

A Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Today is the **EIGHTH SUNDAY** in Ordinary Time. Yet I am writing this letter to say something that is forthcoming and different. Yes, the **SEASON** of **LENT** will be with us. On Wednesday, the first day of March, the Season of Grace will be ushered in by our celebration of the **IMPOSITION** of the ashes on our foreheads.

Ashes are the scriptural sign of repentance – turning away from sin. In the story of the prophet Jonah, the King of Nineveh came to repentance and with him all under his rule. The kingdom was covered with ashes, even the beasts, as a sign of turning away from the pagan ways and coming back to God.

The forty days of Lent is a call to repentance. Jesus emphasized prayer, alms-giving and fasting. This Season of Grace is the acceptable time to look at the direction that our lives are headed. “Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” These are the words that will remind us as we will receive the imposition of the ashes on our foreheads in the form of a cross.

Our lives are fragile and brief. This Lenten Season is what St. Paul proclaims as the acceptable time, and with urgency he invites us to give our lives to Christ. Prayer, fasting and alms-giving are worth the time and effort to let the Lord create us anew and allow the face of Jesus to shine in us. **AMEN.**

Fr. Marito F. Rebamontan



LENTEN PENANCE

All are challenged to do penance during the Lenten Season in order to prepare for the feast of Easter.

CHURCH REQUIREMENTS:

Ash Wednesday and all **Fridays** of Lent are days of abstinence. To abstain means to refrain from eating meat. This is required of all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fast as well. To fast means limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a day. This obliges Catholics from the ages of 21 to 59.

Ash Wednesday Schedule-March 1

- 6:30 AM: Mass—English**
- 9:00 AM: Mass—English**
- 11:30 AM: Liturgy & Ashes**
- 12:30 PM: Mass—Vietnamese**
- 4:15 PM: Mass—Children**
- 6:00 PM: Mass—Vietnamese**
- 7:30 PM: Mass—English**

The next RCIA information night will be February 28, at 7:00 PM in Parish Center Room 8.



FIRST FRIDAY REMINDER - Devotions of the Holy Wounds Rosary and the Seven Dolors of Mary are offered for the Souls in Purgatory following the 9:00 AM Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY REMINDER - The First Saturday of every month is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotions are held at 8:15 AM followed by the Fatima Rosary.



Stations of the Cross

Stations are held every Friday during Lent:

- **6:00 p.m.—Vietnamese in the Church**
- **7:30 p.m.—English in the Church or Parish Center.**

Bible Sharing group meets on Wednesday morning after 9:00 Mass in Doyle Hall (9:45-11:00 a.m.). We are studying the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We would be delighted to have **YOU** join us. For more information, please call Joyce Meersman at (714) 545-9077.



Fr. John Corapi lecture series, **7:30 p.m., Room 7 in the Parish Center.** Why not make your own personal mini-retreat by attending

the Thursday evening talks on the subjects we need to be thinking about before Easter. For more information, please call Norma at (714) 839-1176 or Roz at (714) 537-1701.

ARE YOU PREPARED???

If you want your life to be different, come study our Sunday Scripture readings every Tuesday, 1:00-2:30 p. m. Lent prepares us for the joy of the Resurrection. No previous Bible Study needed. For more information, please call Naomi Napoli at (714) 842-3967.



Sick Relatives & Friends

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| Laurie Adams * | Bryan "Buddy" Kojima * |
| Theresa Bouchy | Robert Kuentz |
| Barbara Bradford * | Terry Malone * |
| Ann Brown * | Frank MacDonald |
| Sean Bryan * | Cleo Mariacher * |
| Ed Butorac * | Yollanda Matje |
| Marcy Butorac | Joyce Meersman |
| Marian Catani * | Dan Morgan * |
| Karen Charlot * | Peggy Murgolo* |
| Eileen Coates * | Oginia Nasr * |
| John Colucci | Parker Nguyen * |
| Virginia Conrad * | Maria Theresa Nina* |
| Helen Crystal * | Leo Nories * |
| Steven Cundall * | Alison Ouren |
| Sarah Donaghy | Ann Pacitti |
| Kit Dorren | Bill Perez* |
| Anita Drouin * | Lucy Piampiano * |
| Linda Engebretson | Katherine Polito |
| Nancy Ferrand | Greg Roscoe |
| Maria Farrell * | Nicole SantaCruz * |
| Joanne Giordano * | Dorothe Schmidt * |
| Bill Gleason | Mary Schulz * |
| Rene Gonzalez | Laureen Sharpe * |
| Diana Good | Suzy Skoczylas * |
| Louise Harvey | Jim Stewart |
| Lee Heins * | Bonnie Tachinsky |
| Darryl Hill * | John Thomas * |
| Sherry Hill * | Robert R. Trujillo * |
| Darlene Jabora * | Ken Victorino |
| Dennis Johnson * | Marsha Viglione |
| Betsy Kasulka | Marlene Volta |
| Ralph Kazarian * | Dorothy Willis * |
| Lucille Keller * | Karin Yoder * |

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will espouse you to me forever in right and in justice, in love and in mercy (Hosea 2:16b, 17b, 21-22).
Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading -- Such confidence we have through Christ toward God (2 Corinthians 3:1b-6).
Gospel -- New wine is poured into fresh wineskins (Mark 2:18-22).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
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: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Please pray for the safety of all the men and women serving overseas.



