

# Third Sunday of LENT



“Stop making  
my Father’s house  
a marketplace.”

Jn 2:16-17



# dear Padre

March 15, 2009

## How can I get my son to see the importance of faith?

My forty-year-old son doesn't go to church anymore. He says, Mom, it works for you, but it doesn't work for me." What does that mean?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

There are so many sons—and daughters—like your son. A priest often meets them at the deathbed of a parent. "Padre, my father is the greatest man I know. His faith means everything to him. That's why I called you." The priest is usually tempted to ask, "Well, what about *you*? What does your faith mean to *you*? Can you even imagine your father without his faith? Without it, he wouldn't be the man you know and admire so much." Last June the TV journalist Tim Russert suddenly died. That night the NBC network, where Tim worked, offered a remembrance and a tribute. His colleagues, on very short notice, outdid themselves in the feeling, sincerity, and beauty of what they said. They kept speaking of faith and family in Tim's life and work. They made it clear they meant Tim's Catholic faith. That faith worked for Tim. It even goes a long way in explaining him. I pray with you that your son will soon make his faith work for him. He may fear he has lost his faith. But that cannot happen. God has given him this faith in baptism, and God never takes his gifts back. Your son's faith may be asleep, even comatose. But it is still there, waiting to wake up and live again. Your son is and always will be a child of God even more truly than he is your child.

*John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.*

**Parish Mission** – Our parish Lenten Mission will be held Sunday, March 22 through Tuesday, March 24 and will be led by nationally known singer, songwriter and storyteller, Michael John Poirier. Michael has been blessed with a unique gift and shares that gift in his ministry. Michael, and his wife Mary, have a deep love for God and a special devotion to the Holy Family. Some of the activities included in the mission are a "story hour" for the little ones on Sun afternoon followed by a pizza party for the youth later that evening. The parish mission for adults – young and old – will be Mon and Tues evening in the main church. Please place these dates on your calendar now so that you don't commit to something else and miss out on this wonderful opportunity to experience God in a special way.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

### Monday March 16th

**12:00 PM MASS** † **Ray DelVecchio** by Karin and Family

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30

**ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

### Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>/Patrick, Bishop

**12:00 PM MASS** † **Mildred & † Patrick Graham** by Carol Anne & David Martin

Readings: Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>/Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

**12:00 PM MASS** † **Gene Crostley, Anniv of Death** by Holy Family Parish

Readings: Dt 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>/Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16, 18-21,24a

### Friday March 20th

**12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday March 21st

Readings: Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

### March 22<sup>nd</sup>/Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass**

† **Josephine Francoeur** by Gary & Sandra Roberts

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

**People of the Parish**

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

† **Madge Wade** by The H. George Picek Family

**1:00 PM Spanish Mass**



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD**

Jeremy Goosey, Joshua Myrice, Mark Bilafer, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Todd King, Jonathan Brodeur, Christopher Kent, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISH**

Dorine Cheramie, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Deacon Pete Dulcamara, Ed Crimmins, Corrine Boettcher, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortega, Norma Cottingham, Tony Niedermeier and Margaret Waskiewicz.



Greetings to Holy Family! My name is Fred Krieger and I am the new Director of Music. Numerous people have welcomed me to Lawton, and have made me feel at home in the parish. I'd like to say a few words about myself and about my aspirations for the music program.

As far back as I can remember, I've been interested and involved in church music, having begun piano study in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the age of 8 and then playing piano and organ at church during my high school years. My formal study of organ and choral music was at Nebraska Wesleyan University and the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford, CT. Following that, various church positions have taken me to Chicago, Detroit, Connecticut and Texas. Raised in the Baptist tradition, I was later confirmed and received into the Catholic Church by Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit.

With regards to music at Holy Family, it is obvious that there has been good musical leadership here in the past. I hope to build on the strengths of the existing program and will make sure that our musical offerings are always appropriate, dignified and reverent in support of the Liturgies of the Roman Catholic Rite. We do need to expand the size of the parish adult choir by recruiting some of the excellent singers I can hear out in the congregation at weekend masses. We also want to develop musical groups for our children and youth. A men's "Schola" for Gregorian chant is another possibility as is a traditional boys choir. Expanding the range of music through the inclusion of brass and string instruments on feasts and solemnities is yet another desire of the music program.

Please join me in bringing to life these new and exciting possibilities...we welcome, invite and encourage your participation in YOUR program! Further information will be provided over the next several months. I am convinced that with your help, and the support of our Pastor, Holy Family Parish can have the finest program of liturgical music in this city and among the finest in the Archdiocese! If you have questions or comments, please call me at the Parish Office: (580) 536-6351.



**A NOTE FROM MIKE ROMAKA.....**

Father Larkin has asked me to give a short introduction of myself and explain why I am assisting him during the Liturgy of the Mass. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Michael Romaka. I have been a parishioner of Holy Family for about the last 10 years. About 6 years ago, Father Seeton talked with me about becoming a deacon for our church. My wife Susan and I talked about it for a long time and after some heavy praying, we decided the time was not right. In the summer of 2005, after much thought and prayer, Sue and I decided that it was time to apply for the Deacon Formation Program.

I was accepted and attended my first class in September of 2005 along with 13 other men. The first year of formation was that of an Aspirant. This year of "Aspirancy" focused on prayerful thought and discernment. As an aspirant, I became acquainted with the life of a deacon. The wives and deacon candidates would meet at the Pastoral Center in OKC once a month from September through May. The formation and training weekends, beginning Friday evening and ending Saturday night, offered the opportunity for me to learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and to assist at Mass (as a server, reader, sacristan, etc.). Those involved in the deacon formation program were also required to meet regularly with a spiritual director approved by the Archbishop. Regular spiritual direction is an important component of the formation process.

