

<b>Saturday</b>	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	For the People of our Parish Community ✠Madeline Martinez - Martinez Family Holy Mary, Mother of God ✠Manuel Campos - Campos Family
<b>Sunday</b>	Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am	✠Tommie Fonseca - Fonseca Family ✠Juan Silva - Wife & Family ✠Valentin Sanchez - Family
		10:00am	✠Lucy M. Valdez - Ponce Family ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family I.T.G. Sacred Heart of Jesus - C. Araguz & Family
		12:00pm	✠Albert Teneyuca - Ventura Family ✠Beatrice Arias - Esposo ✠Roberto Vargas - Wife & Family
<b>Monday</b>	Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:15am	✠Helen Cortez - Dora & Friends
<b>Tuesday</b>	Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:15am	For All Priests
<b>Wednesday</b>	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:15am	✠Raul Dorado - Wife G.O.L. Esther & Valerie - Mom
<b>Thursday</b>	Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Services</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:15am	For All Priests
<b>Saturday</b>	Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Wedding of Amanda Tovar & Fernando Bocanegra
		5:00pm	✠Baleriano & Guadalupe Rivera - Family I.T.G. 48 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Of Joe & Mary Jo Martinez ✠Andrew Herrera - Family
<b>Sunday</b>	Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	For the People of our Parish Community ✠Johnny Arocha - Family ✠Roman Zambrano - Zambrano Family
		10:00am	✠Petra Z. Torres - Tia Teresa Castro ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family I.T.G. Pope John Paul - C. Araguz & Family



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00pm ✠Eloisa Herrera - M/M Victor Armenta  
✠Stella Almanza - Irene  
✠Juan Chapa - Wife & Daughters

THIS WEEK		
<b>Mon. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	6:30pm	Catechist Meeting (Rm 22)
	7:00pm	Share the Word (Café) / Ultreya (Church)
<b>Tues. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	5:00pm	St. Vincent de Paul (Rm 13)
	7:00pm	Healing Service (Church)
<b>Wed. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm	Finance Council (Library)
<b>Thur. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm	English Bible Study (Rm 15)
<b>Fri. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

February 14, 2010 Collection			
Envelopes	\$4,185.00	5:00pm	\$1,086.00 (126)
Loose	\$1,642.71	8:00am	\$1,199.68 (161)
School	\$ 120.78	10:00am	\$1,508.53 (235)
Cap. Exp. Fund	\$ 633.04	12:00pm	\$1,518.50 (419)
		Mail In	\$ 515.00

**DE COLORES**

All those who have participated in a Cursillo are reminded we have Ultreya every Monday in the church at 7:00pm. Please come and invite all your friends who made a Cursillo to come also. For more information please contact Henry Castillo, Jr. Henry is part of our 8:00am Sunday Spanish choir or Deacon Sandoval.

**† PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH †**

Ray Almaguer, Cecilia Espinoza, Monica Younger, Ray & Anthony Pérez, Tommy Martinez, José & Lucila Flores, Hilda De La Zerde, Benito Agustín Perales, Connie Tenorio, Joe Julián Moreno, Rita Pérez, Catarina García, Joe Moreno, George Moreno, Amalia Moreno, Miranda Sanchez, Melanie Sanchez, Mary V. Garcia, María Espino, Lucy Clare Treviño, Jesse Mario Vega, Frances Ramirez, Edward Jiménez, Virginia Silva, George L. Hernandez, Raúl Tapia and Tina Garcia.

**CANDLES**

All those wanting the seven day candle we have in church are asked to please put the money for these in the envelopes marked "candles". These envelopes may be put in the ushers' basket during the offertory collection. Since these candles cost us more than the other ones we had we are asking a donation of three dollars (\$3.00) for each one.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection today is for Catholic missions among black and native Americans. Please be generous.

**† REST IN PEACE †**

We pray for the souls of our departed friends and relatives and those who were buried from our parish community, especially Guadalupe T. Sarfaty, Trinidad M. Bueno and Pedro Martinez.



