

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Your Stewardship of Treasure

710 registered families

The Week ending, February 1, 2009

Sunday Offering 166 envelopes 6,928.00

Children's Offering 7 envelopes 10.25

Sunday Offering loose cash 1,068.31

Total 8,006.56

YTD 307,850.68

Budget 286,153.87

+/- +21,696.81

Our fiscal year is from July 1st – June 30th.

DSA Rebate 13,180.25

Change Jar: 16.50 (2/1/09)

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement
1,194.77

Fr. Reid's homilies are now on our webpage:

www.stannsparish.org.



As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the DSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity.

Women's Lenten Retreat-March 21st from 9:00am-2:00pm at St. Patrick Cathedral led by Fr. Timothy Reid on "How to Change Your Husband: Practical Steps for Improving your Marriage." Cost is \$20/person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register or for more information, contact Linda Granzow at jlgranzow@windstream.net.

There will be a **Respect Life Committee Meeting** after the 10:30am Mass **today**, February 15th. We will be meeting in Classroom 1. Upcoming events will be discussed. ALL are welcome!

February 15, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

As most of you know, the annual Diocesan Support Appeal is upon us. Next weekend, February 21-22, we will have members of the Finance Council speak briefly at all of the Masses. The DSA is the annual fund-raising effort of the diocese, and the money raised by this appeal is used to support 30 ministries and more than 50 programs throughout the diocese that address the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, such as educational, housing, adoption, counseling and multi-cultural programs – including Hispanic Ministry. This appeal also supports our seminarians studying for the priesthood. Throughout the diocese thousands of people benefit each year from the services provided through the diocesan support appeal, including many people in our own parish.

The goal of the DSA this year is \$4.4 million. Our parish goal for St. Ann's is once again \$54,398, the same as it was for 2008. Considering the deteriorating economic situation our country is facing, the diocese very graciously decided not to raise our goal as they have in years past. As always, any monies that we raise in excess of our goal will be refunded directly to the parish. If we don't meet our goal, we have to make up the difference from our own budget.

However, I am pleased to report that for 2008 we received a rebate of \$13,000! I can't thank you enough for your generosity. In keeping with the spirit of the DSA, our finance council decided last that half of our rebate will be given to Room at the Inn to help support their capital campaign for their new residential center at Belmont Abbey College. The other half of our rebate will be used for our own parish needs. Again, thank you for your generous donations to the DSA last year, and thank you in advance for your donations this year!

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Reid

Girl Scout Cookies are coming to St. Ann's! Troop 216 will be selling cookies after all the Masses this weekend. Troop 836 will be selling cookies after all the Masses Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, February 22nd. If you don't want to buy them for yourselves – buy them for St. Jude's Hospital or the armed forces! **Help our Scouts!!!**

OPERATION LAMB:

LAMB, which stands for "Least Among My Brethren," is a program of the Knights of Coulombs, which raises funds to assist people with intellectual disabilities in North Carolina. **This weekend a second collection** will be taken to assist the Knight in this important project. Funds received will assist Holy Angles and the Nevin Center in caring for intellectually disabled children and adults. The Knights of Columbus #770 than you in advance for your charitable contributions.

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below:

- **Stained Glass Window:** 14 windows have been memorialized so far. If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.
- **Building Update:** It's always darkest before the dawn! With the removal of the concrete T's that made up the roof and ceiling of the church, demolition is quickly coming to an end and it shows! Only some basic clean up is left to do now. All work from here is focused on building our new church! While it is still early to start looking forward to our dedication, Sheil Sexton is confidently projecting an August completion before school starts in the fall!
- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS A CONSTRUCTION AREA. You MUST HAVE A HARD HAT ON and should check in with our building supervisor, John Kovacs, before you enter the site. This is for your safety!!! We will schedule escorted tours soon.

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

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Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Pro-Life Window-Mother of Sorrows: *We have completely paid for this window as of 2/1/09. Thank you to all who contributed to this beautiful window. This is so exciting to know that this will be part of our new church and may all our prayers for our unborn babies continue, Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*

(Received: 26,295.25– as of 02/8/09).

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or love ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line “immigrant window” and send to the church office. Call Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532 for details. (Received: 2,553.00 – as of 02/8/09).

