

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## March 29, 2009

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — *Jeremiah 31:33*




The optional gospel of this Sunday (Pg. 92 in the Missal) focuses our attention on Jesus and life. His friend Lazarus has died. Outwardly it appears to be over, end of story, Lazarus is dead, let's go home! But it's not

the end of the story. Jesus has the last word. Jesus who is 'the resurrection and the life' brings Lazarus back to life. He is the Word of God and his word is life.

Today we are in a position to put together the message of these last three Sundays of Lent. They are interconnected and are not just speaking to our Elect, Shih Lan, who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation, but to all the baptized. On the Third Sunday of Lent Jesus promised the woman at the well, "The water I give shall become a fountain...leaping up to provide eternal life." For us that water is the sacrament of baptism. Last Sunday Jesus cured a man born blind. The miracle was a sign of the light of faith, which comes to us in baptism and enlightens us to see God and each other in a new way. Today the raising of Lazarus is a foreshadowing that, because of baptism, we will be raised from the dead to eternal life.

Jesus worked an extraordinary miracle in raising Lazarus back to life. It happened in a different place and in a different time. A more extravagant and miraculous event occurs in us at baptism; it is the transforming presence of Jesus within us. He does not say he will bring us back to life, instead he gives us eternal life. In a way our resurrection begins not just when our dead bodies are raised to life but when the spirit of Jesus begins to dwell in us. 'Whoever believes in me though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die'.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. DUNSTAN PARISH....

- Tuesday, March 31** Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass  
**CCD at 3:45 pm**
  - Thursday, April 2** **Bible Study** at 10 am in the Convent  
**Lenten Penance Service** at Mater Dolorosa Church at 7:30 pm  
**Prayer group** meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
  - Friday, April 3** **First Friday holy hour in the church at 4 pm**  
**Stations of the Cross** at 2:15 & 7 pm in the church
  - Saturday, April 4** **First Saturday holy hour in the church at 7 am**  
**Retrouvaille** meets in the convent  
**RCIA** at 9 am in the rectory  
**Baptism Preparation Class** at 10:30 am in the convent
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*Lent*
- Monday thru Saturday** Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am
  - Monday thru Friday** Rosary recited in the church at 7:40 am

### Parishioners Save the Date!

St. Dunstan Catholic School will be hosting its 7th Annual International Food Festival on Saturday, April 25th from 5 pm to 9 pm at the Parish Center.. Adults: \$35, seniors: \$20, children \$15, children 4 and under FREE. Enjoy foods from all over the world while enjoying entertainment and music and lots of activities for the children. A raffle will be held. The First Prize is \$1,500. Raffle tickets can be purchased after Mass outside the church. All proceeds will benefit St. Dunstan School.

For more information and reservations call 650/697-8119.



### St. Dunstan T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee

#### Lenten Project

A Friendly Place ~ Day Center for Homeless Women  
**Collection Dates: All Masses on March 21st and 22nd**  
St. Dunstan T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee requests all Parishioners and school families to, during Lent, consider donating to an organization called "A Friendly Place". A Friendly Place is a day center located in Oakland for homeless women run by two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The shelter receives no government funding and survives on private donations only. Because of these difficult times, A Friendly Place desperately needs donations to keep it operating. Just recently, vendors who provided coffee to it for years have discontinued doing so.  
**At all Masses on March 21st and 22nd, the St. Dunstan T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee will be collecting the following much needed items:** Paperback Books, Snacks, Magazines, Washcloths, Napkins, Paper Towels, Coffee, Tea, Toilet Paper Travel Sized Items: shampoo, soap, gel, toothpaste. Donations may also be dropped off at St. Dunstan School, 1150 Magnolia Ave during school hours: Mon-Fri from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM from February 25<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) to Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, April 3 is the First Friday of the month.** There will be a Holy Hour in the church from 4-5 PM followed by Mass at 5:10 PM.

**Saturday, April 4 is the First Saturday of the month.** There will be a Holy Hour of Reparation from 7 to 8 AM in the church followed by Mass at 8 AM.

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION  
COMMUNION BRUNCH**

ICF Branch 403, St. Dunstan Church, will join ICF Branch 173, Our Lady of Angels, for a joint Communion Brunch on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Mass will be at 10:00 AM at St. Dunstan Church, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030. Brunch will follow at the Terrace Café at the El Rancho Inn, 1100 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA. The cost for members is \$15, guests, \$20. The cost for children under 10 is \$8, and age 5 and under is free. The brunch includes, juice, fresh fruit, eggs Florentine and scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, sweet rolls and coffee. For reservations, please call Kay Lucio at 650/697-7460

Reservation deadline is April 20. Please no checks at the door.