After the initial year of Aspirancy, I was admitted to candidacy, which is a three-year period of advanced study and discernment. The deacon program is marked by the formation of four key dimensions of the person: human, spiritual, doctrinal and pastoral. This formation process has provided me with valuable pastoral experience for life and ministry as a deacon. In October 2008, I was installed by Archbishop Beltran as an Acolyte. The position of Acolyte is the last step on my way to ordination. As an Acolyte, I assist Father Larkin and the other Deacons in preparing for Mass and other duties outside of Mass that the Pastor deems necessary for my pending ordination. You may have noticed that during Mass I sit on the opposite side of the Sanctuary and perform some, but not all, of the duties of a Deacon. Please do not get me confused with the Deacons... I have not been ordained, thus there are many functions that I cannot perform.

I look forward with great anticipation for the day of my ordination as a Deacon, which will be in November 2009. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and encouragement during the last three and a half years and look forward to the opportunity to be your servant in Christ.

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**COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2009**

\$75,758.47 General Collection

\$5,082.00 St. Vincent de Paul

\$1,979.50 St. Mary's

\$ 62.00 Archdiocese Collections

\$424.78 Red Cloud School

**\$68,210.19 Left for Parish Support**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF  
† MARGARET "PEGGY" D.  
SANDERS

*Share  
Your  
Faith*

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**March 18-19 – St. Gregory’s Abby and OKC Bomb Site ..Overnight stay at St. Benedict..Shawnee**

**March 22 – Feed the Poor 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM and March 27 is Movie Night at Carmike Theaters \$5.00 4:30 to 9:00 PM**

**FORGIVE ME FATHER...**



**Additional times for confession during Lent**

Mondays from 11:00 to 11:30 AM

March 16,23 and the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

March 17(Penance Rite) and the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesdays 11:00 – 11:30 AM, March 18 and 25<sup>th</sup>

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND...to be held March 28-30 at Conception Seminary College is a trip for young men in high school who would like to visit a seminary. This is an excellent opportunity to meet seminarians who are discerning their call to the Priesthood. This visit is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Vocations Office and is free. Please contact your Pastor or the Vocations Office at (405) 721-9351 or email [jmulligan@catharchdioceseokc.org](mailto:jmulligan@catharchdioceseokc.org).**

**THE POWER OF PRAYER..** I am currently in the RCIA process and planning to join the Church at Easter. My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those within our church community who have lifted us up in prayer over the last several months. Our 4-year-old son, Brenden, suffered an extremely serious eye injury resulting in severe damage. The injury was so bad that the doctor expected the usual infection and loss of the eye that accompanies these injuries. He didn't understand the lack of infection. I certainly did. Through God and the power of prayer, our son will recover. There will be some permanent damage, but because of prayer, not the damage that could have occurred. Thank you for your loving support of our family. *Brenden's grateful mother and family..*

**GARDENING ANGELS**



It is that time of year again when our flowerbeds need love and attention. Those "angels" that adopted a flowerbed last year, please call the office at 536-6351 and let us know if you intend to continue to nurture your flowers. We still have some beds that have not been adopted. If you are interested, please let the office know. Blessings!!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will meet at 9:30 AM on Sat. March 21, 2009 at Holy Family. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, come join us for our meeting and fellowship.

**In Today's Gospel,** Jesus is asked: "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Those of you who contribute food and money to us have been a blessing indeed to the poor in the Lawton community. Thanks to you, our pantry is very well stocked at this time. God bless you for sharing with hungry brothers and sisters!

**ALMS... Red Cloud School Lenten Project...** The Children at Red Cloud often travel great distances to get to school, some living 60 miles away. The first school bus leaves at 5:30 am Traveling over hilly travel roads to collect its precious cargo, often from homes on the reservation that are heated only by wood stoves. The elementary and secondary students are given breakfast, as their families often don't have the money or the proper food to feed them. Your kind gifts will insure these little ones have healthy meals in their tummies twice a day, to nourish them and their learning. Thank you so much for sharing with them.

**PARISH HALL RENOVATION**

With the renovation of the parish hall and parish hall kitchen nearly complete, there have already been many requests to use the facilities. Some of these requests have been made by parishioners for outside groups and organizations. After consulting with the parish council on this matter, it has been decided that the facilities in the parish hall and family life center will be for the use, first and foremost, by parish organizations and groups such as the Youth Group, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Adult Education and other activities directly sponsored by the parish. Our facilities will also be available for use by active, registered parishioners for their personal use (wedding receptions, anniversary parties, etc.), but not for any outside organization or group that they might be affiliated with. Below is an excerpt taken from the facility use agreement.

***Holy Family Parish facilities (Parish Hall [PH], PH Kitchen, PH, Kitchen w/Audio -Visual, Family Life Center [FLC], and FLC Kitchen) are for the use and enjoyment of our parish community. A qualifying parishioner of Holy Family Parish may use the facilities for his/her personal use but such use may not be extended to the benefit of a third party or outside organization. A qualifying parishioner means an active, registered member of the Parish who has been a contributing member for at least six (6) months prior to the date requested. This will be verified through the use of monthly contribution envelopes.***

This new policy is in place so our facilities can be enjoyed for many years to come. Please make note of the sentence that states what a qualifying parishioner is. This is not about "how much" you give toward the monthly collections, only that you are a contributing member. We hope you enjoy the new facilities.