

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

For Reflection and Sharing: Here is the question of the week developed from the Sunday readings. If you wish to reflect on this or discuss this in your family or prayer group, please feel free to do so. Second Sunday in Lent (Listening to the Chosen One) – Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (The Covenant with Abram); Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36 (The Transfiguration). How has the cross – suffering – become a source of faith in my life? Why is faith so important in my life?

"Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, One for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Tradition holds that the Transfiguration occurred on Mount Tabor just after Jesus predicted His suffering and death, and then explained the conditions of discipleship. When Peter observed Jesus change in appearance and conversing with Moses, the Great Law Giver, and Elijah, the Great Prophet, he was frightened, but then felt privileged and secure. He proposed to make three tents or dwellings. It is possible Peter wanted to keep Jesus safe. Or he may have realized that disciples of Jesus risked the same fate and he wanted to avoid the consequences of discipleship. We sometimes want to "build a tent" and stay in our comfort zone, rather than imitate Jesus and risk the consequences of being a disciple of Jesus. That is particularly true when we feel called to be good stewards of God's world by fully sharing our time, our abilities and our resources. In the end, the Father leaves us no choice. He says of Jesus, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Making All Things New – Stewardship of Parish Family – Stewardship of Money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord and His work come first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence – Catholics in the United States, ages 18 to the day after the 59th birthday, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on these days, with no eating between meals.

Catholics in the U.S., from the age of 14, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Illness or other circumstances might make it necessary for an individual to practice ways of doing penance other than fasting and abstinence.

Lent progressively leads us to Christ's ultimate expression of love in His personal sacrifice of life. Through His death and resurrection, we are offered forgiveness of sins, merciful love, and a pathway to eternal life. Each person is at a different point of his/her spiritual/life journey this Lent over prior Lents. Consider what you've learned and how you've grown this past year. Evaluate how you've lived and demonstrated your relationship with Christ as you have experienced life. Bring love to others in daily living by reflecting the face of Jesus in all you do.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Cathedral every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.

Serra Server's Awards are to be presented by Bishop Foys here at the Cathedral on Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. Bradley Moore will be a recipient of this honored award.

Cathedral Windows Book – The Cathedral Foundation has published *Stories in Glass* by Monsignor William Cleves. Based on a series of talks he presented while serving as Rector of the Cathedral, the book features photographs of 38 of the Cathedral's stained glass windows along with a brief meditative text on each. It is available at the Cathedral or the Rectory for \$30.00. To order a copy, contact Kristi Nader at the Cathedral Foundation (431-2060, ext. 17, or foundation@covcathedral.com).

Bishop Foys has declared Thursday, March 4 as a Day of Prayer for Priests in the Diocese of Covington. Every church will remain open during the day to allow the faithful to pray for all priests, and especially the priests who serve them in the Diocese of Covington. Every parish will also expose the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time on this day. Finally, Bishop Foys has designated the Cathedral and 9 other churches to host a Holy Hour for Priests that evening: all are strongly encouraged to attend. The complete list can be found in the *Messenger*. **Here at the Cathedral, our Holy Hour will be at 7:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be a wonderful time to gather around our Bishop here at the Mother Church of the Diocese and pray for priests in this "Year of Prayer for Priests" proclaimed by Pope Benedict.**

Confirmation Parent Meeting will be on Sunday, February 28 at 11:15 a.m. in the Latin School. All parents of Confirmation students are asked to attend this important meeting.

Diocesan Religious Awards Ceremony – Bishop Roger J. Foys will honor all Scouts, Brownies, and American Heritage Girls who have received their Catholic religious awards during the 2009-2010 school year with a celebration at the Cathedral on March 21, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony begins with a tour of the Cathedral, a Musical Prelude at 2:45 p.m., followed by the presentation of the Bishop's Religious Awards Patch at 3:00 p.m. A reception in Howard Hall will follow. For additional information, please call 393-1533.

Holy Cross Athletic Boosters Fish Fry will be held on all Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday. Fish will be served from 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Menu items include fish, shrimp, cheese pizza, French fries, hushpuppies, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw and a dessert. Cost will be very family friendly. Dine in or carry out.