MASS INTENTIONS*

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| Feb. 27 | 6:30 AM | Fr. Richard Thomas |
| | 9:00 AM | Leslie Pope † |
| Feb. 28 | 6:30 AM | George Roberts |
| | 9:00 AM | Barbara Clark |
| Mar. 1 | 6:30 AM | Tom Madden † |
| | 9:00 AM | Paul Perry † |
| Mar. 2 | 6:30 AM | Joseph Klepacki |
| | 9:00 AM | Catarina Quynh Vu † |
| Mar. 3 | 6:30 AM | Fr. Richard Thomas |
| | 9:00 AM | Varda Santacroce † |
| Mar. 4 | 9:00 AM | Rodolfo Salaveria, & Soledad, Manuel, Felix, Leonardo, Salvador Arjona † |
| | 5:00 PM | Martin Frake † |
| | 6:30 PM | Juan & Genoveva Salcedo † |
| Mar. 5 | 7:30 AM | Pro Populo |
| | 9:00 AM | Gene & Vi Siglock † |
| | 10:30 AM | Mr. Wang Chi-Wen, Mr. Hong Shen Sun, Ms. Doris sun † |
| | 12:00 PM | Betsy Kasulka |
| | 5:00 PM | Eugenio Acantilado Sr., Jacinta CorpusRomy, Cristina Pacita Ademe † |

† Rest in Peace

***A funeral Mass takes precedence. If your Mass changes, you will be notified.**

GREETERS NEEDED!



We are in need of Greeters to welcome parishioners at the following Masses— 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. Sundays. Please call Bev White at 963-9275 if you can make a commitment for one month, 2 or 3 times a year.



Rest in Peace

Our Parish Community wishes to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of all those who have died. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

WEDDING BANNERS

- March 4**
 Maria Montoya & David Vu
March 18
 Quyen Nguyen & Paul Gerst
March 25
 Loan Pham & Huyen Pham

PARISH EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours:



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 AM—12 Noon, 2:30 PM—5:30 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM—12 Noon,
Sunday: 9:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sr. Anna, Sr. Jennifer or Linda: 714-963-7871.

Religious Education/Registration is open

Register your 3, 4, and 5 year old children for classes during the 9:00 or 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Forms available at the R.E. Office or call 963-7871.

- If you are able to help on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons for the Elementary Program as a classroom assistant, please call the R.E. Office at (714) 963-7871.
Jr. High Small Class Tutor Needed: If you are able to teach on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:15 p.m., please call Sr. Anna at 963-7871. Thank you.

HIS HANDS CHRISTIAN SERVICE



His Hands needs backyard fruit, especially oranges, for the poor. You may bring them to the Mission during business hours. If you need fruit picked, call Bob Sassone at (714) 962-8107.

- His Hands is also in need of clean, stain-free clothing and children's items.
Tuesday, Feb. 28: Visitation to Parkhurst Retirement Home, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

His Hands Office Hours:

Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 AM to 12 Noon
Phone # (714) 968-2111.

FOUND—Crystal Fatima Rosary. Please call the Parish Office at (714) 963-1811.

YOU ARE NEEDED!



How many people need just a little of yours or my encouragement? How many people are happy to hear you will pray for them? How many people would like to pray with you and then maybe talk to you?

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH welcomes you to consider becoming a STEPHEN MINISTER who listens and prays but does not counsel. A Stephen Minister learns the art of listening in a series of classes totaling 50 hours given in the parish. The time a Stephen Minister commits to helping people is very flexible. Interested in knowing more? Call Harvey Dorren, Stephen Leader, 841-2988, Roger Stollenwerk, Facilitator, 968-3406, or Anthony Le, Vietnamese Facilitator, 720-4465.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration this month will be on Sunday, March 4, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass and will continue until the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, March 5. Come and keep Jesus company for one hour. Weekly Exposition Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.



Holy Spirit Catholic Youth Fellowship

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
CYF meetings are held on

Sunday evenings in Doyle Hall.