**St. Dunstan Lenten Penance Service will be held at Mater**



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**Dolorosa Church.** As you make preparations for Easter, come prepare your hearts as well. Parishioners and priests from our neighboring parishes will gather Thurs., April 2nd at 7:30 pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mater Dolorosa Church is located at 307 Willow Avenue, South San Francisco.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

*Parishioners are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, and to attend Morning Prayer at 7:15 am, and one of the three daily Masses at 6:30 am, 8:00 am and 5:10 pm.*

*Stations of the Cross are held Fridays at 2:15 pm & 7 pm.*



**Last weekend's**  
Regular Collection: \$7,919.00

Last Weekend's Catholic Relief Services Collection:  
\$3,592.00

**Thank you for all your support!**

This weekend members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be stationed at the doors of the church after each Mass, taking up their 5th Sunday Collection. Please give generously. Your donations will help those in need in our parish area.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
- Thursday: St. Francis of Paola
- Friday: First Friday; Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

**Many thanks to those who served as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers this weekend:**

**Sat. March 28**

**5:00 PM Lector:** *J Ryan*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J & L Clothakis, E Danli, R&C Fry, N Holoher

**Altar Servers:** Bertin, Cabarse, Chan, Daley

**Sun. March 29**

**7:00 AM Lector:** *P. Livingston*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M Wyman, S Bosso, B Penner  
**Altar Servers:** Colarusso, Jackson, Gracia, Eckmann

**8:30 AM Lector:** *D. Capodanno*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S Capodanno, S Jajeh, M Ocafrain, R Pezo, M Anderegg, P Lucero

**Altar Servers:** Doyle, DeGuzman, Fernando, Jajeh

**10:00 AM Lector:** *J Sigona*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** F Sigona, R Garrison, P Maloney, G Maldonado, T Herbeck

**Altar Servers:** Janiczek, Jones, Jones, Garrison

**11:30 AM Lector:** *L. Opalenik*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B Tiamson, P Begin, T Restrivera, R Barrera, T Dizon, J Roensch

**Altar Servers:** Casella, Casella, Barrera, Restrivera

**5:00 PM Lector:** *G. Ledbetter*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J Ledbetter, P&M McLaughlin, S Pallari, F Gutierrez, H Santana

**Altar Servers:** Lim, McLaughlin, Mendoza, Miller

**Special thanks to all of our ushers for their dedicated service at our weekend Masses.**

**Mass Intentions for the Week*****March 29– April 4, 2009***

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Tito Caputo
	10:00 am	Tim Herbeck & Louis Marini
	11:30 am	SVdP Benefactors
	5:00 pm	Diana Carlascio
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Pastora Ramirez
	8:00 am	Jeanne Dan
	5:10 pm	Frank Cosentino
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Carmen Burgos
	8:00 am	Doris Spiteri
	5:10 pm	Kelli Raffanti
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Sean Hughes & Vincent Hughes
	8:00 am	Zenon Sison
	5:10 pm	Frances & John Palombi
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Fr. Gregory Aherne SJ
	8:00 am	Stu Soukup
	5:10 pm	Michele Micheletti
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Benito & Gary Mendoza (living)
	8:00 am	Rosellini –Opalenik Family
	5:10 pm	Tony Santora
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Paul Priolo
	5:00 pm	Lewis Giovannini

**We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:** Madison Kitz, William Dill, Ted & Eileen Damian, Pat Saracini, Bill Barca, Helen & Vicky Noceti, Irene Thommen, Kyong Cruz, Ciera Whipple, Dorothy Rives, Elsie Noceti, Steve Bacho, Mary Farr, Barbara Modica, Karen Shirley, Jose Conrado Vasquez, Henry & Lucy Garcia, Frances Snyder, Jack & Rene Sagrafena, Mrs. Larry Duggins, Antoinette Ramos, Joe Hamilton, Pauline & Joseph Burgio, Noralee Gelhaar, Geraldine Feehan, Martin Hidalgo, Norman Roos, Lyle Dibbs, Gloria Giannini, Maxine Coutts, Anna Mae Stewart, Jonathan Cerezo, Nick Cannuli, Kathy Montiel, The Yakaitis Family, Susan Silvera-Dunn, George Rodriguez Jr, Nafal Jweinat, Michael Coffaro, Diedra Bradshaw, Irma Sweeny, Charlene Spediacci, Esther Litton, Jan Diamond, Viola Burdick, Ronald Reyes, Josephine Muscat, Patricia O'Neill, Virginia Ryan Rogers, Michael Wisherop, Helen Maternia, Elsie Clark, Bernice Malloy, Wayne Devora, Beverly Buhs, Rita Gilmore, Marisa Hosea, Judy Marks, Rita Bartolo, Gerda Altherr, Stephen Petinak, Richard Castro, Donald Clancy, Dan Bray, Rene Tiamson, Dondon Pasco, Dotty Mardiloff, Robert Weldon, Doug Baldwin, Joseph Conrad Rodriguez, Raymond Reudy, Mona Pasco, Rick Trecartin, Mike Casella, Fr Bruce Dreier, John Costa, Margaret Bellingham, Gene, Rita & Roberta Berry, Joe Ransom, Sr. Theresa Antoinette, Rachel Sanchez, Sue Furrer & Emily Marshall

**We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:**