Eucharistic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and EWTN Studio: Join Fr. Reid for a three day pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Included is a tour of the EWTN studio and filming of EWTN's popular program, “Threshold of Hope”. We will leave from St. Ann's on Tuesday, March 31 and return Thursday, April 2. The cost is \$285. Space is limited. See the tour flier for more information.

Masses

Sunday, February 15, 2009

2nd collection Knights of Columbus

OPERATION LAMB

Girls Scout Cookies

8:00am Mass +Eddie Gildae

by the family

Baptisms

10:30am Mass Intentions of our parish family

12:30pm Mass +Judith Szymonski

by LouAnne Delaney

Monday, February 16, 2009

9:00am Mass +Tom Vickery

by Curt and Michelle Rahilly

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour

6:00pm Mass Intentions

of Bonnie and Scott Wheeler

by Robin Reid

Thursday, February 19, 2009

7:0am Mass +Rita Lentz

by Anne Lentz

Friday, February 20, 2009

8:30am Mass +St. Claire Howren

by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday, February 21, 2009

3:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass +Kathleen Shortall

by Sue and John Loughlin

Sunday, February 22, 2009

DSA Appeal

Girl Scout Cookies

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family

10:30am Mass +David Brickner

by the Alderman family

12:30pm Mass Intentions of the

Donald Shoemaker family

by Virginia Doman

Monday, February 23, 2009

7:00am Mass +Rebecca Kessler

by Stacy Cook

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ash Wednesday

7:00am Mass Intentions of

Bonnie and Scott Wheeler

by Robin Reid

8:30am Mass +St. Claire Howren

by Betty Uhl

5:00pm Holy Hour

7:00pm Mass For St. Ann's benefactors and
their loved ones

Thursday, February 26, 2009

7:00am Mass +Liz Sheldon

by David and Joan Richardson

Friday, February 27, 2009

8:30am Mass +St. Claire Howren

by the World Rosary

Please take note! Our annual Attic and Bake Sale has been moved to Saturday, March 7, 2009 8:00am to 1:00pm. Set up will be Friday, March 6, 2009 from 4:00pm until we're finished. Please hold all donations until Friday, March 6, 2009.

Please inform the church office of any changes: phone numbers, emails and/or addresses.

We know that it is only **February**, but we know all you moms and dads are scheduling summer camps and vacations and we did not want you or your child to miss ***Vacation Bible School 2009, Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th!*** Put it on your calendar!!! More info to follow....

World Rosary, Monday, February 23rd at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519. All are invited to attend.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, February 15th

Baptisms
Girl Scout Cookies
Knights of Columbus 2nd collection
9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
11:30am Respect Life meeting
Youth Group is snow tubing
7:00pm CSS

Monday, February 16th

Church Office is closed

Tuesday, February 17th

9:00am Ceramics
10:00am CSS
3:00pm Basketball

Wednesday, February 18th

3:00pm Basketball
5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Healing Prayer
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, February 19th

3:00pm Basketball
7:00pm Bingo

Friday, February 20th

Shamrock Tournament
3:00pm Basketball

Saturday, February 21st

Shamrock Tournament
Girl Scout Cookies
DSA Appeal

Sunday, February 22nd

Girl Scout Cookies
DSA Appeal
9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
6:30pm Youth Group
7:00pm CSS

Monday, February 23rd

3:00pm Basketball
6:00pm Dance Group

Tuesday, February 24th

9:00am Ceramics
10:00am CSS
3:00pm Basketball

Wednesday, February 25th

Ash Wednesday

3:00pm Little Flowers
3:00pm Basketball
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, February 26th

3:00pm Basketball
7:00pm Bingo

Friday, February 27th

3:00pm Basketball
7:30pm Sung Rosary

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)
6:30 – 8:00pm
Food, Fun, Games
Don't miss out!

Sunday, February 15th

Gospel of Mark

Sunday, February 22nd

Climate Change: A Faith Perspective
Guest Speaker

Sunday, March 1st

Movie Night
Popcorn and candy for all!

Sunday, March 8th

Scavenger Hunt



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. *"lighting up the community one hand at a time."* All women of our parish community are welcome. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Allen Center Library. For information email stannwomen@gmail.com or call Chris Brunhuber at 704-540-9252.

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.