- COME TO THE WATER reunion tonight Feb. 26 in Doyle Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IF you have ever attended this retreat please come and share memories, food and fun.
High School CYF meeting March 5, in Doyle Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Free the Fire permission slips will be available in the Parish and YOUTH Ministry offices next week. Please remember there will be a MANDATORY parents meeting Monday, April 3, 7:30-8:00 p.m. If your child is going on Free the Fire you must attend this meeting. Thank you.
Tee Shirt show off opportunities: Sunday, March 12. Thomas House walk-a-thon, see me for a packet. Saturday, April 8, Concern America walk around Mile Square. Registration packets will be here soon.
Senior retreat is planned for May. Please call me.
Summer is fast approaching, really, there are some exciting activities planned. Beach parties, lock ins and Raging Waters to name a few. A Calendar will be coming soon.
YOUNG adult ministry needs YOU. If you are out of High school and would like to continue to grow in your faith please come on Monday nights to the YOUTH Ministry office at 8:00 p.m.
Please remember God always answers Knee Mail and IF you roll with God you can Chill with God.

For more info, leave a message for Marianne O'Conner

in the YOUTH Ministry Office:

963-7256, or

youthministry@hscfv.org.

PARISH EVENTS

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 19, 2006

Sunday Collection: \$ 19,429.50
 2006 PSA Pledges: \$ 149,100.00
 # Of Pledges: 500

Thank you for your generosity!

WALK-A-THON TO BENEFIT SHELTER



A walk in the park will benefit Thomas House, a local shelter that helps homeless families move toward self-sufficiency. This fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 12, at Mile Square Park (South Lake area). Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; the Walk-a-Thon starts at 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to participate in the Thomas House Shelter **WALK-ATHON 2006** and make a difference in the lives of local homeless families. For information or a registration form, please contact Mark Michels, chairperson, at mpmichels@gmail.com or (714) 775-5188.

I WAIT FOR YOU—Bring your concerns and needs to Jesus. For 24 hours every Friday, we have the privilege of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. Could we not return the gift of one hour for all He has given to us? We are in need of adorers to fill the hours of 6:00, 10:00, 11:00 p.m., and Midnight. If you can commit or share a commitment with someone else, to any of these, or other time slots, please call Joanne, 963-3096 or Rochelle, 839-7617 for scheduling.

In love and fidelity, God binds us to himself. Listen to God's voice. Are you being called to servant-leadership of ordained or vowed ministry? (Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22). For more information on vocations, contact Msgr. Will Davis at (714) 282-3000.



CHECK THIS OUT!

CONCERN AMERICA'S NINTH ANNUAL WALK OUT OF POVERTY, SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Registration: 7:30 a.m., walk begins: 8:15 a.m. at Mile Square Park, starting in the Holy Spirit Church parking lot. Concern America is a non profit, nongovernmental, international development & refugee aid organization. Everything Concern America does is designed to enable local people in materially poor communities to permanently lift themselves out of poverty. To request a walk packet or to make a donation, please contact Rose Mary at 1-800-CONCERN.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 HOLY SPIRIT COUNCIL 9667**



Feb. 28: Officers Meeting
 Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday
 Mar. 3: Fish Fry
 Mar. 4/5: Adoration

Become a member of the Knights of Columbus!
 Jim DeLuca 714-963-2125 fvbrewer@earthlink.net

**COME ONE & ALL
 TO THE ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT
 ST. PATRICK'S DINNER**



MARCH 18, DOYLE HALL
HAPPY HOUR: 6:00 P.M.
DINNER: 6:30 P.M.
ADULTS: \$ 15.00

UNDER 12: \$ 12.00, UNDER 5: FREE
TRADITIONAL IRISH DINNER AND DANCERS.
 Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus and the Knights Ladies.

**—ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE—
 COMING SOON**

MARCH 12, 2:00—4:00 PM



Boys and Girls, 4th grade and older, who have made their first Communion are invited to be a **ALTAR SERVERS**, please call Mrs. Peters at (714) 963-3096 for more information.



CHILDREN CHOIR NEWS

Does your child like to sing? There are still a few openings in our Children's Choir. We meet once a month, always on the third Thursday, 3:45-4:45 p.m., in the music room. For information, please call Mandy Hall at (714) 963-3220.

The new Ortho Evra birth control patch is more dangerous than originally thought. Since it contains 60% more estrogen than typical birth control pills, patch users suffer from blood clots and die at a rate three times higher than pill users. Since 2002, over 4 million women have used the patch.



Crisis Pregnancy Help

Life Center: 714-835-5433
 Birth Choice: 949-261-2981
 24-Hour Hotline: Vietnamese
 714-721-8557

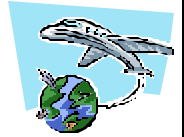
Project RACHEL: (post abortion),
 1-800-RACHEL6.





