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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all set up and ready for your Super Bowl parties, or, if you are like me who knows nothing about American football (having been brought up on strict diet of soccer – the other football), have an alternative Super Bowl party to attend. Whatever you are doing, have a great weekend, enjoy your family and friends, and above all stay safe. Make sure you cheer for the right team!

You probably need no reminding, but our party season is fast coming to an end; we are a week and a half away from Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday masses, February 17, will be at 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed during mass after the homily. During Lent, all the weekday masses (Monday through Friday) will be at 12:15 pm to accommodate more people. Therefore, masses will be celebrated in the church, not the chapel. Due to the rescheduling of the Lenten weekday masses, there will no longer be a First Saturday of the Month mass.

I will give you some suggestions and ideas that you might find helpful in next weekend's bulletin for our Lenten practice of "Praying, Fasting and Almsgiving." Before that, however, a little heads up for those of you who are interested in the Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. We will be looking for names of children and youth next Sunday to attach to each Rice Bowl. These Rice Bowls will stay here at the Church. In previous years many of them never made it back at the end of Lent. Instead, contributions will be put in the bowls each Sunday. The Rice Bowls will be presented during Mass at the Preparation of the Gifts along with our regular collections and the bread and wine for the Eucharist. It is also a good visual reminder to the whole assembly of the faithful that all age groups can and should participate in the care of the poor, both here at home and abroad. Ruth Yañez will be taking names to attach to each Rice Bowl before and after the 11:15 am mass.

Have a great week, Fr. Niall

ART AND ENVIROMENT: The Art & Environment group is invited to come together to discuss and help plan for the up-coming season of Lent; Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Please come to the church on Tuesday, February 9 at 11:00 am. A light lunch will be served after the meeting. Hope to see you then, Dorothy Berger

THE SUPER SENIORS will meet on Sunday, February 14, 2010. The Super Seniors will have their Meeting/potluck luncheon. The speaker is Sister Mary Dennison of The Cenacle Retreat House. The theme will be "How to Age Gracefully." Please consider giving a donation. If you have any questions, please contact Zita Claytor at 713-464 1768

THE YEAR OF THE TIGER: You are cordially invited to come and celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year on Sunday, February 14, at 4:30pm at the St. Catherine's Parish Hall, hosted by the Indonesian Catholic Community of Houston. Snacks and dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Anto at antos911@gmail.com

LADIES OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA: Mark your Calendars! Our annual Pre-Lenten Retreat, "**Living Lent with the Now Jesus**" presented by Rev. Armand M. Nigro, SJ, will be held the weekend of February 19 - 21, 2010 at the Cenacle Retreat House. Give yourself or someone else the gift of a silent weekend with the women of our parish and others as we prepare our hearts for time alone in prayer with Jesus, praying with Scripture. Please contact Mary Malicki 713-465-3652 or Susan Graul, 713-462-1552

THE LUNCH BUNCH: The February "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Monday, February 22 at 12:30 pm at Salt Grass Steak House, 8943 Katy Freeway. If you plan to join us, need to be picked up, you know someone who needs a pickup, or need directions, please contact Merryl Piper at 713-465-9089 or mwpfwp2019@hal-pc.org or call Pat Mancuso at 713-461-7764 in order to make arrangements and reservations. Merryl Piper

PRAYER CHAIN. An important aspect of our Christian faith calls us to pray for each other. If you would like to pray for the sick of our parish or you would like to be included on the list, please call Merryl Piper at 713-465-9089

MENTORS NEEDED: Do you remember the people who took an interest in you when you were growing up? Mentoring is your chance to pay it forward. guide. Please call SBISD at 713-468-2286 for more information.



February 6-14, 2010

- Sat. 02/06** 9:00 am S.I. Patricia Reinoso
5:00 pm † Arturo Rodriguez
- Sun. 02/07** 8:30 am S.I. Aaron Leeton family
11:15 am S.I. Eric Leeton family
- Mon. 02/08** 9:00 am S.I. Francisco & Charo Guzman
- Tue. 02/09** 9:00 am S.I. Nathan Leeton
- Wed. 02/10** 12:15 pm † Mary Lewis
- Thu. 02/11** 12:15 pm † Eliza Muniz
- Sat. 02/13** 5:00 pm † Glada Fern McAwy
- Sun. 02/14** 8:30 am S.I. Mike & Sandra Hawkins
11:15 am S.I. Susan Decker

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

CHURCH CALENDAR



- Sat. 02/06** 9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Adoration
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Youth Canned-Food Collection
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun. 02/07** *Youth Canned-Food Collection*
8:30 am Mass *Boy Scouts*
9:30 am *KC Breakfast*
11:15 am Mass
- Mon. 02/08** 9:00 am Mass
- Tue. 02/09** 9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm *Women's Guild*
- Wed. 02/10** 12:15 pm Mass
6:00 pm *CCE Classes*
- Thu. 02/11** 12:15 pm Mass
- Sat. 02/13** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
St. Catherine's Black-Bag Collection
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun. 02/14** *St. Catherine's Black-Bag Collection*
8:30 am Mass
11:15 am Mass
12:30 pm *Super Seniors*
3:00 pm *Indonesian Mass*

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
12:15 PM & 7:00 PM



LENT WEEKDAY MASS
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
12:15 PM



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