

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

March 8th, 2009

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

II SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 8th:

- 8:30 a.m. English Mass
- 10:30 a.m. English Mass
- 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass
- 2:00 p.m. Haitian Mass
- 7:30 p.m. French/English Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, March 9th:

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting in Rectory

Tuesday, March 10th:

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
- 8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Word

Wednesday, March 11th:

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confessions in the Church
- 8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Word

Thursday, March 12th:

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
- 8-7:15 p.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 13th:

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group
- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14th:

- 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel
- 3:45 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. English Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Haitian Prayer Group
- 8:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist

COLLECTION: FEB 28TH & MARCH 1ST, 2009

Number of Families:	720
Number of Envelopes:	171
Sunday Envelopes:	\$4,352.00
Loose money:	<u>\$1,811.00</u>
Total:	\$6,163.00
Checks written on March 3 rd , 2009	
Payroll	\$5,956.68
NCAS (Insurance)	4,957.60
Digital Copier	1,269.88
Oreck Direct	199.00
Staples	149.10
WSSC	285.57
Verizon	26.46
Grant T. Orr	79.99
World Library Publications	93.10
Total of checks written	\$13,017.38
Deficit	\$6,854.38

Scripture Readings for Week of:

March 8th, 2009 to March 14th, 2009

1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel

Sun	Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18	Rom 8:31b-34	Mk 9:2-10
Mon	Dn 9: 4b-10		Lk 6: 36-38
Tue	Is 1: 10, 16-20		Mt 23: 1-12
Wed	Jer 18: 18-20		Mt 20: 17-28
Thurs	Jer 17: 5-10		Lk 16: 19-31
Fri	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a		Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sat	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20		Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sun	Ex 20: 1-17	1 Cor 1: 22-25	Jn 2: 13-25

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 7th:

- 7:30 a.m. ☩
- 5:00 p.m. ☩
- 6:30 p.m. ☩

Sunday, March 8th:

- 8:30 a.m. ☩
- 10:30 a.m. ☩
- 12:15 p.m. ☩
- 2:00 p.m. ☩

Tuesday, March 10th:

- 7:30 a.m. ☩ James L. Suntum and Christopher Suntum

Thursday, March 12th:

- 7:30 a.m. ☩ Ivy Peart

Saturday, March 14th:

- 7:30 a.m. ☩
- 5:00 p.m. ☩
- 6:30 p.m. ☩

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR

PARISH

Marguerite Nord, Arene Baker, Bernice Yearwood, Claire Therese Dumornay, Mary Girardi, Carolyn Lee, Harold Wonneberger, Charlene Phelps and Candida Gargiulo.

II SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

Religious Education Corner

CCD REGISTRATION 2008/09

If you would be interested in helping please call the Office of Religious Education at (301) 891-2033 or the Rectory at (301) 891-3500 and leave a message for Mr. Meli.

RCIA If you are not catholic and/or you are interested to know something more about the catholic faith or to become catholic, please either call the Rectory at 301-891-3500 and leave your contact information or send by email your info at OLS.CCD.Registration@verizon.net.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

The first reading this weekend is a problem for many people. Why would God demand such a sacrifice? The request for Isaac's life was a test not only of Abraham's love for his son, it was a test of something deeper in him, the love and trust he had in relationship with his God.

Abraham lived in a culture where sons were sacrificed to the god Moloch. Much like the culture we live in when our young are being aborted because of inconvenience. But this reading today is not about the sacrifice of a son, but a much deeper reality that is of placing one's entire life in the hands of God. Abraham places his life and his future unconditionally in the hands of God. That is why he is called the Father of Faith. This reading teaches us ultimately what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ.

Who do you trust? Do you place your life and your future in the hands of another? Have you ever done it? Think about these questions and then perhaps you will have a clue why your life is many times the way it is.

An excellent example of this is marriage. This is what marriage is really about. Every couple recited the vows stating that they would be together until death parts them. No one comes before the altar of God thinking that they are only getting married for a few years. The living of those vows and promises is a minute by minute experience. But they live in a secular world that seeks to tear the couple apart. Many of our human desires: the concern for comfort that destroys the willingness to be there for the other's needs, the secret parts of our being which we have never shared with anyone for fear of rejection so that in certain areas we are strangers to one another, the immaturity that sees the other person as existing only for our own needs. These things often not only exist in a relationship between a husband and wife, I think, that many times they also exist in our relationship with God. That is why we have this season of Lent, to ask ourselves if we truly are satisfied with our relationship with God? Isn't that something all of us should be thinking about this Lent?

I love you! Fr. Ray

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

For any parishioner from our parish who is homebound and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory at 301-891-3500 and give your name, address, telephone number and what language you would prefer to receive communion in.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN MARYLAND

The Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment – a blue ribbon panel of victims' families, faith leaders, legislators, law enforcement officials, and others – voted recently to recommend the repeal of the death penalty in our state. Learn more below and then contact your state lawmakers in support of repeal.

- “If non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2267)

- “The dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitely denying criminals the chance to reform.” (Pope John Paul II, 1999 visit to U.S.)

- Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl has, along with the other Maryland bishops, called for the abolition of capital punishment in our state. “The repeal of the death penalty in Maryland should be adopted, and soon,” the bishops said in a statement.

- Maryland has a punishment that is both just and sufficient to protect the public's safety: life without the possibility of parole sentences.

- The Commission found that a “real possibility” exists that an innocent person could be executed. The first person sentenced to death to be exonerated by DNA, Kirk Bloodsworth, was on Maryland's death row.

- In a year in which Maryland faces a \$1.9 billion shortfall, the Commission found that a death penalty case is nearly three times more expensive to prosecute than a life without the possibility of parole case.

Contact your state lawmakers today and ask them to support repeal. To send an e-mail to your legislators, or to learn more, visit:

WWW.MDCATHCON.ORG

EASTER DONATIONS FOR THE PANTRY

Our Pantry in the parish is now accepting non-perishable food and monetary donations for Easter to help out the needy of our parish. Please bring the non-perishables to the Convent after the 5p.m. Mass on Saturdays and after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. For monetary donations please send to the Rectory. Thank you and God Bless You for Blessing Others.