

## The Third Sunday of Lent

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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### *Your Stewardship of Treasure*

710 registered families

#### **The Week ending, March 1, 2009**

Sunday Offering 143 envelopes 5,744.01

Children's Offering 4 envelopes 4.00

Sunday Offering loose cash 1,277.56

Total 7,025.57

YTD 346,959.03

Budget 323,076.95

+/- +23,882.08

Our fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement  
Collection 1,106.00

Change Jar: 11.94 (3/01/09)

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

Fr. Reid's homilies are now on our webpage:  
[www.stannsparish.org](http://www.stannsparish.org).



On behalf of those who benefit from the DSA, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."

**Potluck & Family Rosary:** Everyone is invited to attend a Potluck immediately after the **4:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. After dinner, we will pray a Rosary for pro-life intentions. Please contact Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com) for more information. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert along with your passion for LIFE!

#### **Bulletin deadlines are 12noon:**

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

**CSS is no longer collecting** clothing or home items at this time. Thank you.

March 15, 2009

Dear Parishioners,

I want to take a moment this week to inform you of a very disturbing decision that was made this week by President Obama. On Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the president lifted the restrictions placed by President Bush on government funding of embryonic stem cell research. In doing so President Obama pledged to “use sound, scientific practice and evidence, instead of dogma” as a guide to federal policy. Many scientists believe that stem cells harvested from embryos could help advance medical technology to help cure certain diseases and illnesses. This is because stem cells harvested from human embryos have the capacity to be manipulated to form any of the body’s cell types, such as nerve cells or brain cells, and thereby repair or replace damaged tissue or organs.

However, embryonic stem cell research is morally reprehensible because it requires the destruction of human life as embryonic stem cells are taken from living human embryos, thereby destroying the embryo in the process. In fact, in December 2008 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released a new document on bioethics, *Dignitas Personae*, which clearly condemns this practice: “The obtaining of stem cells from a living human embryo, on the other hand, invariably causes the death of the embryo and is consequently gravely illicit. ... History itself has condemned such a science in the past and will condemn it in the future, not only because it lacks the light of God but also because it lacks humanity” (no. 32).

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, who heads the Pro-Life Activities Committee for U.S. bishops, called this decision “a sad victory of politics over science and ethics.” He went on to say that embryonic stem cell research is wrong due to the fact that it destroys “innocent human life” by “treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested,” and also noted that the executive order “disregards the values of millions of American taxpayers who oppose research that requires taking human life.”

Furthermore, there are morally-permissible alternatives to embryonic stem cell research that have proven to be much more effective than embryonic stem cell research, thus making embryonic stem cell research unnecessary. Specifically, there have been great advances in reprogramming adult stem cells so that they behave like embryonic stem cells. Moreover, adult stem cells taken from umbilical cords are as versatile as embryonic stem cells and have already been used to reverse illnesses and rebuild damaged organs. To date, there have been 72 cures and treatments developed from adult stem cells, but **zero** cures and treatments that have come through embryonic stem cell research. For more information on embryonic and adult stem cell research, go to: <http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.com/>

Our Catholic moral tradition has always held that it is not licit to perform some evil action simply to derive some good from it. The taking of innocent human life, even if that human life is in its most nascent stages, is always and in every way intrinsically evil. This decision is a grave injustice that will further erode the proper respect for human life in our country. And as Catholics we have a responsibility to fight such injustices through all legitimate means open to us (e.g., voting for pro-life candidates, peaceful protests, letters to our elected officials, etc.). In addition to committing ourselves to fighting such evils in the public forum, let us also pray and offer sacrifices for all those who support or who are involved in embryonic stem cell research, that they will come to understand the true evil of this practice and repent.

With prayers for a holy Lent,



Fr. Reid

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**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:** Work on the foundation for the new walls and new “arms” continues this week. Structural steel has been ordered and will be delivered in mid-April. The pace has picked up significantly with our permit now in hand.

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**

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman 704-907-7914 [claywork@aol.com](mailto:claywork@aol.com)  
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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.*

**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 loved 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: 3,818.00 – as of 03/08/09).

**Parish Penance Services**

St. Luke Church	Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm
<b>St. Ann Church</b>	<b>Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00pm</b>
St. Gabriel Church	Wednesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm
OLA	Saturday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> 3:30pm
St. Patrick Cathedral	Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
St. Thomas Aquinas Church	Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm
St. Mark Church, Huntersville	Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> 7:00pm
St. John Neumann Church	Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> 7:00pm

**Laws of Fast and Abstinence:** Abstinence: The church defines abstinence as days on which no meat may be eaten. These days are: all Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics 14 years or older are bound to abstain from meat on these days. Fasting: The Church defines fasting as having only one full meal and two smaller, meatless meals enough to maintain one’s strength. Together the smaller meals should not equal the one full meal. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over 18 but not yet 60 years old are bound to fast. (Those with health conditions in which fasting and abstinence would be considered harmful to their health are not obliged to fast or abstain.)

