

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2010

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)

Michelangelo Supino by his family

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010 - NO MASS

(Dan13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++, John8.12-20)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

(Num21.4-9, John8.21-30)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

(Dan3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++, John8.31-42)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Danielle Keebler by her family

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010

FEAST - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Isaiah7.10-14, 8.10d, Heb10.4-10, Luke1.26-38)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

(Jer20.7, 10-13++, John10.31-42)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

(Ezekiel37.21-28, John11.45-57)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

James Redmond

by the SNJM Richelieu Rose Group of Associates & Sisters

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

(Isaiah50.4-7, Phil2.6-11, Luke22.14-23.56)

10:30 Danielle Keebler by her family

Sinforosa & Efren Cataluna by their family

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

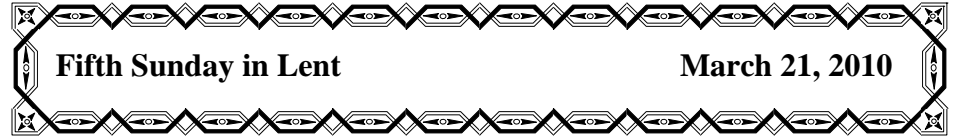
This Week at Ascension

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 Choir Room 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.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2010

A **Lenten Penitential Service** will be held at Ascension
on **Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.**

All parishioners are invited to attend and experience the joy of sacramental healing in preparation for Easter.

5th Sunday of Lent (*John 8:1-11*)

Since the rabbi was usually the most educated man in a city, the Jews often consulted him whenever they had to make a particularly difficult decision about one of the Jewish laws. In today's Gospel, the scribes and the Pharisees bring such a matter to Rabbi Jesus for his opinion.

According to their law, the Jews were supposed to take anyone guilty of adultery outside the city gates and, depending on the circumstances of the crime, either stone or strangle that person to death. Witnesses to the crime were to be the first ones to carry out the punishment. In today's Gospel, the scribes and the Pharisees come to Jesus with a woman they caught committing adultery and they ask his opinion about what they should do to her.

This situation undoubtedly put Jesus in an uncomfortable position because if he said the woman should die for this offense, some of the Jews would accuse him of not practicing the forgiveness he so often preached about. On the other hand, if he said she should go free, they would charge him with encouraging adultery. It seems like Jesus could not win.

It's not clear what Jesus writes in the sand, but the Greek word the evangelist uses in this passage usually means "to write down a record against someone." Some biblical scholars suggest Jesus was writing a list of the sins of the men who were about to stone the woman. However, this is only a guess and there is no way to know for certain.

After everyone leaves, Jesus tells the woman to go her way but not to commit adultery again. The lesson Jesus wants to teach is clear. We cannot confess our sins and expect God to forgive us unless we intend to avoid those sins in the future. Forgiveness presupposes an effort and a desire to do better.

There are two interesting details missing from today's Gospel story. The evangelist never mentions the man with whom the woman committed adultery but, according to Jewish law, he too should have been condemned to die. Also, the evangelist never names the woman. Nowhere does the Bible ever identify her as Mary Magdalene. Mary has been wrongly accused and never vindicated.

For Reflection: It is easier to condemn than it is to forgive. Identify one person you are critical of. Ask God to help you accept and forgive this person as just Jesus accepted and forgave the woman in this story.

Flowers at Easter

Any parishioner who wishes to participate in the floral decoration of the sanctuary at Easter might like to do so in memory of a loved one. If this suggestion appeals to you and you would like to make a memorial gift, please call Ann Smith (**before December 11th**) at 932-3131 and let her know the names of those you would like remembered in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over \$20.

Today we will hand out recipes and pans for a meal to be served at
Benedict Labre House on Sunday, April 11, 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.

Share Lent - Solidarity Sunday



Development
and Peace

Donations made by churches across Canada on this one day, **Solidarity Sunday**, allow Development & Peace to support more than 200 partners around the world. Ten percent of the Share Lent collection goes to help people in emergency situations. Because of the special needs of Darfur, where people are suffering from the effects of 20 years of civil war, Development & Peace has made Sudan a priority for special assistance until 2011. Joining forces with *Caritas Internationalis*, Development & Peace will focus on the needs of women & children living in internal refugee camps in Sudan.

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your gift today, given in love, will grow wisely in the hands of our partners. In solidarity, we can help peace and justice grow,, and ease hunger in the world.

If you have not already made your donation, *Share Lent* envelopes are still available on the tables at the back of the church.

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: _____