

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010

(*Micah7.14-15, 18-20, Luke15.1-3, 11-32*)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Myles & Mary Redmond by their family

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

(*Exodus3.1-8a, 13-15, 1Cor10.1-6, 10-12, Luke13.1-9*)

10:30 Lorraine West & Family (Estate)

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010 - NO MASS

(*2Kings5.1-15a, Luke4.24-30*)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

(*Dan3.25, 34-43, Matt18.21-35*)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Maureen Hanley by Marie Chapman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

(*Deut4.1, 5-9, Matt5,17-19*)

9:00 Elizabeth Prévost & family (Estate)
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

(*Jer7.23-28, Luke11.14-23*)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010

(*Hosea14.1-9, Mark12.28b-34*)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

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

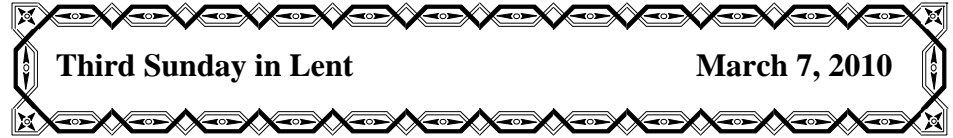
This Week at Ascension

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 have been **cancelled** for March 3. **Sessions will resume on March 10.**

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



3rd Sunday of Lent (*Luke 13:1-9*)

In today's Gospel, we hear of two very unfortunate incidents that happened in Jesus' day. First, Roman soldiers killed some Jews who were offering sacrifices in the Temple and then mixed their blood with the blood of the animals the priests offered to God. The second incident involved eighteen people who died when a building collapsed on them. Because the news of these two events was probably on the lips of almost everyone in Palestine, including Jesus and his apostles, some men in today's Gospel ask Jesus for his opinion about what happened.

The Jewish people used their faith in God to explain the meaning of the events in their world, including the tragedies mentioned above. The talk of the town was that God was punishing the victims for sins they (the victims) committed. Their reasoning resulted from a misinterpretation of the Genesis story about the first sin (chapter 3). Because pain did not become part of life until the man and woman rebelled against God, many people in Jesus' day thought there was a cause-and-effect relationship between sin and suffering, believing sickness and death were God's punishments for sin. This conclusion sounds logical at first, but Jesus rejects it in today's Gospel.

In the story about Adam and Eve, pain became part of life not as a punishment for sin but as a consequence of it. The difference between punishments and consequences is crucial if we hope to understand this particular story.

Driving his new luxury automobile, an alcoholic speeds down the street at 95 m.p.h., fails to stop at a red light, and runs into a telephone pole as he swerves to miss a pedestrian. The alcoholic suffers a broken leg and totals his new car. A judge suspends his license and orders him to pay a \$200 fine. The broken leg and the wrecked car are consequences of the alcoholic's actions but the fine and suspension are the punishments. This example shows us that consequences naturally flow from an action while punishments are imposed by someone else. We can say that suffering and death naturally flow from living in a sinful world and are not punishments from God for something we did. Therefore, God was not punishing the victims of the two tragedies mentioned in today's Gospel because of a particular sin they committed. Even someone who never sinned would still suffer and die as a consequence of living in a sinful world.

For Reflection: Think of a recent disaster in the headlines. Take time today to pray for the victims and their families.

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

Online Lenten Retreat

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



Development
and Peace

Share Lent Campaign

This year, the Development & Peace *Partner in Action* sheet features a full colour story in drawings about the communities which our Columbian partner, Justice & Peace, helps. During our Fall Campaign, we showed how the spread of agrofuel plantations in the Global South leads to loss of land and livelihoods for small-scale farmers. In th Choco region of Columbia small rural communities have been persecuted, their homes burnt to the ground and family members assassinated to clear land for these plantations. Justice and Peace helps them to reclaim their land and their rights. Please help yourself to a *Partners in Action* sheet available at the back of the church today.

Montreal Directed Retreats -

Be refreshed in body and spirit ...

Silent directed weekend retreat at Villa Marguerite. Begins Friday evening, April 9, and closes Sunday afternoon. **Registration before March 26.**

Call 626-9462 or 697-6684 or visit www.montrealretreats.org

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: _____