St. Gerard's Club. Missions: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth, or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com. *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

Join Atria Merrywood: A Lunch and Learn will be held on Tuesday, February 17th on the Diabetic Foot Care with Mark Elgart and Mike Constantine from Faith Regional Prosthetic-Orthotic Services. Call Erin at 704-523-4949

The Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk is in the back of the church. Take home, listen and learn Watch for new CD's and brochures!

WDYT AM1220 Sundays at 12noon.

If you are a **High School student who is interested becoming a Jr. Lector**, this is great for service hours. Call Joan Edwards 704-752-7253. joanyedwards@earthlink.net.

Faith Formation Schedule:

Sacrament Preparation classes: Grades K-8 meet each Sunday 9:00 – 10:20am St. Ann School **except** for the following Sundays: 2/22/09, 3/29/09, 4/5/09 and 4/12/09.

Children's Liturgy meets during the 10:30am Mass and is for children ages 4-8. **Each Sunday**, now through May 10, 2009 **during the 10:30am Mass except** for: 4/5/09, and 4/12/09.

Confirmation practice is April 28th at 7:00pm.

Confirmation will take place Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00pm with Bishop Jugis.

Looking for something positive to do during Lent? Consider praying for your child one hour a week with a **"Moms In Touch"** prayer group. Whether your child attends a Catholic school, public or private school, home school, etc. contact Marie Foster TGAMFOSTER@aol.com or 704-366-3332 to inquire about a MIT group.

Please keep all of our servicemen and servicewomen in your daily prayers.

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr., USN,
Louis Cragg, US Navy,
Todd MacDonald 1st class Petty Officer,
US Navy, Ted MacDonald Sgt. US Marines,
Richard Beard A.F. National Guard Master
Sergeant, Austin Timm Montana National Guard,
Corp. Justin David Schoonover



All too often, stewardship is presented only with the Church support or the funding of other charities as the goal. This is too limiting. Stewardship also involves time and talent.

Stewardship Corner

The jar total as of (2/8/09) 443.74

Don't forget the jar.

As you can see, it adds up!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

We pray for and appreciate our Baptismal Preparation Team. Presently Deacon George and volunteers devote time to assist new and expectant parents in the preparation and celebration of the Baptism of their child by providing support and information regarding the First Sacrament of Initiation.

A second part of the program assists new parents in "How to Keep the Light of Christ Alive" in their child, how to set a values on Family Prayer and how to raise children to love and serve the Church.

These classes meet every other month at 9:00am on a Sunday morning. Please call the Church Office to register for this class.

The Sacrament is celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays or during a weekend Mass.

True Beauty...Revealed: A High School Study for Girls what does it mean to be a beautiful woman of God in the twenty-first century? How do you navigate the expectations of American culture while staying true to your faith and honoring your dignity as a daughter of God?

True Beauty...Revealed is a powerful eight-week study intended to educate young women about their authentic femininity using a small group setting and study curriculum. The sessions are based on Pope John Paul II's writings regarding the New Feminism, Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and other Catholic thinkers, philosophers, and saints. Ultimately, the goal of *True Beauty: Revealed* is to draw young women into a deeper, more profound relationship with Jesus Christ, God-made-man who is the author of our precious dignity as women. This amazing opportunity is made available through ENDOW; check them out online at www.endowonline.com. Sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, beginning March 4th, from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Allen Center. The cost for the materials is \$30. To register, contact Kathleen Lewis at Lewisfamily555@bellsouth.net or call 704-895-8470 before February 25th. Any high school girl is welcome. We are new to the parish, so my daughter won't know anyone either.

Married Couples: Teams of Our Lady (www.teamsofourlady.org) is an international movement of small groups of married couples. Each Team (5 – 7 couples and a priest/spiritual counselor) meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and a discussion. Teams provide a solid, spiritual direction for couples through a way of life promoting growth in married love, holiness, and Christian community. If you're interested in a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and your spouse, please join us for an Information Night (husbands and wives should attend) at 7:00pm on Monday, February 23 in Room 206, New Life Center at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. For more information please contact Jason and Molly Beckert at 704-243-3252 (mvbeckert@carolina.rr.com).

Bulletin deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, February 22nd will be due Tuesday, February 17th.

Sunday, March 1st will be due Tuesday, February 24th.



