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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

On Mon., Mar. 22 at 7:00pm we have several priests coming to assist Fr. Gillette.



MOMS GROUP

On Tue., Mar. 23, 9:30-11:00am *SPRING CLEANING FOR THE SOUL: PREPARING A BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR OUR LORD* How do we, as busy mothers, make time for some Lenten reflection? What are some good sacrifices we mothers can make in our homes during this Holy Lenten season? Come for good conversation & visiting time. I will have some ideas, resources and handouts for all...coffee & tea will be abundant! Childcare available- (free!) Contact Sia for more details: [907-2487](tel:907-2487) or: si-aeliza@gmail.com Saint Elizabeth Apostolate "Bringing Women to Share, Pray and Realize the Sacredness of their lives."

RETIRED POTLUCK

On Wed., Mar. 24, beginning at noon in the Fireside Room all those who are retired are invited to come and share food and conversation in the Fireside Room. Questions, contact Jean, 835-3601.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Back by popular demand - we will be finishing our discussion on various apologetic topics and how to answer questions we get about Church teaching. Please join us on Wed., Mar. 17 in the Hall after the children are dismissed," about 6:15pm.

DAY OF THE UNBORN TRIBUTE

Thu., Mar. 25 is the day the Knights of Columbus have designated as the national "Day of the Unborn Child." Fr Gillette will offer the 8:30am Mass as a pro-life memorial Mass dedicated to all the unborn children. The Knights will have a 4th Degree color guard in full regalia at the Mass and will process to our Monument to the Unborn for a prayers and readings immediately after the Mass. You are invited to attend this special Mass and bring flowers or memorabilia to the monument.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

On Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be in the Church beginning at 6:00pm; following in the Hall, various parish groups have been providing a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread. Donations collected at these meals are given to Operation Rice Bowl. This week, the last supper, is provided by the Moms, Familia and St. Elizabeth Ministry.



THANK YOU!

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner was a great success. The Molly Malone Dancers entertained everyone with their amazing dances, a wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all, and it was a great evening of camaraderie and friendship. The Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who came out to support this fundraiser, which will help support our charities.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the son of Irma Hargrave, Bob, who died this past week.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT –

THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need. Rice Bowls are turned in to the parish on Holy Thursday.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

(Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:15pm)

Mar. 24; Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28

VBS

Aug. 2 - 6, 10:00am to noon.

Please contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 to help.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Parents & children meet this Thu., Mar. 25, 6:30pm in the parish hall. Childcare will be provided ONLY if requested.

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

APOSTOLATE

Classes are on Sunday mornings before and during 9:30am Mass. This is a faith formation class designed for children who need a non-traditional classroom setting. Contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393 or pathwaystolearning@live.com.

ATTENTION—SERVERS! ACOLYTES!

On Palm Sun., Mar. 28 practice for servers and acolytes will be at 1:00pm for all three of the Triduum services: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please be prompt and we'll be able to keep this to just an hour.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

On Tue., Mar. 23 there is a meeting in the church to review updates to the guidelines and for training. If others who have been confirmed would like to volunteer for this ministry, you are welcome to attend.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ROSARIES, MEDALS, JEWELRY—TODAY!

St. Thomas Youth Ministry will be selling handmade rosaries and religious jewelry to help fund the

Spring Ropes Course Retreat and the Summer Youth Conferences.



NO CONFIRMATION CLASS TONIGHT

Youth Confirmation class will resume April 11 .

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION TONIGHT!

GOING DEEPER

The blog that answers teen questions for deeper Catholic understanding. At goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com

THE 2009 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IS WINDING DOWN.

ALL FINAL PAYMENTS ON PLEDGES ARE DUE BY APRIL 20TH. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET FULFILLED YOUR PLEDGE PLEASE SEND IT IN SO WE CAN MEET OUR ASSIGNED GOAL.

PLEASE SEND YOUR FINAL PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL OFFICE
710 9TH AVENUE, SEATTLE WA 98104.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

KC's WOOD CUT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

A clean up woodcut will be Joe Borja's (5121 NE 292nd Ave) on Sat., Mar. 27 at 9:00am, people are needed to cut, split, and load truck. Questions? Call Al Schmid, 835-5346 or Dave, 834-2448.

