garza† - Viola Carrales  
**12:00 pm** Geraldine Stevens† - Keith & Wilma Emshoff  
6:00 pm People of the Parish

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

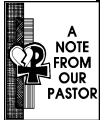
Envelope Collection .....	\$16,669.50
Loose Collection .....	\$574.17
Children's Collection.....	\$158.62
Other Fees.....	\$2,439.36
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$19,841.65</b>

**Thank You!**

**ST. MARY MISSION**

Envelope Collection .....	\$433.00
Loose Collection.....	\$99.96
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$532.96</b>

Dear Friends,



Today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent and it's time to ask ourselves some serious questions. Are we doing the disciplines of prayer, fasting and works of charity to a greater degree? Are we spending the 28 minutes a day listening to the New Testaments in our "Faith Comes By Hearing" program and if not, why not? Are we willing to climb a little higher in our spiritual lives in order to 'see' the Lord with our eyes of faith and hear his voice saying; "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." This is what we must all do in order to live happy, holy and healthy lives and be rewarded with peace and joy in our minds and hearts.

I have made copies of the questions to go along with your "Faith Comes by Hearing" Bible audio program and they may be picked up in the bulletin racks by all who are using them. Here are some questions and answers that are very appropriate for Lent. They come from the Irish Catholic Magazine called "Intercom" and are answered by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap and used with permission.

**Q. What does holy mean?** A. I consider holy to be one of the most expressive words in the English language. It is a word that comes up from the depths of the lungs, expressing a sigh for the infinite God who is over all, beyond all and within all. When Peter saw the power of Jesus manifested in the huge haul of fish, he experienced the otherness or holiness of God in contrast to his own frailty or sinfulness. Form your breath into that word, holy, and it becomes a "mantra" sighing for God.

**Q. In the temptations of Jesus, how could the devil claim that all the kingdom of the earth belonged to him and that he has power to give them to anyone he chose?** A. The devil's claim was a downright lie, no bother to Satan who was called the 'father of lies' by Jesus. Every temptation is based on a lie, a false promise. The most successful lie is the half-truth: the falsehood is camouflaged by something attractive or desirable. Perhaps a good plan for Lent would be a resolution to be totally honest with yourself, with others and with God. 'The truth will set you free.'

**Q. Why is the glorious story of the transfiguration always read during the penitential season of Lent?** A. Penance is better when it wears a happy face and is inspired by the desire for God's light and glory. The three apostles who witnessed the glory of Jesus would later witness his fear and agony in the agony in the garden. Their memories of the day of light would sustain them in the night of darkness. Treasure your times of light when you feel close to God as you will be able to draw strength from those memories in times of darkness.

Here are a few questions that you can answer yourself and pray about during the coming week: Do you think of yourself as destined for eternal glory in heaven? Let your imagination consider what it will be like. Have you ever had a spiritual mountain-top experience and what did you see and hear at that time?

Your friend,  
**Mmgr. Morgan**

## This Week at St. Peter Church

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

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

**WEDNESDAY:** Feast of St. Katherine Drexel; Mass 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY:** Feast of St. Casimir; 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 Meeting 7-9 p.m. Catholics Returning Home 7:15 p.m.

**FRIDAY:** First Friday Mass 8 a.m. (abstinence); Rosary & Confessions 7:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY:** First Saturday Mass 8 a.m. Confessions 7:30 and 4:30 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 WAY OF THE CROSS:** 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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO PRACTICE THIS WEDNESDAY 6:15 TO 7:15 in St. William Family Center.** All our children are invited to practice the songs for the Sunday 10 a.m. Children's Mass by attending this one hour practice session on Wednesdays. Call Margo Ayers at 241-4509 for more information.

**CDA cordially invites you** to a "Father/Daughter Dinner and Dance" on Friday, March 26th. Pasta Dinner 6 - 7 p.m. and Dancing 7 - 9 p.m. at St. Matthew Hall. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Tickets will be sold after each Mass.

#### FAITH AND FINANCES WITH PHIL LEHAHAN

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Sirach 5:8 says, "Do not depend on dishonest wealth, for it will not benefit you in the day of calamity." Honesty and integrity are hallmark qualities for stewards of Providence. Nothing, including great temporal wealth, is worth risking eternity with the Lord. Your financial life is an open book to the Lord. Live it accordingly.



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#### REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY!

We are selling engraved Pavers that will be placed in front of our Church at only \$50.00 each. Pick up forms in the bulletin racks today. For more information, please call the parish office at 241-3249.

## Upcoming Events

**TODAY IS "DAY 12" OF OUR LISTENING THE 'FAITH COMES BY HEARING' AUDIO VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.** I hope you are enjoying and benefitting from listening to your MP3 or Bible Stick each day and we continue to hear the Good News. We have been listening to St. Luke's Gospel this week and today we hear Chapters 14-19. The list of questions for this week are at all exits for those who want them.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET THIS MONDAY, MARCH 1, FROM 7-8 P.M.** All appointed and elected members are urged to attend as we have some very big and important items on our agenda this month. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 7-7:30 P.M. IN OUR CHURCH.** Immediately after the 6:30 p.m. Mass we have the Stations of the Cross and all are invited the Mass and the Stations every Wednesday in Lent.

**EMPLOYMENT FAIR TO BE HELD IN OUR ST. MATTHEW HALL THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 6 FROM 9-11 A.M.**

Those who are seeking employment are invited to come and see and meet 12 plus Employers who are looking for good people to hire for their businesses. Please spread the word to relatives and friends who are seeking employment and urge them to attend. Also pray for the success of this event.

**BENEFIT CHICKEN B.B.Q. FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY FROM 11 A. M. TO 1 P.M.**

Please purchase tickets costing \$7 a plate (to go) today and support this fine organization in this annual fund-raiser - you will enjoy the delicious chicken, Potato Salad, & beans.

**2010 PARISH LENTEN MISSION TO BEGIN IN TWO WEEKS.**

Our friend, Fr. Jim Finn is coming all the way from Ireland to give this year's Mission and he will preach at all the Masses on the weekend of March 13-14. The Mission proper will be from Monday thru Thursday, March 15-18 with the Adult Communal Penance Service for Lent on the final night. Please mark your calendars and spread the word to family and friends. More info next week.

**FAREWELL MASS AND PARTY FOR BISHOP CARMODY AT THE CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21 AT 2:30 P.M.**

The Installation of Bishop W. Michael Mulvey and the Welcome Party will take place at the Cathedral on Thursday, March 25 starting at 2 p.m. Please pray for our retiring and incoming Bishops.

THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY needs help from men & women who are willing to assist with funeral meals for fellow parishioners after the funeral Mass and burial. This is a very important and fulfilling ministry the parish provides to parishioners. If you have time to give to this ministry, please, call the parish office, 241-3249, and leave your name and number or call Jenell @ 241-1158 or Stephanie @ 241-1890.