It is time to sign-up for the Annual Men’s Retreat at **MATER DOLOROSA RETREAT CENTER**, March 31-April 2. The presentations are in English, but men from every cultural background are invited. The theme for this year is “Come to the Banquet—A Seven Course Meal in a Fast Food World”. All men of the parish are invited, including Confirmed high-school age young men, and any relatives or friends of parishioners even if they belong to different parishes. This is a time for separating ourselves from the usual distractions of life and in a setting of beauty and solitude, receiving God’s blessings for you. Men who have attended in the past claim that it was one of the most significant spiritual experiences of their lives. Call now for more information or to make your reservation with Tom Mueller at (714) 775-1246.

For the past 10 years, Sr. Joanne Gallagher has organized a conducted tour of Ireland. This year the tour goes from July 8 to July 21. Cost : \$1,998.00 person (twin share), excluding airfare and travel insurance. For more information, contact Sr. Joanne at (925) 989-3862, jgallagher@ctkph.org or Sue Ann Pohl, travel agent at (714) 960-4311, sue@travelcenterhb.com.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Altar Server..... Joanne Peters, 963-3096
- Altar Society..... Betty Perry, 848-9733
- Baptism Class (English)..... 1st Wednesday, Parish Center, 7:30 PM..... Deacon Bill Cobbett, 963-1811
- Baptism Class (Vietnamese)..... 2nd Friday, Parish Hall, 7:00 PM Deacon Jerry Dao, 963-1811
- Bereavement Support and Education..... Sandra Murray, 842-8486
- Eucharistic Adoration..... Friday, 9:30 AM to 8:45 AM Saturday (Benediction)..... Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
- Charismatic Prayer Group..... Holy Spirit Parish Center, Room 9, Wednesday, 7:30 PM... Joyce Meersman, 545-9077
- Catholic Spirit Singles..... 3rd Sunday, 1:00 PM, Parish Hall..... Jim Roerich, 573-2091
- Commentator Coordinator..... Rich Skoczylas, 891-0737
- Devotions of the Holy Wounds..... 1st Friday following the 9:00 AM Mass..... Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group..... Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Fridays 3:00 PM..... Tom Peters, 963-3096
- 24 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monthly, 4th of each month begins after the 6:30 AM Mass
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Altar..... Joan Kennedy, 968-9860
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Homebound..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
- Greeters..... Bev White, 963-9275
- His Hands..... Board Meeting, 1st Mondays, 12 Noon at the Mission..... Genny Victorino, 968-2111
- Holy Communion Needed..... Parish Office, 963-1811
- Hospitality..... Bev White, 963-9275
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions... 1st Saturday of each month 8:15 AM..... Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
- Italian Organization..... 2nd Thursday, Parish Hall
- Knights of Columbus..... 2nd Tuesday of the month, Parish Hall..... Jim DeLuca, 963-2125
- Ladies Knights..... 2nd Tuesday of the month, Parish Hall..... Bev White, 963-9275
- Lectors..... Rich Skoczylas, 891-0737
- Line Dance Group..... 1st Thursday, 3rd Tuesday, Parish Hall..... Larry Doan, 963-9424
- Marriage Preparation Info..... 3rd Wednesday, Parish Center, 7:30 PM Deacon Bill Cobbett, 963-1811
- Marriage Prep, Class— “Unitas” ...3 times yearly, Parish Center..... Deacon Bill Cobbett, 963-1811
- Men’s Bible Study..... Parish Hall, Every Monday, 7:00 AM..... Bob Novielli, 556-8658
- Music Ministry..... Michele McCurdy, 963-1811x124
- Our Lady Of Guadalupe..... 1st Tuesday of the month, Parish Hall..... Lyda Luna, 378-5189
- Pastoral Council..... PastoralCouncil@hscfcv.org
- Peace and Justice..... Pat Goodman, 847-6617
- RCIA..... Parish Hall, Every Wednesday, 7:30 PM, July To May..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
- Respect Life..... Rochelle Giuseffi, 839-7617
- Rosary Cenacle..... Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mondays, 7:00 PM..... Patricia Rensing, 968-5843
- Rosary for Peace..... Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sundays, 3:00 PM..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
- Scripture Study..... Room 7, Sundays, 1:15 PM,..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
- Scripture Study..... Saturdays, please call for location..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
- Span. Charismatic Prayer Group... Parish Hall, Every Monday 7:00 PM..... Hortencia Newhouse, 541-0507
- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius... Parish Center, Every Friday 6:00 PM..... Bonnie Gorsic, 593-9665
- Stephen Ministry..... Harvey Dorren, 841-2988
- Tuesday Bible Study..... 1:00-2:30 PM, Room 9 in Parish Center..... Naomi Napoli, 714-842-3967
- Vocation Cross..... Roz Esh, 537-1701
- Women’s Bible Study..... Parish Hall, Every Thursday 7:00—8:30 PM..... Ruth Vinson, 549-7750.