

# FIRST Sunday of LENT

## PRIMER Domingo de CUARESCMA



“This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mk 1:15

“El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino  
de Dios está cerca. Cambien sus  
caminos y crean en la Buena Nueva.”

Marcos 1:15



*Scripture Readings & Mass Intentions*  
*February 28, 2009 - March 6, 2009*

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**

5:00 pm St. Paul Parishioners  
Mass Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, March 1, 2009 – First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am St. Paul Parishioners  
11:00 am St. Paul Parishioners  
12:30 pm St. Paul Parishioners – Mass in Spanish  
Mass Readings: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

**Monday, March 2, 2009**

12:00 pm Eucharistic Service  
Mass Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

12:00 pm Jeff Payne (Birthday Blessings)  
†Gertrude Britton  
Mass Readings: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009**

12:00 pm †Nellie McCormick, Silda Griffith (Blessings)  
Mass Readings: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 5, 2009**

12:00 pm †Soledad Chapa de Gonzales, Zoila de Mendez (Blessings)  
Mass Readings: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

**Friday, March 6, 2009**

12:00 pm †Kim Khanh  
Mass Readings: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26



***Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheet***

It is time to order Easter Lilies. If you would like to have a loved one remembered, a special intention for someone, or thanksgiving for someone, a sign-up sheet will be available after all Masses this weekend.

***Eternal Rest grant to her, O Lord***

†Dora Tristan

***Please pray for***

SSgt. Stephen M. Barriga, Analisa, Eric Aranda, Debbie Lobato, Angela Gannucci, Jennifer Gatchel, Rose Marie Gatcheo, Carol Kilgore, Claudette Long, Ann Dothman, Joe Saucedo, Babies Alfieri, Julian Hernandez, Carol Henry, USMC Sgt. Major Payne, Bob Schutze, Maria G. Lopez, Soledad Ceballos, Oscar Paz-Arias, Carisma Goodwin, JoAnne Morris, Rose Lubek, Sgt. Michael Lambert, Maria Luisa Flores, Capt. Rob Ylledes, B. J. Malott, Janet McCubbin, Kent F. Parks, Jr., Eduardo Chapa, John Kuhar, Sergio Fonseca, Maria Gloria Family.

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

Monthly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass. Adoration will continue until 11:00 pm. The Lord invites you to spend time in prayer with Him. Please drop by and ask for his guidance.



***Lenten Parish Mission***

Mark Your Calendars! – We will be having a Lenten parish mission conducted by Fr. Charles Van Winkle, CSC.

Date	Time	Day	Title
March 8	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Sunday	The Truth About Love
March 9	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Monday	Completion of the Truth About Love and Father Charles' Personal Testimony
March 10	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Tuesday	Freedom Through Forgiving
March 11	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Wednesday	The Four Steps on the Road to Happiness Now



***Stewardship ...***  
***Is What I Do After I Say "I Believe...."***  
February 21, 2009 & February 22, 2009

Weekly Tithing Budgeted	\$10,000.00
Weekly Tithing Income Received	\$10,699.11
Over Budget	\$ 699.11
Number of Parishioner's Envelopes Used	218
Children's Envelopes	\$ 29.77
Number of Children's Envelopes Used	19

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

***St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)***

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 22 families, providing assistance for utility and rental bills. Thank you!

***Parish Fair Meeting***

The St. Paul Parish Fair Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the upstairs room of the Church. New committee chair people are greatly needed as well as committee members. Everyone is welcome to join and assist with this year's parish fair.

***Golden Hearts***

The Golden Hearts of St. Paul would like to thank Outback Steakhouse & Jim's Restaurant for contributing gift certificates for our February social. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please keep the Golden Hearts in your prayers as we travel on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> to the Basilica of San Juan Del Valle-National Shrine.

***Lector Workbooks***

Lector workbooks, in English, are available at the parish office. If you have not received your copy, stop by the parish office to obtain one.

