

Third Sunday of Lent

March 6-7, 2010

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Next Week's Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warning his disciples that just because something terrible happens to certain people, they should not conclude that those individuals merited their catastrophe. Human nature is such that we want to find a meaning for every occurrence. When something good happens, we are tempted to conclude that those who received the benefit deserved it by being particularly good; when something bad happens, we are tempted to conclude that the victims did something to deserve the calamity. For many of us, "no meaning" is worse than a meaning that presumes guilt. The trouble with this "blaming the victim" reasoning is that it ignores the reality that bad things really **do** happen to good people. What did the preschooler do to deserve abuse at the hands of parents? What did the kindest person in the neighborhood do to deserve Lou Gehrig's disease? What did the people of Haiti and Chile do to deserve earthquakes, or what did the people of Indonesia do to deserve a tsunami? Human beings would be far better off to use their minds to discover solutions to our many problems than to persevere in trying to find reasons for *everything* that happens. That exercise is usually futile and often cruel to those who suffer the most.

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Carol Bleistine, Vicente Rax & family, Maggie Lears, Janet Rogucki Kreiss, Sr. Katherine Mueslein, RSM, Nan Brackley, Duglas Parker, Vince Gomes, Jerry Hammell, Gerri Gray, Marian Booth, Mary Beth Harry, Jo van Gaal, John Douglass, Marie Oberle, Sandy Neubauer, Annette Froehlich, Peter Landry, Fr. Bob Judge, Evelyn Steinrock, Terry Hawthorn-Nan, Martha Moyer, Caylee Crews, Sr. Mary Louise Lynch, MMS, Riley Davis, Colette Bleistine, Kyla Zeilinger, Carol Tiffit, Colette Danek, Jane Schaberg, Paul Joop, Pat Kane, Natalie Barringer, Marion Jervey, Paula LaSalle, Barbara Cheles, Mary Smith, Ruby Strawberry, Bob Twynham, John Garvey. *Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory).*

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 6, Audrey Davis, <i>deceased</i> .	Friday, Mar 12, Anne DeGeorge, <i>deceased</i>
Sunday, Mar 7, Dorothy Heinmuller-Fleming and Jason Robert Harding, <i>deceased</i>	Saturday, Mar 13, Fred Cossentino, <i>deceased</i>
Monday, Mar 8, Thomas O. Wood, <i>deceased</i>	Sunday, Mar 14, Enrique & Joseph Redrico, <i>deceased</i>

Let us pray for our deceased: Alan Lee, brother of parishioner Linda Lee

Collection Update

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$
Last weekend's 2nd collection to benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries: \$
This weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries.
Next weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit Catholic Relief Services/Latin America.

This Week at Corpus Christi

Sun, Mar 7, 9:15 am	Sunday School Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Mar 7, 9:15 am	Sunday School / Coffee Caf�	Rectory / Midtown
Mon, Mar 8, 7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Rectory
Tue, Mar 9, 7:00 pm	Tri Church Education Series	Brown Memorial
Wed. Mar 10, 12:00 noon	Community Ecumenical Lenten Service	Memorial Episcopal
Sun, Mar 14, 9:15 am	Sunday School Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Mar 14, 11:45 am – 1:30 pm	Reception for Rev. Msgr. Bozzelli	MICA/ Main Bldg.
Sun, Mar 14, 9:15 am	Sunday School / Coffee Caf�	Rectory / Midtown

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Wed, Mar 17, 9:15 am	Community Ecumenical Lenten Service	Memorial Episcopal
Wed, Mar 17, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sat-Sun, Mar 20-21, after mass	Sister Parish Coffee Sales	Church
Mon, Mar 22, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Exec. Committee Mtg.	Rectory
Wed. Mar 24, 12:00 noon	Community Ecumenical Lenten Service	Memorial Episcopal
Wed, Mar 24, 7:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Reconciliation	Church
Sat, Mar 27 after 4 pm mass	Palm Braiding	Rectory

Visit our website at www.corpuschristibaltimore.org for our more complete calendar of events.

Daylight Savings begins next weekend. Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour, or you'll be late for church!

Tri-Church Education Series:**“Confronting Evil: Baptism, Penance & Exorcism”**

The last of our Tri-Church education series offered by Corpus Christi, Brown Memorial, and Memorial Episcopal Churches continues this Tuesday, March 9, at Brown Memorial Assembly Hall (W. Lafayette & Park Aves.). This Tuesday’s talk will be led by Fr. Rich, who will discuss the role of exorcism in our church traditions’ confrontation of evil. Rev. Martha Macgill and Rev. Andrew Foster Connors will respond. A light supper will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation and discussion at 7:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church Choir

If you are interested in singing in the Corpus Christi Church Choir, you can pick up a schedule by the piano. The Choir is open to anyone high school aged and older who enjoys singing and wants to participate in this ministry during liturgy.