2010 CENSUS

Census data is critical to help companies make strategically and fiscally sound decisions that spur and sustain economic growth. Be sure to fill out and submit your information. Automatic Data Processing is partnering with the U. S. Census Bureau to help achieve a complete and accurate count of our nations' population during the census. Everyone is encouraged to complete and return their census forms.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS™

A safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion while letting you experience God's healing touch in a confidential, supportive, and non-judgmental environment Apr. 16-18 in Medford or June 25-27 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact: Lori Eckstine, ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org or 1 800 249-8074 \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: www.rachelsvineyard.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is for any couple with a good marriage who want to strengthen and enrich their relationship! Communication is the focus of the weekend and the rewards continue to grow for years to come! For more info or to reserve your place on the June 2-4 weekend in Tacoma, contact John & Martha Ryland, 253 859-9174 or www.mrwwme.org

CALLED AND GIFTED

Are you planning a transition in your life? Knowing what gifts God has given you to offer other people can help you to discern His will for your life, and provide you with direction when making choices. On Apr. 17, Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring this program. \$20 Registration or details contact Sue McDonald, 695-1366 or s.mcdonald@ollparish.org.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We now have the following openings so your help is needed:

Monday, 2:00-3:00am

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00am & 4:00-5:00am

Friday, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour 834-2126 ext. 0 or jeanne@st-thomascamas.org Schedules are in the adoration chapel and you are welcome to take one home as we have many times with only one person in the chapel as well as the above space which no one is covering.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

- Apr. 1 Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight
Apr. 2 Tre Ore
Stations of the Cross, 12:00pm
Confessions, 12:30-3:00pm
Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00pm
Liturgy of the Passion, 7:00pm
Apr. 3 Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

TAIZE PRAYER

The next Taize prayer night in the Fireside Room will be on Tue., Apr. 20 with gathering at 6:50pm and prayer beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2010

On Tuesday evenings, beginning April 27 with gathering at 6:50pm and sessions, 7:00-8:30pm, the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* will be coming to our parish. Each week for 7 weeks, witness talks will be followed with small group discussions including question and answer time. Sign up by calling 834-2126 ext. 263.

ECUMENICAL TEA

The Aquinas Guild is hosting a tea for all church ladies of Camas and Washougal on Apr. 17, 1:00-3:00pm in the Hall in this the 60th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Mark your calendar and invite your friends!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint Vincent de Paul and East County Family Resource Center are in need of volunteers to assist us in sorting food from the Stuff the Bus program. If you can help with this project, please contact Renee', 835-7802 at ECFRC for dates and times.

LOVE AND LOGIC SERIES

The series to help you raise self-confident, motivated children begins Thu., April 8 and ends Thu., May 20, 9:00-10:30am, at St. Joseph's, in Marian Hall. Childcare available upon request, cost is \$25/person or \$35/couple. Flyers in vestibule with registration forms. Contact is Tracy Joy, 696-4407.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA IN SPAIN, OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE

See flyer in vestibule or contact Sue McDonald at Our Lady of Lourdes, Vancouver, 695-1366 ext. 306 or s.mcdonald@ollparish.org

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Actual Collection 3/14/2010	\$7,476
Planned Collection 3/14/2010	\$10,700
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) 7/1/2009 thru 3/14/2010	-\$14,392 -3.0%
Last week's collection for Catholic Relief Services	\$3,868



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Here's a little secret

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once observed: "If we could read the secret history of our enemies we

should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility." While we cannot always know or understand the circumstances of our enemies' lives, we are nevertheless called to forgive them, as Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery—and every other sinner he encountered. To know the secret lives of others is really God's purview. Yet, because God forgives everyone (ourselves included!), who are we to hold a grudge?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11*
"Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

MONDAY, MARCH 22

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Take a shine to it

Few words in the English language have as many positive connotations as *light*. Pull out your dictionary and see for yourself: "radiance or illumination," "daybreak or dawn," "a person who is an outstanding leader—a leading light," "a gleam or sparkle, as in the eyes," "to brighten with animation or joy," "spiritual illumination or awareness." We begin to see the wisdom of describing Jesus as the light of the world, the one who brings the light of life. That's good news to brighten any day. Let it brighten yours!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:12-20*

"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

FEAST OF TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Downwardly mobile

Born in 1538 in Spain, Saint Toribio was a professor and well-known judge. His leadership qualities, however, attracted attention and led to an unexpected development: appointment as archbishop of the far-flung territory of colonial Peru. Though he asked to be excused from the task, he nonetheless set off for the New World, where he roamed the vast diocese, teaching, bringing the sacraments, building churches and hospitals, and learning the many languages of the native people he served—and whom he tried to protect from abuses at the hands of the *conquistadores*. If you ever feel called to forsake prestige for service, accept the challenge with gratitude and enthusiasm.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30*

"The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?'"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let Lent work

"You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." These words provoked intense controversy when Jesus said them because his hearers—who *already* believed in him—didn't consider themselves unfree! People who are addicted often have no awareness of their disease. They think everyone else has the same compulsions and desires as they do. Often it takes a serious shock, even an interven-

tion, to help the person see the truth and start heading toward freedom. If we are allowing Lent to do its work of shedding light, of holding our lives against the plumb-line of the gospel, we may at first feel sad or shocked or afraid of what we find, but on the other side is freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42*
"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples."