Holy Cross High School Junior Class Bingo will be sponsoring a Bingo on Friday, March 26, in the high school cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and jitneys start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be bought from any junior student, at the high school office or at the door. You must be 18 years old to play Bingo. All proceeds will go towards the Senior Class Trip. For more information, please call 431-1335.

Holy Cross High School is having its 12th Annual Mulch Sale – You can sit back and relax, we will do the loading, unloading and hauling of the mulch to your home. Black Platinum Mulch in 2.25 cubic feet bags or Red Color Enhanced Platinum Mulch in 2.0 cubic feet bags will be available. Prepayment is preferred, or due upon delivery. Payment by check is preferred. Make checks payable to Holy Cross High School, Attn. Mulch Sale. To prepay with a credit card, order online at www.hcmulch.com. For more information, go to www.hchscov.com or call 392-8999.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, March 6, 2010

4:30 p.m. Lector: Richard Oliver
Holy Communion: Doran and Georgiana Reed, Donna Krumpelman, Teri Pagan, Christine Hovanitz
Altar: Gene Woolridge, Cassie Krumpelman

Sunday, March 7, 2010

10:00 a.m. Lectors: Charlotte and Rick Read
Holy Communion: Mark and Sheree Rodgers, Lee and Annette Stilkey, Eileen Smith, Reba Lehman
Altar: Brandi, Brett, and Bradley Moore
5:30 p.m. Lector: David Custer
Holy Communion: Vernon Weller, Dave and Laura Custer, Mary, Christopher, and Lauren Marquis
Altar: Mark Schaffer, Anna and Sarah Wells, Anna Pragar

There will be a guided tour after the 10:00 a.m. Mass today.

"Adult Spirituality Institute" – Sessions are being offered at the Athenaeum of Ohio.

"Healing and Reconciliation in the Church Today"
Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
March 4-March 25
Rev. Earl K. Fernandes, STD

"Approaching God in Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle"
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
April 12-May 3
Gillian T. W. Ahlgren, Ph.,D.

Youth Ministry – XLT Praise and Worship! An international prayer service geared to youth and young adults, sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Commission and the Office of Catechesis and Formation, will offer COME AND SEE, HEAR, WITNESS, EXPERIENCE: Sundays, March 21 and April 11. Thomas More College – Steigerwald Hall in the Holbrook Student Center from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Villa Madonna Academy High School – Open House for prospective 5th through 8th grade students will be on Sunday, March 7, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Visitors will enjoy a tour where they will meet the faculty members. Administrators and high school coaches will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call 331-6333, ext.139.

Holy Family School Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Gertrude Lahrman Cleves. There is no charge but they would like a RSVP by Monday, March 1 at 581-0290.



Saturday, February 27

4:30 p.m. Mary Louise McCarthy

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Special Intention of Emma Hollis
5:30 p.m. Cathedral Congregation and Benefactors

Monday, March 1

9:30 a.m. Joseph Flannery

Tuesday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Hazel Schlarman

Wednesday, March 3, Saint Katherine Drexel, virgin

9:30 a.m. Mary Louise McCarthy

Thursday, March 4, Saint Casimir

9:30 a.m. Robert (Cott) and Margie Scott

7:00 p.m. Adoration/Holy Hour for Priests

Friday, March 5

9:30 a.m. Intentions of Kathy Hildreath

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

4:30 p.m. George "Chip" Wischer

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Mary Louise McCarthy
5:30 p.m. Cathedral Congregation and Benefactors

Please pray for our parishioners Dorothy Hawks, and Rosalyn Boemker. May they find comfort in the healing touch of Jesus.

Cathedral Concert Series – A musical Celebration of J.S. Bach's 325th Birthday will be held on March 14, at 3:00 p.m. Performances by David Mulbury, Concert Organist, Professor Emeritus, UC-CCM and Rev. Steph Bankemper, Baritone Soloist.



Collection, Sunday, February 21, 2010

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| Envelopes | \$ 4,171.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,395.90 |
| Diocesan Subsidy | \$ 3,015.39 |
| Total | \$ 8,582.29 |

Insight Cable TV Mass, Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. on Cable Channel 6.

We now have our bulletin on our web site. To see the bulletin, please go to www.covcathedral.com. Our monthly calendar is also on the web site.