Join us to pray the Rosary to stop abortions at the Hebron Abortion Clinic off South Blvd. Every Saturday at 9:45am.

For Lent: Spring 2009 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign: The Charlotte Diocese will be participating once again in the nationally coordinated 40 Days for Life Campaign, which runs February 25th – April 5th, coinciding with the Lenten Season. Charlotte will be one of 123 cities in 42 states to participate in simultaneous prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside of a local abortion clinic. With nearly 50 million abortions to date in the US, ‘those affected by abortion’ has been called the largest mission field ever in man’s history (i.e., those who have had abortions, performed abortions; or have been or are involved in it in any way). Are you being called to be a missionary in this field to help prevent or alleviate the suffering caused by abortion? How? With prayer and fasting and peaceful vigil, you can be Jesus’ instrument to help save lives, change hearts; and lead post-abortive people to healing. If so, please come to pray in peaceful vigil outside the abortion clinic, A Preferred Women’s Center, 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte 28211, for one or more hours during these 40 days. For complete information and to sign up, visit www.40daysforlife.com/charlotte or contact Brian Williams bkwilliams1971@yahoo.com 704-847-7311 or Andrea Hines HinesAL@aol.com 704-996-4597.

In conjunction with the **40 Days for Life Campaign**, St. Ann's is specifically sponsoring a day of the campaign on **Friday, March 13th from 7:00am to 7:00pm**. Come join other St. Ann parishioners in prayer at the Latrobe Abortion Clinic. A sign-up sheet is next to the office. Please consider spending an hour in prayer for the unborn. For further information, contact Brian Williams bkwilliams1971@yahoo.com 704-847-7311.

A monthly **Respect Life Mass** will be celebrated every 4th Saturday at St. Ann's starting Saturday, February 28th at 9:00am. Immediately after Mass there will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. You may either stay in prayer or go pray the Rosary with Father Reid at the Latrobe Abortion Clinic. The morning will conclude with Benediction upon Father Reid's return. Please contact Danielle Mathis @ tmathis3@carolina.rr.com or 704-541-0858 for more information.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Monday, February 16th Teacher workday
No School.

Friday, February 20th 5th grade will go to
Mass at 8:30am.

Monday, February 23rd grades 3, 4, and 5
will go to the Children's Theatre.

Wednesday, February 25th is Ash
Wednesday Mass will be for the whole
School at 8:30am.

HELP WANTED: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. Others are facing an uncertain future. You may be able to help! If you or anyone you know is looking to hire (seasonal or long-term), please consider those within our church family first. Contact Marcy in the office for names and numbers of those currently searching for employment. (Please be sure to contact the church if you would like your information to be included on this list.)

Please pray for: (in our parish):

Don Millard, Maggie Bernard, Benny Cannon, Joan Knechtle, Ryan Nguyen, Mimi Gibson, Katie Sloan, Gerry Buening, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth and Danny DeHority, Gerald Dugan, Jane Grist, John Halmans, Esther Lapham, Richard P. Morency, Kate Mulkey, Helen Norton, Bill Prall, Jo Prall, Dolly Ballaro, Odette Ramsey, Alice Roth, Nellie Lopez, Catherine Silverthorne, Cecilia Gaffney, Louis Pagan, Mary Murphy, Geraldine Hossenlopp, Ana Troppoli, Jeff Edmond, William T. Grist, Bill Hall and Tom Palmer.

(and among our relatives and friends: Ernest Rains (Delrio family), Angela Moliere (friend of Deborah Robert, Helen Llewellyn (mother of Rob Llewellyn), Jack Broxterman, Janet Foss (mother of Bonnie Wheeler), Shannon McNelis, Maryanne Dale, John J. Eichorn, and Phillip D. Scruggs (friends of Charles Williams), Ruth Faure (friend of Nancy Tota), Luke Wenzl (nephew of Pat and Jim Rebol), Deanna Case (mother of Brenda Eckmair), Patty Hunter, (daughter of Margaret Hunter and sister of Karen Ponischil), Pat Bryant (sister of Kathy Karr), Donny Halstead (brother of Amie Grayson), Jim Ensrude (brother of John Ensrude).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Rains (sister of Andrienne Delrio) who died Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

Please pray for our friends who are

incarcerated: Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Arango, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter.

