

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MARCH 11, 2007
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ©

Theme/Call To Worship

Moses' encounter with the burning bush changed his life forever. And many who met Jesus and took his words to heart were likewise changed forever.

Introduction To The Word

I. Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15. Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

II. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12. Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

III. Lk 13:1-9. Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
03/11	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
	L.A.O.H.	2:00 p.m.
03/12	CHADD Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/13	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/14	Narnia Club Parents Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
03/15	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/16	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/17	4 th Sunday in Lent Vigil Mass	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/12	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Lk 4:24-30
03/13	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, Mt 18:21-35
03/14	Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, Mt 5:17-19
03/15	Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 11:14-23
03/16	Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, Mk 12:28-34
03/17	Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Lk 18:9-14

WEEKEND COOK NEEDED

AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Our parish is looking for someone to cook for our clergy staff on weekends. Please inquire at the Rectory on 212-876-7718.

The Leisure Luncheon Club will enjoy a special meal in honor of St. Patrick on Tuesday, March 13th immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. The club will enjoy a brief recess Lenten/Easter Season and reconvene on Tuesday, April 17th. All Seniors are welcome.

"The king said to the man of God, 'Entreat now the favor of the Lord your God, and pray for me, so that my hand may be restored to me.' So the man of God entreated the Lord; and the king's hand was restored to him."
 - Kgs 13:6 -

"Love is patient; love is kind...It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." -1Cor13:4,7

MORE Hot Topics:

Opus Dei: The Facts The Myths – What it is and what it is not...

A presentation by George Sim Johnston & Elizabeth Heil; **Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Rochester Room of Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street, New York. RSVP: 212-876-7719.

Visit with speakers and share light refreshments following the presentation. Free will offering accepted. Sponsored by: The Education & Communication Committee of the Parish Council.

Respect Life Institute on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, NY; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Includes Mass & Eucharistic Adoration).

The theme of this years' institute is: *Building a Culture of Life and Love*. Our goal is to give attendees new signs of hope and positive, innovative ideas for influencing your family, friends, & community life for the good. Presentations include a keynote address by **Cathy Cleaver Ruse, Esq., Family Research Council: Sociological Trends in Pornography, Abortion, Marriage** **Mother Agnes, Sisters of Life: Crisis Pregnancy, Abortion, & Adoption ~ Understanding the Heart of a Vulnerable Pregnant Woman** **Georgette Fourney, Silent No More: The Top Ten Reason Why Abortion is Bad for Women** **Judy McLane, Generation Life: Teaching Youth How to Choose Chastity.**

Suggested Donation: \$25 (lunch included) Free Admission for Clergy & Students. For more information and to Register see: www.FLRL.org or St. Lucy, S.V. 212-371-1011, ext. 3195., E-Mail: sr.lucy.marie@archny.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11TH

Monday, March 12th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Christopher Gavora (d)
- 12:15 Christopher Gavora (d)
- 5:45 Maria & Joseph Murrino (d)

Tuesday, March 13th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 M. Burke & Joseph DeMateo (l)
- 5:45 Daniel Edmund Finn (d)

Wednesday, March 14th

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Dr. Kurt Deuschle (d)
- 5:45 Fr. Fred Henley (d)

Thursday, March 15th

- 7:00 Fundador Santiago (d)
- 8:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 12:15 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
- 5:45 Alberta Smith (d)

Friday, March 16th

- 7:00 Mary Gillespie (d)
- 8:00 Michael Gillespie (d)
- 12:15 James McManus, Sr. (d)
- 5:45 Celia McManus (d)

Saturday, March 17th

- 8:00 Leonard Muldoon (d)
- 12:15 Carolyn Matthews (d)
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

Mass	March 11th	March 18th
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Francis	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Boehning	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 10:00 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 11:15 AM	Fr. Diaz	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Francis

Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations

Thinking of the priesthood? Try praying every day, twice a day, for 20 minutes each (possibly before the Blessed Sacrament). If you are a young man interested in the priesthood, please contact Father Luke Sweeney or Father Luis Saldaña at the Vocation Office in the Archdiocese of New York at (914) 968-1340, vocations@archny.org or www.archnyvocations.org; Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2007

Each year the Cardinal's Annual Appeal provides us with the opportunity to share our gifts and blessings with others. This Appeal is an essential source of funding for the charitable, educational, and spiritual works of the Archdiocese, which benefit all the parishes of the Archdiocese — including our own. Without your support and the support of parishioners like you these important works would not be possible.

Our assigned and mandatory goal this year is \$137,500. Please consider participating in *Sharing God's Gifts*.

Save the date: The Catholic Churches of the Eastside invite you to a Lenten Reflection on Catholic Social Teaching:

- What is Catholic social teaching?
- What does it mean for the Catholic Community?
- What are we called to do?

To be held Saturday, March 24th, 2007 at *Saint Ignatius Loyola Church*, 980 Park Avenue at 84th Street from 9:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m. The keynote Speaker is Peggy Steinfelds, co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture, author and former editor of *Commonweal Magazine*. For more information call (212) 371-1000, ext. 2473.

THANK YOU for your sacrificial giving taken up last weekend for the Holy Father's Peter's Pence annual collection. May your generosity continue to be a blessing to you and your families. Please continue to pray for the charitable works of Pope Benedict XVI.

“Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.” Marriage erodes when we take each other for granted. Hear more about decisions to love that keep marriage strong. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is April 27-29. For more information contact: Family Life Office at 212-371-1000, ext. 3190.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2007....

BICENTENNIAL CONVOCATION 2007- THROUGH FAITH WE GROW: ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST

- Place: Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY. Arrival: 9:30 a.m.
- Liturgy, Nationally known Speakers, Exhibits, Transportation Information will be available. Promises to be a Great day!!!

Sponsored by: Catechetical Office - New York Archdiocese. For more information: www.nyfaithformation.org.

“We live by faith, not by sight.”

- 2 Cor 5:7 -