Masses

**Sunday, March 15, 2009**

8:00am Mass \_Jack Doman  
by Virginia Doman  
10:30am Mass +Danny Sullivan  
by the Schifano family  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

**Monday, March 16, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of Dennis McGloin  
by Jack and Sylvia Hurley

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
6:00pm Mass +Marie Josephine DeMars  
by Sylvia and Jack Hurley

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of our Sisters of St. Joseph:  
S. Judy Monahan and S. Helene Nagle

**Friday, March 20, 2009**

8:30am Mass +Marta Henderson  
by the family

**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass +Marta Henderson  
by the family

**Sunday, March 22, 2009**

8:00am Mass +John Leach  
by Andrea Rothe  
10:30am Mass Intentions of John Tobin  
by the Beckert family  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

**Monday, March 23, 2009**

7:00am Mass +Vincent Nguyent  
by the Nguyent family

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
6:00pm Mass For St. Ann's Benefactors  
and their loved ones

**Thursday, March 26, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of Lori Ugan  
by Mary Pat Anthony

**Friday, March 27, 2009**

8:30am Mass +Richard DeMars  
by Jack and Sylvia Hurley

**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

9:00am Mass Respect Life  
3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass +Fr. Jack Biller  
by Virginia Doman

**Sunday, March 29, 2009**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection Home Missions  
8:00am Mass +Thomas Manera  
by Perrin Lang  
10:30am Mass +Thomas Manera  
by Jess Perry  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

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

**World Rosary**, Monday, March 16th at 7:30pm.  
Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for  
location. All are invited to attend.

**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. See the tour flier for more information.

**Our Baptismal Class will be TODAY, March  
15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** in the Allen Center classroom 1.

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**The Allen Center Schedule**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group  
7:00pm R.C.I.A.  
7:30pm World Rosary

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day**

9:00am Ceramics  
10:00am CSS  
3:00pm C.L.

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
7:00pm Healing prayer  
7:00pm Parish Council  
7:00pm Why Catholic  
7:30pm True Beauty  
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph Day  
7:00pm bingo  
7:00pm Choir

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm C.L.  
6:00pm Dance Group  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)  
8:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am AA/NA  
5:30pm Respect Life Potluck  
Dinner and Rosary  
All Are Invited To Attend  
8:00pm Youth Group Lock-In

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Bible Study  
9:10am CSS  
7:00pm CSS

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group  
6:00pm AA  
7:00pm R.C.I.A.  
7:30pm World Rosary

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Ceramics  
10:00am CSS  
3:00pm C.L.

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm Little Flower  
7:00pm Why Catholic  
7:30pm True Beauty  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**ATTENTION SINGERS!**

Please consider being part of St. Ann's Music Ministry. We need you! Our immediate need is for SOPRANOS and BASSES, but all voice parts are welcome! Rehearsals for the 10:30am choir are on THURSDAY evenings at 7:00pm. You do not need to be able to read music -- all you need is to be able to attend the rehearsals and be willing to learn and work hard in order to help support this important and excellent parish ministry! If you are interested in singing with the 12:30pm music group (Spanish/English Mass), rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 11:45am.

**Christopher West** presents an exciting introduction to John Paul II's "*Theology of the Body*," April 24-25, Belmont Abbey College. Visit website: [alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/](http://alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/) Christopher West or contact Jillian at 704-461-6869.



**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](mailto: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. Ann's Youth Group**  
(Middle and High Students)

**6:30 – 8:00pm**

**Food, Fun, Games! Don't miss out!**

**TODAY, March 15th**

Calling all chefs - help cook meals for Tanya's Cupboard - a service project

**Saturday, March 21st - Sunday  
March 22nd**

Youth Group Lock In

7:30pm Saturday - 7:30am Sunday

Bring a friend (one maximum please!!)

Permission forms can be picked up at Youth Group on March 15th.

\$5.00 donations will be accepted to offset costs.

**West Side Story:** Free performance for families with special needs on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00pm at Providence High School Auditorium, 1800 Pineville Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC.

**Faith Formation Schedule:**

Sacrament Preparation classes: Grades K-8 meet each Sunday 9:00 – 10:20am St. Ann School **except** for the following Sundays: 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. **Confirmation** will take place Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with Bishop Jugis.