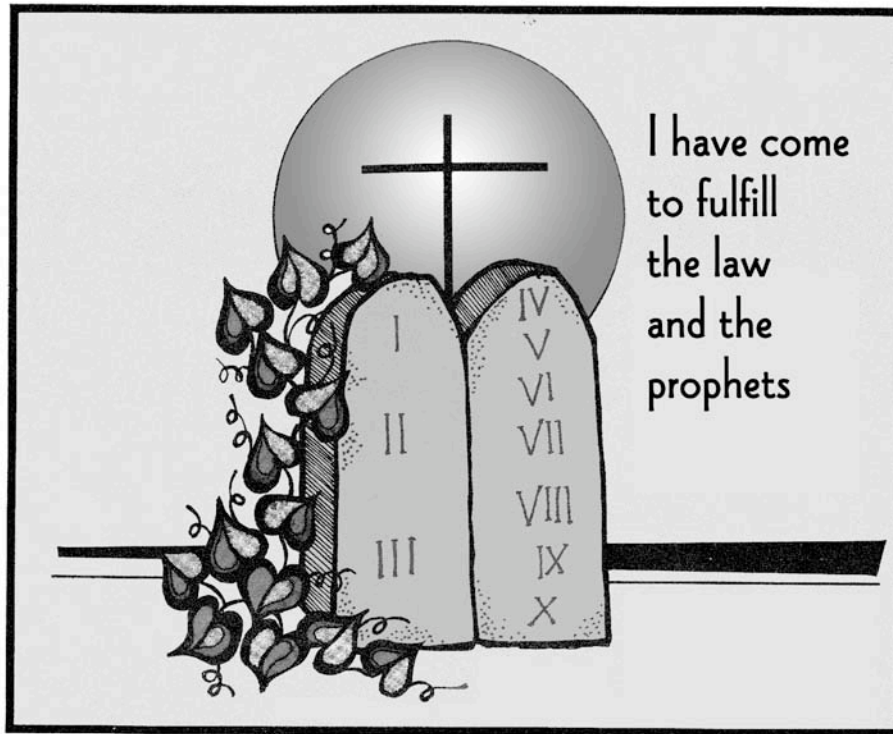
Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, February 16th) at 7:30pm in the chapel.

The 2009 Greenville Marian Conference, "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist" will be held June 26th - June 27th at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville, SC. Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., and Marcus Grodi (EWTN, The Journey Home) are among the distinguished speakers.

www.greenvillemarianconference.org or call Carleen Maher at 864-255-5646.

Young Adults: Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our parish community come and check out our growing young adult group. Activities: Prayer, Reflection and Social Monday, February 16th at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Faith Formation building in the first classroom on the left. Adoration (5:00pm) and Latin Mass (6:00pm) Wednesday, February 18th at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Pre-Lenten Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 21st beginning with 9:00am daily Mass at St. Vincent DePaul Church followed by breakfast. Retreat will last until noon. Meet for Lunch after 11:30 Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Sunday, February 22nd, in the gathering space by the statue. Monday, February 23rd from 7:00-9:00pm when Fr. DeClue at St. Vincent DePaul Church continues his lecture series. Ash Wednesday Mass, February 25th you are welcome to meet at the evening Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook at Vinney's DOC.

St. Matthew's Young Adult Life invites those in their 20's and 30's to mark your calendars for our upcoming Theology on Tap Series, Lent: 40 Days in the Desert. Theology on Tap is a unique way of learning the theology of Catholic faith in a laid-back environment. What does the celebration of Holy Thursday mean to me? Why is the celebration of the Passover still important for my Catholic faith? Following the example of St. Paul's gospel, how do I take part in the loving service of Jesus? Find out Thursday, February 19, 2009, where Fr. Patrick Toole, Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew Catholic Church will be speaking on *Holy Thursday and Service* as part II of our Lenten series. Location: Mario's Pizza / John's Place, 3016 Weddington Rd #100, Matthews, NC. Join us at 6:30 pm for drinks and food, speakers will begin at 7:00 pm. \$8 per person will get you all-you-can-eat pizza and soda. Alcohol can be purchased separately. Upcoming dates: March 19 and April 16. <http://www.meetup.com/youngadultlife> or email.st.matthews.yal@gmail.com.