**First Sunday of Lent  
REMEMBER**

**February 21, 2010**

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing . © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**REMINDERS FOR LENT**

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 – 59 years. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed, two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe these regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

**WORDS TO REFLECT ON**

Choosing the Blessings

It is an ongoing temptation to think of ourselves as living under a curse. The loss of a friend, an illness, an accident a natural disaster, a war, or any failure can make us quickly think that we are no good and are being punished. This temptation to think of our lives as full of curses is even greater when all the media present us day after day with stories about human misery. Jesus came to bless us, not to curse us. But we must choose to receive that blessing and hand it on to others. Blessings and curses are always placed on front of us. We are free to choose. God says Choose the blessings!----- Fr. Henri Nouwen

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society does a lot of good in the community. Every month they visit the residents at Retama Nursing Home and play bingo with them. They also help many with food, utility assistance, and prescriptions. In addition to this they serve dinner to the homeless at the down town St. Vincent de Paul dinning room. While they never complain they can always use more help with the good works they do. If you would like to be part of this group please come to the next meeting which will be on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm in Room 13 in the school building .

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

All finance council members are reminded of their next meeting, which will be on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the school library. The finance council provides sound advice on all financial aspects of the parish. Many of the issues they discuss have a direct impact on what happens in the parish. Please keep all the council members in your prayers.

**H.E.B. GIFT CARDS**

We sell H.E.B. gift cards. The next time you get ready to go to the store please buy one of these cards from us. These cards are valid for all grocery and gasoline purchases. The church will get back 4% of what you spend. From July 2007 to June 2008 we got \$1,004.20 from H.E.B. The more people purchase with these cards the more money the church will receive.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In the Mass during the Eucharistic Prayer, as the presider/priest extends his hands over the bread and wine, in the name of the Church/us, he is calling the Holy Spirit to consecrate the gifts of bread and wine so that they may become Christ's Body and Blood. (This part of the Mass is called the epiclesis.) This next Sunday perhaps you might "tune in" especially to this part to become more intimately connected to Christ's action.

**NEW CAFETERIA POLICY**

Due to the many problems we encountered by those who have used the cafeteria and/or kitchen in the recent past, the Pastoral Council has decided to place new rules on the usage of these facilities. Starting immediately all church and school organizations that use these facilities will pay the following charge(s):

\$50.00 dollars to use the kitchen

\$50.00 dollars to clean the kitchen

\$50.00 to clean the dining room and put the tables and chairs back in their proper place

Renters will only be charged for the area they use and full payment is due at the time the area is booked. Renters are also responsible for a general cleaning of the area they use. All reservations and payments will be made at the rectory office. The money paid for use of the kitchen will be saved and used when a repair or replacement becomes necessary. This payment will not cover the entire cost of repairs and maintenance to the kitchen facilities but it will help a little .

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We will again be having Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. All stations will start at 7:00pm and will be in the church unless noted otherwise. The following is our current of listing of who will be leading the Stations:

February 26<sup>th</sup> -----St. John Berchmans' School (Mrs. Nora Garcia)

March 5<sup>th</sup> -----Faith Formation (Mrs Rosalinda Rodriguez)

March 12<sup>th</sup> -----ACTS (Mr. Rocky Rodriguez)

March 19<sup>th</sup> -----Guadalupanas (Mrs Annie Esparza)

March 26<sup>th</sup> -----CYO (Mr. Raul Robles)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> -----Knights of Columbus (Mr. Ruben Pena)

Please plan on attending as many as you can .

**SJB RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We are in need of catechists and volunteers to help out with our faith formation program. You can be involved in the following ways: Catechist, Catechist assistant, substitute catechist, office volunteer (Note: all volunteers will be asked to complete a background check and attend an OVASE training.) We need volunteers to assist with † Eucharist, † Reconciliation, RCIA adapted for children, and RCIA on Sunday from 12:00 non to 2:00pm. We also need office volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. For more information call 433-2121 and ask for Rosalinda Rodriguez.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Fr. Rudy wants to give a big thank you to everyone who attended his birthday party on February 14<sup>th</sup>. He had a great time and is very grateful to all those who contributed to the Capital Expenditure Fund in his name. My God bless you all for your generosity. A full report on how much was collected will be given out in next week's bulletin.

**LENTEN REFLECTION**

There will be Lenten reflections (in Spanish) on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> and Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> presented by Deacon Francisco Sandoval in the church from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

**CYO**

There will be CYO registration for baseball/softball on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the school for those ages 4 and older.