**Women's Lenten Retreat**-Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jlgranzow@windstream.net)

Mark your calendars for **St. Ann's Vacation Bible School, "Crocodile Dock, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"**, June 22nd-26th from 9:00am to 12noon. Children age 4 thru 5th grade are invited to attend, and as always, we are looking for teen helpers (raising 6th graders and up) as well as young-hearted adults to help as volunteers. Contact Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com).

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

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr., USN,  
Louis Cragg, US Navy,  
Todd MacDonald 1<sup>st</sup> 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



Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It's important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

### **Stewardship Corner**

The jar \$41.59 (3/8/09)

Don't forget the jar.

As you can see, it adds up! \$520.08 YTD:

Again this year, we are going to participate in BI-LO's booster plus fund raising program. We can earn money for ST.ANN'S CHURCH simply by shopping at any BI-LO with our BONUS CARD. Enrollment passes are available at the Church Office. All you need to do is to give it to the cashier with your bonus card to be scanned within your grocery order. This one-time scan will enroll you for ST. ANN'S CHURCH until May 31, 2009 and we will receive one percent of your purchases. Extra passes are available so you can give them to your family and friends and they can help us raise money as well. It might not seem like much but we appreciate anything you can do. Just as with the "Jar" little amounts add up.

ST. ANN'S YOUTH GROUP: We pray for and appreciate the leaders and members of Saint Ann's Youth Group. This Middle and High School Group meets every other Sunday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Center. Based on the former "CYO Model" of spiritual, social and service activities the Youth Group seeks to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. Our young people are invited to be part of the life mission and work of St. Ann Parish Community. The youth are encouraged to grow in Faith and Love and build strong friendships with their peers. A section of this Bulletin is designated each week listing the Youth Group activities.

**Please pray for: (in our parish):** Don Millard, Maggie Bernard, Benny Cannon, John Nunes, Joan Knechtle, Ryan Nguyen, Mimi Gibson, Katie Sloan, Gerry Buening, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth and Danny DeHority, Gerald Dugan, Jane Grist, 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, Bill Hall, Jeff Edmond and Ethel Meyer, Mary Ann Conrad (**and among our relatives and friends:** Amanda Owens (niece of Derek Gary), Ernest Rains (Delrio family), Angela Moliere (friend of Deborah Robert, 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), William Grist (husband of Jane Grist), Jim Ensrude (brother of John Ensrude).

**Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated:** Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Aranjó, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of John Halmans parishioner, who died March 4, 2009.

**Introductory Session** for Creighton Model FertilityCare System: St. Ann Parish in Charlotte, will have an introductory session of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30pm for anyone looking for a natural and drug free approach to monitoring fertility and/or natural family planning. Reservations are required. Private introductory sessions may also be scheduled by appointment. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FertilityCare Practitioner(I), at 803-554-6569.



**St. Ann's School News**

Visit the website at

**[www.stannscatholicschool.com](http://www.stannscatholicschool.com)**

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Mass 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Discovery  
Place

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> TK and 1<sup>st</sup> graders  
Dental/Hygiene  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Snow make-up day  
1:15pm dismissal

**Community Service Project Girl Scout Troop 10:**

St. Ann's Girl Scout Troop 10, our Daisy Troop, is collecting used towels for the Charlotte Animal Shelter. The scouts in Troop 10 are working on this community service project to complete the Outstanding Troop Award. Please consider helping them. They are 5 and 6 year old scouts. The Animal Shelter needs towels to wrap the animals after surgery. If you have any old towels, please wash them and bring them to the church for Troop 10 on or before April 19th. Thank you. If you have any questions please email Joanne Shea at [joannesh@carolina.rr.com](mailto:joannesh@carolina.rr.com).

**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, 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.) Check the diocese webpage, under "Making it work". ([www.charlottediocese.org](http://www.charlottediocese.org).)

**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](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com).

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

**Come for a Night of Healing Prayer** after the Latin Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, March 16th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Barbara Gardner at: [CHLT5NC@aol.com](mailto:CHLT5NC@aol.com).

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Pre- School** is an excellent beginning for your child's faith and educational future. 3 and 4 year olds, Call Jan Bartels at 704-554-7088 x213 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Annual Men's Retreat Be not afraid. I am with you always.** In these troubled stressful times, we need to depend on the Lord for courage and support even more. St. Peter's Catholic Church is offering a Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 28 starting at 8:30 a.m. The retreat and parking in the *Green Parking Garage* are free. Please call 704-332-2901.

**Improve your driving. AARP and Atria Merrywood** 3600 Park Road will be having a refresher driving course Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 2:30pm Call Erin 704-523-4949.