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY

In 1948 the free world was shocked by the trial of József Cardinal Mindszenty. The man who had valiantly withstood Nazi and communist oppression in his native Hungary pleaded guilty to the charges of treason brought against him by the communist regime. But he was clearly a broken man. Somehow that brave, independent spirit had been overcome, but only at the cost of destroying the person. To invade the personal center of another human being is the ultimate act of violence. Each individual has a privacy that is his or hers and that cannot rightly be invaded. No human being may take away that privacy from another.

Privacy is not just something to be enjoyed. Privacy means more than the right to unplug the telephone and shut the door and not be bothered by anybody. The other side of the coin, however, is our personal responsibility for our life. No one can take that responsibility for us. Even if we choose to hand over responsibility for our life totally to another, that is itself a deeply personal act.

GOD AND LORD

Only God is Lord. The Creator alone can touch us gently at the deepest core of our being. God does not invade us from outside to break down our resistances and rob us of our freedom, as a human tyrant does. The Spirit is already within, at the very heart of our being. Yielding ourselves to God is opening ourselves to that life-force that creates us and carries us on to ever fuller life. By yielding ourselves to God we do not lose ourselves or find our dignity compromised. We discover ourselves in a new and exciting way.

More than any external work that Jesus did, his power to touch and transform the human heart marks him as divine. His is not the destructive dominance that is seen too often in human beings, but the creative dominance that is God's alone. The Christian discovers that Jesus is Lord, and therefore knows him as God.

The new law of the kingdom, as we hear it proclaimed in today's Gospel, places exacting demands on the Christian. It is not merely our religious practice or external behavior that comes under its scrutiny but our inner motives and desires. Jesus calls us to do God's will not only externally but with the right intention: to love and serve the Lord and give praise to God. *Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]*

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GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday: St. Peter Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

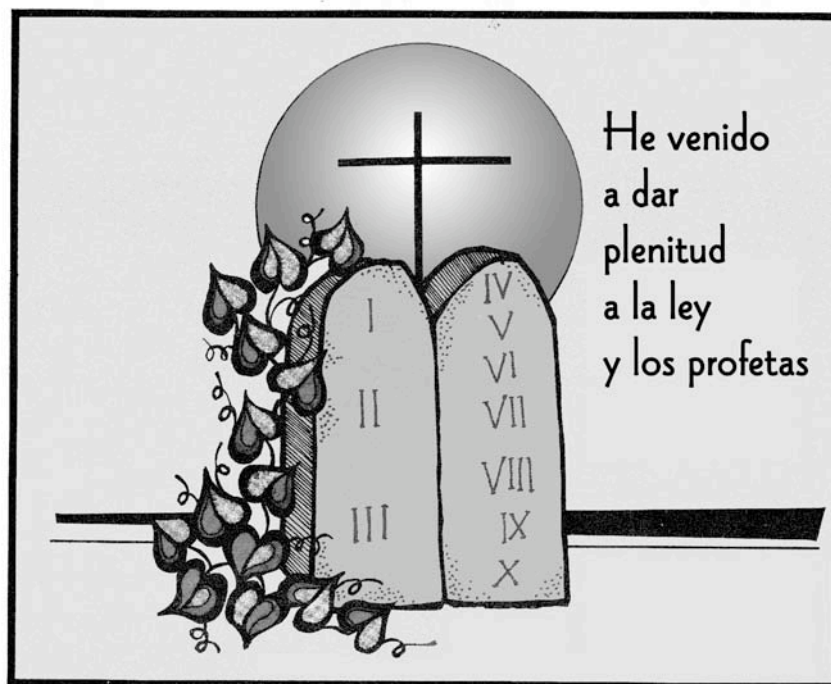
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. We don't know if the man's diagnosis is true leprosy, Hansen's disease, since almost any skin ailment qualified as leprosy in the time of Jesus. The harsh treatment of isolation from community remained the norm for centuries. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Kopp to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been beatified, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission. —Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse. —George Washington



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Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LIBERTAD Y PRIVACIDAD

En 1948 el mundo libre se estremeció con el juicio del cardenal József Mindszenty. El hombre que se había resistido valientemente a la opresión nazista y comunista en su Hungría natal se declaró culpable de todos los cargos de traición de los que el régimen comunista lo acusaba. Pero era, claramente, un hombre destrozado. De alguna manera, ese espíritu valiente e independiente había sido vencido, pero sólo a costa de destrozarse a la persona. Invadir lo más central de una persona es el acto supremo de violencia. Cada persona posee una privacidad propia, la cual nadie tiene el derecho de invadir. Ningún ser humano debe quitarle esa privacidad a otro.

