

Second Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2012



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from March 3—March 11, 2012			
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Antonio Gallo by wife & family. Salvatore Berardi by Maria Grazio & Tony Sdao. Pietro Anthony Cercone by Giuseppina Lucci.
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Evelina Pirritano by Aladino & Maria Magazzeni. Concezio Ramunno by Anna & Dino Rossi. Annie Boichuk by Giselle Laprise.
Monday	11:00AM	†	Silvana Pace by Mom, Dad & Sisters.
Tuesday	9:00AM	†	Maria Minervini By Frank Ventresca
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Maria Notarianni By Stante Family Stafford Matchett Sr. by Matchett Family
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Lola Battista by Lina Maddalena
Friday	9:00AM	†	Teresa Dinocenzo by Annie Silvestri
	7:00PM		Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Maria Notarianni by Family Ruggiero & Caterina Sdao by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei Giuseppe Bruno by Rosetta Falarico
Daylight Savings Time Begins tonight, set your clocks ahead 1 hour.			
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Angela Ventresca by Husband Luciano Frank DiCenso by Nicolina & Family Francesso Gullone by Salvatore & Immacolata For the People of our Parish
	11:00AM		



“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, ?This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.? Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.” (Mark 9:2-10)

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"Be shepherds like the Lord" from a homily by Saint Asterius of Amasea, bishop

You were made in the image of God. If then you wish to resemble him, follow his example. Since the very name you bear as Christians is a profession of love for men, imitate the love of Christ.

Reflect for a moment on the wealth of his kindness. Before he came as a man to be among men, he sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and lead men to practice it.

John himself was preceded by the prophets, who were to teach the people to repent, to return to God and to amend their lives. Then Christ came himself, and with his own lips cried out: *Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.* How did he receive those who listened to his call? He readily forgave them their sins; he freed them instantly from all that troubled them. The Word made them holy; the Spirit set his seal on them. The old Adam was buried in the waters of baptism; the new man was reborn to the vigor of grace.

What was the result? Those who had been God's enemies became his friends, those estranged from him became his sons, those who did not know him came to worship and love him.

Let us then be shepherds like the Lord. We must meditate on the Gospel, and as we see in this mirror the example of zeal and loving kindness, we should become thoroughly schooled in these virtues. For there, obscurely, in the form of a parable, we see a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. When one of them was separated from the flock and lost its way, that shepherd did not remain with the sheep who kept together at pasture. No, he went off to look for the stray. He crossed many valleys and thickets, he climbed great and towering mountains, he spent much time and labor in wandering through solitary places until at last he found his sheep.

When he found it, he did not chastise it; he did not use rough blows to drive it back, but gently placed it on his own shoulders and carried it back to the flock. He took greater joy in this one sheep, lost and found, than in all the others.

Let us look more closely at the hidden meaning of this parable. The sheep is more than a sheep, the shepherd more than a shepherd. They are examples enshrining holy truths. They teach us that we should not look on men as lost or beyond hope; we should not abandon them when they are in danger or be slow to come to their help. When they turn away from the right path and wander, we must lead them back, and rejoice at their return, welcoming them back into the company of those who lead good and holy lives.

Lenten Message from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

(Continued from last week)

“Being concerned for each other” also entails being concerned for their spiritual well-being. Here I would like to mention an aspect of the Christian life, which I believe has been quite forgotten: *fraternal correction in view of eternal salvation.* Today, in general, we are very sensitive to the idea of charity and caring about the physical and material well-being of others, but almost completely silent about our spiritual responsibility towards our brothers and sisters. This was not the case in the early Church or in those communities that are truly mature in faith, those which are concerned not only for the physical health of their brothers and sisters, but also for their spiritual health and ultimate destiny. The Scriptures tell us: “Rebuke the wise and he will love you for it. Be open with the wise, he grows wiser still, teach the upright, he will gain yet more” (Prov 9:8ff). Christ himself commands us to admonish a brother who is committing a sin (cf. Mt 18:15). The verb used to express fraternal correction - *elenchein* - is the same used to indicate the prophetic mission of Christians to speak out against a generation indulging in evil (cf. Eph 5:11). The Church's tradition has included “admonishing sinners” among the spiritual works of mercy. It is important to recover this dimension of Christian charity.

We must not remain silent before evil. I am thinking of all those Christians who, out of human regard or purely personal convenience, adapt to the prevailing mentality, rather than warning their brothers and sisters against ways of thinking and acting that are contrary to the truth and that do not follow the path of goodness. Christian admonishment, for its part, is never motivated by a spirit of accusation or recrimination. It is always moved by love and mercy, and springs from genuine concern for the good of the other. As the Apostle Paul says: “If one of you is caught doing something wrong, those of you who are spiritual should set that person right in a spirit of gentleness; and watch yourselves that you are not put to the test in the same way” (Gal 6:1). In a world pervaded by individualism, it is essential to rediscover the importance of fraternal correction, so that together we may journey towards holiness. Scripture tells us that even “the upright falls seven times” (Prov 24:16); all of us are weak and imperfect (cf. 1 Jn 1:8). It is a great service, then, to help others and allow them to help us, so that we can be open to the whole truth about ourselves, improve our lives and walk more uprightly in the Lord's ways. There will always be a need for a gaze which loves and admonishes, which knows and understands, which discerns and forgives (cf. Lk 22:61), as God has done and continues to do with each of us. (to be continued next week.)

Upcoming Parish Events:
Station of the Cross on Friday's 7PM
Catholicism Documentary Screening Sundays (2PM) and repeat on Tuesdays (7PM) throughout Lent
March 22: Confirmation—7PM
April 2: Parish Lenten Retreat 9-3:30
Holy Week: April 1: Palm Sunday 9AM & 10:45 AM blessing of Palms in school gym and procession to church for Mass.
Holy Thursday: Mass 7PM followed by Adoration until midnight.
Good Friday Service: 3PM
 Stations of the Cross 7PM
Holy Saturday: Blessing of Baskets 12PM
Easter Vigil Mass: 8PM; Sunday 9 & 11AM
April 15: Bi-Annual Pasta Luncheon: Parish fundraiser 12-4PM
April 22: 1st Communion celebration -

Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass
 Celebrated by our Bishop at the Cathedral on Monday, March 26, 7PM
 For many years we have celebrated the Diocesan Respect for Life Mass on or near the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Knights of Columbus have named it the international *Day of the Unborn Child.*

Catholicism Documentary Series
by Fr. Robert Barron
Sundays at 2:00pm and repeat of the same on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Those who attended the first session are full of praises.
 Next session is March 4th & 6th. Each session is independent and so even if you missed the previous screening, you will enjoy and learn a lot from this one.
Registration is not required. All are welcome.

Marriage Encounter
 Married couples, restore communication, rekindle romance, enjoy more intimacy, better understanding and more harmony in your relationship by participating in a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Register for the April 27-29, 2012 weekend by calling 905-934-5016 or online at www.wwme.org

C.W.L. Potluck Dinner Monday March 12, at 6pm,
 The Catholic Women's League will host a potluck dinner in the Parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend, and new members are welcomed. Please bring your favourite dish.

Stations of the Cross - every Friday of Lent at 7PM

“Lent is not a season, but a lifestyle”