

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
MARCH 18, 2007
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ©

Theme/Call To Worship

“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come.”

Introduction To The Word

I. Jos 5:9a, 10-12. Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

II. 2 Cor 5:17-21. Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

III. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joy ful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

Date:	Event:	Time:
03/18	Group Baptisms	1:30 p.m.
03/19	Church Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
03/20	Madison Avenue Bible Group	8:30 a.m.
	Church Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/21	Church Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
03/22	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/23	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
03/24	5th Sunday in Lent Vigil Mass	5:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

03/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk2:41-51a
03/20	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16
03/21	Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30
03/22	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Jn 5:31-47
03/23	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
03/24	Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, Jn 7:40-53

The Leisure Luncheon Club will enjoy a brief recess this Lenten/Easter Season and reconvene on Tuesday, April 17th. All Seniors are welcome.

Monday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband and Father

“In writing about Saint Joseph, the late Pope John Paul II observed that scripture does not record even one word spoken by Joseph. What we know about Joseph we know through his actions only. He was called to make faith-filled decisions at critical moments: to marry Mary, his betrothed, who was pregnant; to seek shelter for Mary’s delivery; to listen to the angel’s command to flee with his wife and his newborn son to Egypt; to search for his lost son whom he found teaching in the temple. On this feast of Joseph, let us pray for all fathers, especially fathers who face difficult decisions.”

“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” - Gal 4:6 -

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.

Stations of the Cross for Lent...

- Jesus is Condemned to Death
- Jesus Takes up His Cross
- Jesus Falls the First Tim
- Jesus Meets His Sorrowful Mother
- Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
- Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
- Jesus Falls a Second Time
- Jesus Consoles the Women of Jerusalem
- Jesus Falls the Third Time
- Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
- Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
- Jesus Dies on the Cross
- Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross
- Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

“Serve one another in love.”

- Gal 5:13 -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18TH

2007 Cardinal's Appeal

Monday, March 19th

- 7:00 Thomas C. Burke (d)
- 8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
- 12:15 Marie Bifano (d)
- 5:45 John Coffey (d)

Tuesday, March 20th

- 7:00 Angel M. Medina (l)
- 8:00 Denise Strongis (d)
- 12:15 Margaret McLoughlin (d)
- 5:45 Glenn Johnson (d)

Wednesday, March 21st

- 7:00 Susan Gannon (d)
- 8:00 Thomas C. Burke (d)
- 12:15 Jaime Rendon (d)
- 5:45 Cathy Kinney (l)

Thursday, March 22nd

- 7:00 Christopher Begley (d)
- 8:00 Thomas C. Burke (d)
- 12:15 Elizabeth & Joseph Hughes (d)
- 5:45 Sister Theresa McEntee (l)

Friday, March 23rd

- 7:00 Sister Theresa McEntee (l)
- 8:00 Pauline Coniglio (d)
- 12:15 Theresa McGarry (d)
- 5:45 Julia Gargiula (d)

Saturday, March 24th

- 8:00 Earl Robert Valentine Lloyd (d)
- 12:15 Cilia Ines Rendon (d)
- 5:45 -

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

<i>Mass</i>	<i>March 18th</i>	<i>March 25th</i>
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Asebias	Fr. Tentativa
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Francis	Fr. Diaz

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).

"I know that my Redeemer lives." - Jb 19:25 -

Our goal for the Appeal this year is once again \$137,500. To date we have received in pledges and gifts \$41,815 from 47 parishioners. We have a long way to go! Please consider making a pledge or gift to the Appeal. (You can even charge it.) The Appeal is vitally important in supporting the charitable, pastoral and educational work of the Archdiocese of New York.

Sample gifts Plans - Payments over a five-month period

<i>Total Pledge</i>	<i>5 Monthly Payments</i>	<i>Daily Sacrifice</i>
\$2,500	\$500	\$17
\$1,500	\$300	\$10
\$1,000	\$200	\$7
\$500	\$100	\$3
\$250	\$50	\$2
\$150	\$30	\$1

Envelopes for making either a pledge or a gift are available in the back of the Church or call the Parish Office at 212-876-7718.

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.

Prayer for Vocations... "O Jesus, Divine Shepherd of souls, you called the Apostles to be fishers of men. Send us holy priests O Lord through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Model of all vocations. Let your call be heard and answered by generous and courageous men to meet the pressing needs of your Church and the world. Come, Lord, do not delay. Send to your Church holy priests! Amen."

Prayer for an Open Heart... "Forgiving God, we thank you for your constant, loving concern for each of us. When we have strayed from your love, you call us back and wait for our return. As you forgive and welcome us back, help us to forgive. May our Lenten fast, frequent prayer, and service open our hearts so that we might act with greater compassion and forgiveness to those who have hurt us or those we do not like. Help us to be examples of reconciliation at home, at school, and at work, so that united with you and with one another, we will feast at the banquet of peace. Amen."