

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2010

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

(Hosea5.15b-6.6++, Luke18.9-14)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

(Joshua5.9a, 10-12, 2Cor5.17-21, Luke15.1-3, 11-32)

10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Ed & Kate Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 - NO MASS

(Isaiah65.17-21, John4.43-54)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

(Ezekiel47.1-9, 12, John5.1-16)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Leonardo Umale by his family

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

(Isaiah49.8-15, John5.16-30)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

(Exodus32.7-14, John5.18, 31-47++)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010 - FEAST - ST. JOSEPH

(2Samuel7.4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Romans4.13, 16-18, 22, Matt1.16, 18-21, 24a)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

(Jeremiah11.18-20, John7.40-53)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Frank Baylis by his son, Richard

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

(Isaiah43.16-21, Phill.3.8-14, John8.1-11)

10:30 Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

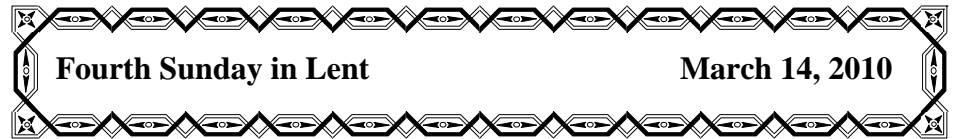
This Week at Ascension

Monday: Lenten series ***Chocolate for Lent*** in the Parish Room of the rectory from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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

Wednesday: **Sunday Scripture Reflection** with Fr. Pat in the Parish Room of the Rectory at 1:30 p.m.. All are welcome.

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

4th Sunday of Lent (Luke 15:1-3,11-32)

Most Pharisees strictly observed the smallest details of the Jewish laws (a practice they believed made them holier than others) and did not associate with those whom they considered sinners out of fear of being contaminated by these people. In today's Gospel, this group is angry because Jesus does not act the same way. Instead of eating with the Pharisees, Jesus dines with tax collectors and those the Pharisees consider the dregs of society. First-century Jews who believed God was their king had a strong dislike for tax collectors. The Jews felt outraged when the Roman armies conquered Palestine and declared that the emperor (not the one, true God) would rule over them. As if it wasn't bad enough that this mere human tried to take God's place, he also imposed taxes on the Jewish people, taxes the Jews believed should go to God, their king, for the upkeep of God's house, the Temple in Jerusalem. By collecting taxes, therefore, the emperor was actually stealing from God and the tax collectors were helping him do it. That's why the Pharisees were so angry when Jesus chose to eat with tax collectors instead of respected Pharisees.

In the parable in today's Gospel, the younger son asks for his share of the inheritance. Jewish law entitled the eldest son to twice as much inheritance as his brother(s) because he would become the head of the family and, as such, would have more responsibilities. If there were only two sons, they were supposed to divide the estate into three parts, with the younger son getting one-third of it. Therefore, the younger son in today's Gospel caused a great financial hardship on his family.

After spending his money on loose living, the son gets a job feeding pigs. Since the Jews regarded pigs as unclean animals that they could not eat or sacrifice to God, the son had really hit rock bottom because he was caring for useless creatures.

Returning home, the son asks his father to take him back not as a slave but as a servant. Slaves had more security because they were part of the family and the master had to take care of them. Servants, on the other hand, were not part of the family and could find themselves unemployed and out on the streets at any time. Rejoicing that his son returned, the father gives him a robe (symbolic of royalty), a ring (a sign of authority and power), and sandals for his feet (worn by important individuals). Thus, he restores the son to his previous position in the family.

For Reflection: Return to your heavenly Father this Lenten season. Give God a chance to welcome you back.

FRIENDS OF KINKORA GALA:

An Evening of Music and Memories in support of *Diocesan Camping Association* Summer Camps for Children, Youth and Families at *Camp Kinkora*.

When: March 20th, 2010 - from 7 – 10 p.m.

Where: Eric Maclean Centre for Performing Arts
Loyola High School, 2477 West Broadway.

Tickets: **Advance:** \$5 each, or \$20 for a book of 5 (At the door: \$10)

Door prize: Round-trip *Air Canada tickets* to anywhere in North America

Tickets: **Clara (514)-550-5972**, or tickets@friendsofkinkora.org

HOLY SPIRIT DAY 2010
AT MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CATHEDRAL
 (corner Rene Levesque & rue de la Cathedral)

All children preparing for Confirmation, their families and sponsors are invited to this year's Cathedral visit on Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 1:30 – 4:00p.m. The visit consists of a tour, witness talks, a visit with Bishop Lionel Gendron and musical animation by the "Beat attitudes" in collaboration with the Youth Ministry Team. Each family will be supplied with a self-guided tour booklet.

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



Development
and Peace

Share Lent Campaign

Next Sunday, March 21, is **Solidarity Sunday**, when a special Share Lent collection will be taken up for Development & Peace. Perhaps you have been following the activities and almsgiving suggestions in Development & Peace's *Lifestyle Awareness Calendar*. Next Sunday is a wonderful time to donate the alms you have collected. Through Development & Peace, you can watch your gift grow in the hands of those with the least in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Please take a Share Lent envelope from the tables at the back of the church and return your donation next weekend on Solidarity Sunday.

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: _____