**Consecration to Jesus through Mary**

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort began February 20<sup>th</sup> and the 33 days of preparatory prayers began that continue until March 25<sup>th</sup>. Each day of prayer, representing one year in the life of Christ, is to be done privately in your own homes using the consecration preparation books. After these 33 days of prayers, all are invited to make or renew their Consecration to "Jesus through Mary" on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of the Annunciation, at St. Mary Cathedral at the 6:30 pm Mass.



**Stations of the Cross & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament**

There will be Stations of the Cross and benediction every Friday, during Lent. Come and spend some time in prayer in preparation for Easter.

6:30 pm in English      7:30 pm in Spanish

**Religious Education**

Ana Jackoskie, Director

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
WILL RESUME MARCH 2, 2009**

**Youth Ministry**

Bob Dugas, Director

Attention Youth – Deadline for turning in your Retreat money is this weekend – March 1<sup>st</sup>. Money for the Retreat may be turned in to the Parish Office or may be brought to the Youth Group meeting. If you have not registered, a Registration Form may be obtained from the Youth Section of the church foyer.

**Children & Family Ministry**

Debbi Saunders, Director

Email: [dsaunders2002@aol.com](mailto:dsaunders2002@aol.com)

**Protecting God's Children Workshop** – The Diocese of Austin is committed to Ethics & Integrity in Ministry. To protect our children and volunteers, we ask all who serve our children and vulnerable adults to attend this workshop, complete an application and receive a criminal record background check.

Thursday, March 5, 2009, 6:00 – 9:00 pm (Spanish)  
St. Paul Parish, Grace Hall, Austin

Saturday, March 28, 2009, 2:00 – 5:00 pm (Spanish)  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Austin

Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm  
St. Thomas More Parish, Austin

**St. Paul Bible Reflection during the Lenten Season**

Come and join us for a bible reflection for the Lenten season celebrating the Year of St. Paul the Apostle, as we study his Letter to the Philippians every Monday, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Upper Room and end March 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost for materials is \$8.00. Contact the Parish Office or Deacon John for other information.



**Prayer Intention for The First Sunday of Lent**

- That our Lenten journey will draw us closer to Christ and our family....
- Para que nuestra jornada Cuaresmal nos atraiga más a Cristo y a nuestra familia.....

**Fasting & Abstinence**

**ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years to age 60 on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

**FASTING** means limiting oneself to one full meal. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet sixty are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On days of fasting, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fasting days is not permitted.

**Ayunar y Abstinencia en los días designados**

**La Abstinencia:** se aplica a todo católicos mayor de 14 años hasta 60. Significa que no se debe comer **carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los Viernes de Cuaresma** incluyendo el Viernes Santo.

**El Ayunar:** se aplica a todo católicos de edad 18 hasta la edad 60. El ayunar quiere decir que solo pueden tener **una** comida normal el Miércoles de Ceniza y el **Viernes Santo**. Significa no comer merienda entre comidas. Sin embargo es posible tener dos comidas pequeñas como el desayuno y almuerzo, además de una comida normal. (Las dos comidas pequeñas no deben igualar a una comida entera, combinadas.)



**Daylight Savings Time**

Mark your calendars for Daylight Savings Time. March 8<sup>th</sup> is the day to move your clocks forward one hour.

**Marriage Preparation**

Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least six months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. The Cedarbrake **Together in God's Image** marriage preparation retreat for March is full. The next available retreat is June 12-14. For more information, contact Lynda DeGroot at (512) 949-2495.



The **Knights of Columbus** will hold its 2009 Spring Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The cost is \$280 – Team; \$70 per player entry fee. Contact Gayle Ferguson (512) 291-8463 or Chris Jistel (512) 292-9729 for more information.

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**Forty Days for Life** – Looking for a deeper spiritual conversion this Lenten Season? Here is an opportunity for concerned parishioners to make a commitment of time, prayer, and action during the Lenten season and employ probably the most effective methods we have to protect innocent lives. Forty (40) Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Starting Ash Wednesday, if you wish to make a personal commitment to prayer and fasting. Look at the devotional prayer schedule at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). If you wish to make a commitment that is more public in nature, information is available on a peaceful vigil at a local abortion provider at [www.40daysforlife.com/austin](http://www.40daysforlife.com/austin).