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

God's favor rests on you

How do you get God's favor? Start by becoming "full of grace." It's not as unlikely as it sounds. *Grace* means divine help. If we rely on God and not on people and things—all of which are passing—we're as good as there. When our reliance is truly on God there won't be room for those nagging second thoughts. Imagine a life free of anxiety, fear, doubt, and moral paralysis! That was the life Mary of Nazareth knew, trusting every day that the divine promises to her would be fulfilled. Go on: Take a daily step farther into grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38*

"The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you.'"

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Don't take sides

Jeremiah and the prophets often spoke out against the injustices of their day, be they injustices against God or the people. Sometimes we can identify with those who are oppressed because we've had experiences of being oppressed. And, as uncomfortable as it may be to consider, sometimes we can identify with the oppressors. It can be we who denounce, who enact revenge, who pick up stones against others. This Lent, be conscious that Jesus invites us to know the full truth about ourselves and take concrete steps—small ones and big ones—to be reconciled with ourselves, with others, and with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42*

"O Lord of hosts . . . you see the heart and the mind."

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let's reframe the question

People often ask why the Jewish leaders didn't believe in Jesus. A gospel story gives us one explanation: to do so would have brought destruction down on them from the Romans. The empire tolerated the Jewish religion, but they weren't going to allow a new religion. So for the leaders it was either eliminate Jesus or lose the nation. Hmm . . . not exactly a win-win calculation. What impossible situations have presented themselves to you? Lent is a good time to reframe the questions you face, and with the help of prayer and scripture find just and life-giving solutions.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56*

"If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation."

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Mar. 20 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Chuck & Nita Farrell (Donnelly)

Mar. 21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—Rosary, Medals, Jewelry Sale

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the CDA

Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21

New Testament: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

8:00am Mass

9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory

9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Mass for the soul of Kathleen Frost (Layman)

No Confirmation

No H.S. Faith Formation

Mar. 22 MONDAY

8:30am Mass for the intentions of William Winn (Murphy)

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Scouts, Hall

7:00pm Lenten Penance Service, Church

Mar. 23 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Kristen Connell (Lounsbury)

9:30am Moms, Fireside Room

4:30pm Study & Prayer Small Group, Fireside Room

6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

7:00pm Eucharistic Ministers Bi-Annual Mtg, Church

Mar. 24 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Fran Hansen (Hyder)

9:10am Rosary

12:00pm Retired Potluck, Fireside Room

6:00pm Faith Formation, Church

7:00pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

7:30pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Mar. 25 THURSDAY

8:10am Rosary

8:30am Mass for all unborn children

5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15

6:30pm First Communion prep, Hall

7:00pm Choir practice, Church

7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

Mar. 26 FRIDAY (Abstain)

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church

12:00pm Mass for the soul of Aparicio Landaeta (Bernat)

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper, Hall

Mar. 27 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

9:40am Rosary, Church

10:00am Confessions

3:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Marie Godsil (Smedley)

Mar. 28 PALM SUNDAY

Mass begins in the Hall—No Coffee Hour

Liturgy of the Hours for week 2

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-7

New Testament: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

The Passion according to Luke 22:14-23:56

8:00am Fr. Allison Mass

9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory

9:30am Fr. Allison Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Fr. Allison Mass

1:00pm Altar Server Practice for all the Masses of the Triduum, Church

5:30pm Confirmation, Youth Room

7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 10 First Communion Retreat

Apr. 17 Ecumenical Tea

Apr. 19 Safe Environment Tng.

Apr. 27 Life in the Spirit Seminar begins

May 1 First Communion Mass, 5:00pm

May 8 Father-Daughter Dance

May 10 Summa deadline

May 14 Couples Night Out

May 15 Boys'/Young Men's Vocation Dinner

May 23 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am

June 6 Corpus Christi Procession



Is the need for an annulment preventing you from experiencing the fullness of your Catholic faith?

St. Thomas Aquinas parish has a team of trained volunteers who are available to help you through the process. This service is confidential. We would like to dispel any myths or anxieties you may have regarding this deeply personal issue. Please contact the office for more information.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010



To celebrate the Year of the Priest during Lent: Each Friday (the day of Our Lord's Blessed Passion) pray the Stations of the Cross for priests and/or pray the *Litany of the Precious Blood* or the *Litany of the Sacred Heart* for them.

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