La privacidad no es sólo para ser disfrutada. La privacidad significa más que desconectar el teléfono y cerrar la puerta para que nadie me moleste. Al otro lado de la moneda está nuestra responsabilidad personal por nuestra vida. Nadie más puede hacerse cargo de esa responsabilidad. Aun si optamos por darle a otro totalmente la responsabilidad por nuestra vida, ése ha de ser un acto profundamente personal.

DIOS Y SEÑOR

Solamente Dios es Señor. Dios solo puede llegar suavemente hasta lo más profundo de nuestro ser. Dios no nos invade desde afuera para destrozarnos nuestras resistencias y robarnos nuestra libertad como lo haría un tirano humano. El Espíritu ya se encuentra dentro de nosotros, en el mero centro de nuestro ser. Rendirnos ante Dios y abrirnos a esa fuerza vivificante que nos crea y nos conduce hacia una vida más plena. Al rendirnos ante Dios no nos perdemos ni ponemos en juego nuestra dignidad, sino que nos descubrimos a nosotros mismos de una manera nueva y apasionante.

Más que ninguna otra obra externa de Jesús, lo que distingue su divinidad es su poder de llegar a nuestro corazón y transformarlo. No hay en Jesús el dominio destructivo que existe tan a menudo en los seres humanos, sino el dominio creativo que es sólo de Dios. El cristiano descubre que Jesús es el Señor y consecuentemente lo conoce como Dios.

La nueva ley del reino, como lo escuchamos proclamar en el evangelio de hoy, pone exigencias rigurosas en el cristiano. No son meramente nuestras prácticas religiosas y nuestros comportamientos externos lo que se pone bajo escrutinio, sino más bien nuestros motivos y deseos. Jesús nos llama a hacer la voluntad de Dios, no sólo externamente, sino con la intención correcta: para amar y servir al Señor y dar alabanza a Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Sirácide 15:15-20; Salmo 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corintios 2:6-10;

Mateo 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37] Copyright © 2007, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingos a las 12:30pm.

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$1,610.00) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25000**: \$25.000). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este pais. Para quienes han participado, gracias por su contribucion financiera. Si no ha participado todavia, por favor considere el hacer una contribucion economica para honrar nuestros inmigrantes, ancestros, amigos y/o seres queridos que han muerto sirviendo en este pais, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo fisico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este pais grandioso. !Que Dios los tenga en su seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento en la oficina de la iglesia. Para mayor informacion, puede comunicarse con Esteban Cardoso 704-733-7532.

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Su iglesia y la comunidad, ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en servir en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristía, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

Si tiene algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico meandmygirlies@windstream.net .

Un taller sobre La Violencia Domestica 7:00pm
Jueves, Febrero 19, Saint John Neumann.

El Grupo de Jóvenes de la parroquia de Santa Ana es un grupo activo de jóvenes quienes ayudan con actividades de la parroquia y programas locales de caridad. Preguntas?
Macy y Gloria 704-752-8659.

La Iglesia de Santa Ana, Los miercoles a las 7:00pm: Por que ser Catolico Alguna vez has deseado el poder apreciar mejor la base, el contenido, la riqueza la alegria de nuestra fe catolica? Entiendes verdaderamente el poder de la Palabra de Dios en tu vida? Que maneras encuentras de vincular tu fe con tu vida cotidiana? Por que ser Catolico es una oportunidad de unir la Sagrada Escritura con el Catecismo de la Iglesia Catolica a traves de las pequenas comunidades. Espero que se unan a mi en esta magnifica y especial jornada espiritual. Jorge Gomiz 704-458-4757.

COMENZAR DE NUEVO

Si tuviera que empezar la vida de nuevo, querría que todo fuera igual. Sólo que abriría un poco más los ojos.

—Jules Renard

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Mc 6:53-56
Martes: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Sal 32 (31);
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mc 1:40-45