Burse for Reverend Monsignor Bozzelli

This Sunday is the last day we will be receiving donations for the burse. Donations can be cash or checks made out to Corpus Christi Church with a notation they are for the burse. Donations are not tax deductible. The burse will be presented to Fr. Rich at Mass on Sunday, March 14.

Reception for Monsignor Bozzelli

Sunday, March 14 after Mass until 1:30 pm we will have a reception (party) for Monsignor Fr. Rich at the MICA/ Main Building. This is the white building right next to our parking lot. Join us for a celebration to honor our pastor being named a monsignor.

Easter Liturgy Memorials

We will offer our Easter liturgies, including the environment, flowers, decorations, and programs in memory of loved ones who have passed away. A special Easter Memorial Bulletin will be distributed listing the names of the individuals remembered and the donors. We request a \$5 donation for each individual remembered. Envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of church or obtained at the rectory, please fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot no later than Monday, March 29th.

Community Ecumenical Lenten Services

The Christian churches from Bolton Hill to West Baltimore will be joining in prayer each Wednesday in Lent (now through March 31) at noon at Memorial Episcopal Church (W. Lafayette Ave & Bolton St.). In order to facilitate Corpus Christi’s participation in these service, there will be no 12:10 p.m. Wednesday Mass during this time. Please join in praying with our Christian neighbors.

Food Allergies? Gluten Intolerance?

Corpus Christi has low-gluten (<0.01% gluten) altar bread for individuals with celiac disease or wheat intolerance, as well as hosts prepared in dedicated kitchens without risk of peanut contamination. If dietary restrictions require you to receive these hosts at communion, please see Fr. Rich.

The Gospel of Luke

On Friday, March 12, 2010 at 7:00pm, you are invited to a spectacular and dramatic presentation of scripture, light, and movement when Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane bring *The Gospel of Luke* to our community. This is a profoundly moving and totally captivating work of faith, making the Scripture come alive in a fresh way, with music, lighting, and costuming, proclaimed in the oral tradition of the early church. Michael and Patrick have traveled around the world with this prayerful and powerful ministry of proclamation.

Lenten Day of Prayer

A Lenten Day of Prayer will be held at the Mission Helper Center, 1001 W. Joppa Road, Towson (entrance on Chestnut Ave.) on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Registration: 9:30 a.m./Closing Liturgy: 3:00 p.m. Theme: No Other Way (reflection on how the teaching and life of Jesus illumine our experience of suffering and daily life). Keynote: Jim O’Hara. To register contact Sr. Jane Geiger, MSHS, 410-823-8585, Ext. 330, jgeiger@missionhelpers.org. Free will offering; lunch provided.

Church Leadership Institute, Spring Session

Church Leadership Institute, Spring Session 2010 starts the week of March 15, 2010. Classes will be at various sites throughout the Archdiocese. For more information or to register, please call Pat Ashby at 410-547-5470.

Immigration Reform Update - What You Can Do

Call or e-mail you Representative and ask him/her to please support the present bill in the House. It is the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Prosperity And Security Act of 2009 (CIR ASAP) House Bill #4321. It contains what the Catholic Bishops have been asking for in regard to family unity, human rights, Catholic Social teaching, etc. For more info, go to www.usccb.org/mrs/mrp.shtml.

March For America on March 21, 2010

If you are interested participating in the March For America on March 21, email btorres@casamd.org for more info. Buses leave from various parts of the city.

“Damien” The Leper Priest

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Mt. Washington, will present *Damien*, a two-act play with actor, Charles D. Baker, depicting St. Damien as missionary to the leper colony of Molokai, on Friday, March 19, at 12:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Free-will offering. Contact Sister Carol: 410-466-6884x15 or carol@theshrine.org.

Waking Up To Life

This retreat is an opportunity for women to engage their bodies, minds, and spirits as they explore how we create the stories of our lives. You will have opportunities to play with the ways we use language, stillness, and awareness to cultivate relationships in our inner and outer worlds. Throughout the weekend we will use movement, group interactions, and personal reflections to renew, play, and learn together. Bring comfortable clothes, a journal, an open mind and a playful spirit. Fri. Mar. 19th at 5:00 PM to Sun. Mar. 21st at 1:00 PM. Guided By: Paula Jilanis, Linda Mastro. \$225.00 (deposit \$50.00). Bon Secours Spiritual Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville Md. 21104. To register, please call (410) 442-1320 or visit www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org.