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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:** Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!)** Monday, **March 16th** at 7:00pm in faith formation building, first room on the left at St. Vincent DePaul Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **March 18th** and **25th** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities.

Join us on **Monday, March 23rd** from 7pm-9pm when Fr. DeClue continues with the fourth session of lecture series with the topic *The Liturgy at St. Vincent de Paul Church*.

For more information please contact Christina Hinton at [christina.hinton@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hinton@gmail.com) or look us up on Facebook at Vinney's DOC.

St. Matthew Young Adult Life Group invites all those in their 20's and 30's to **Theology On Tap Lent:** 40 days in the Desert Part III: The Speaker: Dean Nikodemski will be speaking on The Passion. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 26**. We meet at Mario's Pizza/John's Place, 3016 Weddington Rd., #100. Join us at 6:30 pm for drinks and food (\$8/person for all you can eat pizza and soda) Speaker begins at 7:00pm. RSVP to [www.meetup.com/youngadulthoodlife](http://www.meetup.com/youngadulthoodlife) or email [st.matthews.yal@gmail.com](mailto:st.matthews.yal@gmail.com).

**Catholic Social Services** is providing an informational seminar on Russian Adoptions on Saturday, March 28, 2009, 10:30am until 12noon. The seminar is at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte Pastoral Center at 1123 South Church Street. For more information contact us at 888-990-4199 or [cssadopt@charlottediocese.org](mailto:cssadopt@charlottediocese.org).

St. Matthew Catholic Church will have a **Mass in Polish** on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 3:00pm. Confessions will be available from 2:00pm. For more information, please call Elizabeth Spytkowski at 704-948-1678.

**Catholic night at the Bobcats basketball game** vs New York Knicks is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Time Warner Arena. For ticket information, e-mail: [tsmith@bobcats.com](mailto:tsmith@bobcats.com) and mention "Catholic Night".

[www.nba.com/bobcats/groups.html](http://www.nba.com/bobcats/groups.html) (Enter passcode: Catholic) Additional information is available through the Catholic Schools Office, the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, or the Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese.

**First Annual Bulldog Run 5k The Holy Trinity Middle School.** Athletic Association is excited to announce the first Annual Bulldog Run 5k on April 25, 2009, to benefit HTAA and Crisis Assistance Ministry! The 3.1-mile run will begin and end at St. Matthews School. Pre-registration is \$20, or race-day registration is \$25 and all participants receive a free t-shirt. For more information, or to register, [www.sportoften.com](http://www.sportoften.com), / [www.queencitytiming.com](http://www.queencitytiming.com).

We will need alot of help to support the efforts of the **Hispanic Young Adult Easter Retreat** which is planned for April 3-5 at Holy Trinity. We will need families to offer lodging to those youth who have traveled more than 1 hour from their homes to attend the retreat. They would need your hospitality for that Friday and Saturday night. If you have room at your "inn" and can help, please contact Ricardo Veloz, Hispanic Youth Ministry, Diocese of Charlotte 704 661 2243.

Do you have a son who is a rising first through fifth grader that is interested in joining **Cub Scouts**? Call Richard Cashman at 704-552-1334 and join the Great Pack 288 at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

**The Spiritual Exercises** are a weekend silent retreat with Miles Christi Religious Order. A Men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2009. The retreat starts on Friday at 4:30pm and concludes on Sunday at 4:30pm. The spiritual conferences are preached by the priests of Miles Christi, according to the method and principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Call 248-596-9677 or [infousa@mileschristi.org](mailto:infousa@mileschristi.org).



**Respect Life Lenten Service Project:** The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for Holy Angels, a very special ministry that cares for children and adults with varying degrees of mental and physical disabilities and are medically fragile. Please see the partial supply list below for the items needed. The residents have very specific needs and this list will rotate throughout Lent! A collection basket will be in hallway of the Allen Center during Lent for your donations. Please take this opportunity to make the most of our Lenten journey with charity and prayer for these very special Children of God, their families and their caregivers. Questions? Please contact Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com).

Dial	4.25 oz
Dial Moisturizing w/Aloe	4.25 oz
Johnson Baby Bath	9.0 oz
Johnson Baby w/Aloe	9.0 oz
Dove	4.25 oz
Dove for Sensitive Skin	4.25 oz
Pure and Natural	4.5 oz
Tone Soap	4.25 oz
Neutrogena for Oily Skin	3.5 oz
Soap Dishes	(Plastic 2 Pieces)
Cetaphil	16 oz

Stop by the Respect Life table in the hallway for information on *The Red Envelopes for Life Campaign*, a quiet but clear effort to change our president's view on abortion. Questions? Contact Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com).

