

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2010

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

(1Kings12.26-32, 33-34, Mark8.1-10)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

(Jer17.5-8, 1Cor15.12, 16-20, Luke6.17, 20-26)

10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Ed & Kate Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010 - NO MASS

(James1.1-11, Mark8.11-13)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

(James1.12-18, Mark8.14-21)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

(Joel2.12-18, 2Cor5.20-6.2, Matt6.1-6, 16-18)

9:00 a.m. Lorraine West & family (Estate)

7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010

(Deut30.15-20, Luke9.22-25)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

(Isaiah58.1-9a, Matt9.14-15)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

(Isaiah58.9b-14, Luke5.27-32)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

(Deut26.4-10, Romans10.8-13, Luke4.1-13)

10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Elizabeth Gagnier-Wickham by Dorothy Wickham

This Week at Ascension

Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the East Sacristy for information call 931-5536.

Wednesday: There will be two Masses at 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. for **Ash Wednesday**.

Sunday Scripture Reflection with Fr. Pat in the Parish Room of the Rectory have been **cancelled** for February 17, 24 & March 3. **Sessions will resume on March 10.**

Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Saturday: **Faith First Gathering** will be at 1:30 p.m.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Luke 16:17, 20-26*)

Today's Gospel contains part of Luke's account of what we usually call the Sermon on the Mount. However, because it does not take place on the side of a mountain but on a level stretch of land, biblical scholars often call Luke's version of this important teaching the Sermon on the Plain. The sermon begins with Luke's own narrative of the beatitudes, a variation of those found in Matthew. While Matthew stresses a person's spiritual shape (e.g., the poor in spirit and those who hunger for holiness), Luke is more concerned with one's physical condition (e.g., those who are poor and hungry). Unlike Matthew, who gives us eight beatitudes, Luke mentions only four but adds four woes (e.g., "But woe to you rich...").

Despite these differences, both versions of Jesus' sermon have the same purpose. Many of the Jews in Jesus' day believed the only way to be holy was to follow both the laws in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) and the 613 laws of the oral traditions (interpretations of the Torah laws). Following all these laws was a heavy burden for poorer Jews who had little time to study them because they had to work many hours a day just to provide for their families. Since an education and knowledge of the laws was a luxury only the rich enjoyed, only the rich could be holy. The rich believed their comfortable lifestyle was proof God was pleased with them and that God would bless them with places of honor in his kingdom. They believed the poor, on the other hand, experienced many hardships because they were sinners.

In both Luke and Matthew, Jesus shocks his audience by disagreeing with this popular line of thinking. Instead of praising the rich for being holy, Jesus identifies the poor, the hungry, and the persecuted as the ones who will get the places of honor in God's kingdom. This bias towards the lowly is just one reason why Jesus' teachings were so popular with the ordinary people and why the rich and powerful despised them.

For Reflection: We can define "holiness" as "a measure of a person's relationship with God." Therefore, anyone who has such a relationship is holy. How holy are you and what are you doing to grow in holiness?

Lenten Food and Clothing Drive

The need for non-perishable foodstuffs at St. Willibrord's Food Bank is ongoing. Over 400 food packages are distributed each month. To show our support and concern for the needy, we are once again asking for a special effort during Lent to help keep their Food Bank well stocked. Tinned goods such as fish and ham, and dried goods such as cereals and pasta are what they want and need. Clean clothing of all sizes is also in demand as are pillows, blankets, and sheets. Baskets in which to deposit donations are provided at the back of the church.

Online Lenten Retreat

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

You are not Forgotten: If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Father Pat

Today we will hand out recipes and pans for a meal to be served at **Benedict Labre House on Sunday, February 21, 2010.**

If you would like to help, please see a volunteer at the back of the church after Mass.

Donations to defray the cost of the extras for the meal will be most appreciated. For more information, contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660.

From Ste. Anne's Veterans Hospital



The residents of Ste. Anne's Hospital wish to thank the children of the Faith First Program at Ascension for their thoughtful efforts at Christmas. The veterans were pleased and deeply touched to receive the children's cards, messages and artwork. They send their thanks and good wishes in return.

Sincerely,
Maggie Michaudville
Communications Director

ST. WILLIBRORD'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Saturday, February 20 - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH HALL

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Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____