**The Solemn Vespers of Lent** will be held at 6:00pm every Sunday evening during Lent at the St. Patrick Cathedral. On Sundays, it is the Office most likely to bring the faithful together in church for the second time and thus becomingly completes the Divine Service for that day. Evening Vespers will include a reflection on the seven last words of Christ given by the following:

**Today, March 15:** Third Word, "Woman, Behold Thy Son". Reflection by Father John Putnam

**March 22:** Fourth Word. "My God, My God, Why hast Thou forsaken me?" Reflection by Father Christopher Roux

**March 29:** Fifth Word, "I thirst". Reflection by Father Brad Jones

**April 5:** Sixth Word, "It is finished" & Seventh Word, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Reflection by Bishop Peter J. Jugis.

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**Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2009** I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me.  
— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

### KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments (not the movie, the book). The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalms** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny  
Tuesday: St. Patrick  
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
Thursday: St. Joseph,  
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: Spring begins; Abstinence

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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### GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick





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## Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

### EL VALOR DE UN NOMBRE

Los primeros cristianos dieron un nombre a la mujer que estaba junto al pozo en el evangelio de hoy: Fotina, que significa “iluminada” o “la que recibió [la] luz”. Esto sigue la tradición bíblica de otorgar nombres a personajes para ayudarnos a entender su papel –y el nuestro– al experimentar el poder salvífico de Dios. Todos los evangelistas, y Juan en particular, hacen de los personajes que encuentran a Jesús prototipos de todos nosotros. Al igual que nosotros, Fotina no entiende al principio. Se requiere un diálogo con Jesús (en este caso, uno más bien argumentativo), para que esta mujer admita a sí misma quién es ella, y para que Jesús la ayude a descubrir dónde puede encontrar el verdadero manantial de agua viva y eterna. Al final de este encuentro ella queda iluminada. Su iluminación es la razón por la cual la Iglesia primitiva eligió éste como uno de los evangelios que siempre se deben leer para aquellos que buscan a Cristo por primera vez y que serán iluminados e iniciados en la nueva luz de la Vigilia Pascual.

### ¿PONER O NO PONER NOMBRE?

El mencionar por nombre a la mujer junto al pozo ha caído en desuso. En cierto modo, y especialmente en nuestra sociedad, se tiende a poner nombre a las cosas con el fin primordial de poseerlas. Las personas suelen poner nombre a sus mascotas, casas, automóviles y demás. Era parte de la tradición bíblica que el dar o cambiar el nombre a alguien demostraba que pertenecían a Dios; pero su nombre nuevo se escogía también para imbuirle la realidad de un cambio o una nueva dirección en su vida. Con mucha frecuencia, hoy nombramos cosas sólo para demostrar que nos pertenecen; así es que, tal vez es mejor que ya no le demos nombre a esta mujer, ya que bien pudiera ser el nombre de cualquiera de nosotros, mujer u hombre. Todos nosotros recibimos en nuestro bautismo un mismo nombre, el cual denota que somos de Cristo. Somos “cristi-anizados” y a lo largo de nuestra vida llevamos nuestro nombre más importante: cristiano o cristiana. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para retornar a ese nombre, para renovar nuestro diálogo con Cristo, y así ser, una vez más, iluminados por la gracia de su verdad y de su amor. *Lecturas de hoy: Éxodo 17:3–7; Salmo 95:1–2, 6–9; Romanos 5:1–2, 5–8; Juan 4:5–42 [5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42]*

**Servicio Bilingüe:** Domingos a las 12:30pm.



**La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha** (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$3,818.00) 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.

**Preguntas/Inquietudes acerca de nuestros planes de construcción:**

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman  
704-907-7914 [claywork@aol.com](mailto:claywork@aol.com)  
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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](mailto:meandmygirlies@windstream.net) .

**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.

Vamos a necesitar de su gran ayuda para la realizacion de la Pascua Juvenil 2009, que se llevara a cabo el fin de semana del 3-5 de Abril en la escuela secundaria Holy Trinity que se localiza en el 3100 Park Rd.

Vamos a necesitar de su ayuda para dar hospedaje a los jovenes y sus asesores que viajan mas de 1 hora de camino (Los jovenes que viven en el area de Charlotte, pueden ir a dormir a sus casas y ademas nos pueden ayudar con hospedaje para alguien mas de fuera). El hospedaje es solo la noche del viernes y sabado. Si puede ayudar, favor de llamar Ricardo Veloz 704 661 2243