



Mass
Intentions

Saturday, February 14

5 p.m. Karri Dennis (D)

7 p.m. Meve Ortiz (D)

Sunday, February 15

8 a.m. Mary & Walter Kushik (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

Monday, February 16

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Theresa Fall (D)

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Ruby Guillot (D)

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Betty Rollins (D)

Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Robert Walter (D)

Saturday, February 21

5 p.m. Nancy Ehrman (D)

7 p.m.

Sunday, February 22

8 a.m. K of C and their families

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

**READINGS FOR
THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25;
Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-
21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a,
2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab,
12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6,
16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6;
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9;
1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



BREAK OPEN THE WORD

[Lv 13:1-2, 44-46](#) [1 Cor 10:31—11:1](#) [Mk 1:40-4](#)



During the 17th-century, Jesuit scholars taught moral theology on the basis of case studies. They were convinced that the morality of an action had to do with a living context as well as with the specifics of the law. Pope Francis, when you read his writings or listen to him, it is easy to see Jesuit scholarship coming through.

This weekend we hear Paul in his letter to Corinth say, “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” This line makes it easy to see that Paul was a source and inspiration for the Jesuits. In fact, the holistic approach of his reasoning fits right in with the preceding verses (1 Cor 10:21-28), Paul taught that a free person should voluntarily curtail the expression of her or his freedom if it would scandalize others. That is the difference between the rule of law and the law of love.

The discussion at hand was dealing with foods offered to idols. However, Paul’s argument goes much further, pointing out, as he has before, that Christians’ every moment and every action reverberates in their relationship with God and one another. These verses sum up Paul’s teaching about what is lawful to do and what one is called to do in prudent, loving concern for others. He will say that everything is permitted (6:12, 10:23) while stipulating that not all things are beneficial. His point is that every action should build up both the person and the community. If it does not do so, then the freedom to do it has no value. Paul was calling Corinth to Christian adulthood!

This weekend, Paul calls us to remember that our lives are consecrated to God. We use the word “consecrate” in a very specific sense when we speak of the Eucharist, proclaiming that the elements of earth become God-bearing, the real presence of Christ among us. Paul says that everything he does is part of his mission to bring others to God. That is what he means by the imitation of Christ; his imitation of Christ is the vocation he wants the community to share with him. Paul gets to the truest meaning of the life of baptized Christians: We are to be the real presence of Christ in the world. (take a moment and look at 1 Corinthians 12.)

Take a deep breath and relax, Paul does not expect perfection. He knows that everyone is moving toward a goal, or as he says, running a race (1 Cor 9:24-26, Acts 20:24). That’s the point of entering the waters of Baptism. Paul is talking about practices to be cultivated, not an achievement after which one graduates with honors and holds the title for the rest of his or her life. Paul knows that he and the community are “in the world” with all its opportunities for growth; his goal is to keep everyone aware of why they are here and how to live fully. Each day will bring new opportunities and challenges. This weekend we are reminded to do, whatever we do, for the glory of God.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Knights of Columbus will sell fish dinners on Lenten Fridays in the San Damiano Center from 5-7 p.m. Dinners include two pieces of fish, fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, drink and dessert for \$8.

Dine in or carry out.

20th Annual Trash Off Sat, Feb 28 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

If you would like to participate as part of "Team St. Francis" at the Trash Off, call the parish office 883 9153.

You will meet at the City of Orange Boat Ramp off Simmons DR. A Team consists of a team leader and 2-4 additional members. Groups of no more than 5 and no fewer than 3 are preferred to ensure all areas are properly covered.

It's time to begin formation of a new team for the next men's Acts Retreat to be held June 25-28. Team formation meetings will begin with commissioning Mass and get together afterwards on Sunday March 15. Regular meetings will begin Monday March 23 and will be held every Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please carefully consider the commitment involved and pray before you let us know of your desire to serve on the team. We will meet for thirteen weeks and need your presence at every meeting. Due to the space limitations, team members will have to be selected with much help from the Holy Spirit. If you would like to serve and can commit to this schedule, please email one of us by March 2 with the following information:

Name, Phone #, E-mail, Parish, Number of teams worked

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Altar flowers for February 14, 15 donated by
Judie Long in honor of
Karys, Slate and Reid
and
Frank & Stephanie Lomonte in honor of
Our children and Grandchildren

Blessed Mother flowers donated by
Ellen & Emile Dupre in honor of
Maria Christiana Dupre

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to "do everything for the glory of God." In today's scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit "the many," as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us "with the joy of salvation." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.

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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

Applications for the April 16-19 Women's ACTS retreat are available in the church office and at church entrances. The cost is \$175 but financial difficulties should not keep you from attending. The application and a \$50 deposit should be turned in at the church office.

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program

Find comfort and counsel consistent with catholic teaching.

St. Francis will begin an exciting DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The Catholic's Divorced Survival Guide.

The 12 week program features 30 minute DVD shows that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, and much more. Whether you divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

The course will begin Monday, Feb 23 at 7 pm in the youth room (enter through the San Damiano Center side door in the garden area) and will continue each Monday for 12 weeks. The cost is \$15 and includes

"A Personal Survival Guide" and refreshments.

For any questions call:
Brian 409 734 7166
Rita 409 988 1765



Lenten Bible Study

While the men of the Old Testament often garner the most attention, the women of the Old Testament become all the more worthy of our interest because we have to dig deeper to recover their special contribution to the annals of faith. Their stories are all the more remarkable in that they arise from historical eras that crimped their options in influencing or changing the flow of history. The women of this study can be bold and decisive, also meek and faithful, but they are always compelled to act in ways that bring about change. God's saving deeds often came through the mind and will of amazing women using limited resources.

Sessions begin Feb 19 @ 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Library.
The cost for the book is \$15, available in the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
FEBRUARY 18 8:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Lenten Fridays at 7 p.m.

ST. Joseph Abbey + Seminary College
COME AND SEE

St. Joseph's Seminary College

Vocations Weekend Retreat

Thought about the priesthood lately?

Been on your mind a lot?

Come and see what God has to say about it.

No cost to you. Meals provided, beds provided, (bring bed linens, pillow, towels and personal items), prayer provided. For all men 16 years or older.

When: March 27-29

Contact: Fr. Tino Barrera,

Diocese of Beaumont Vocations Director

409 924 4361 tbarrera@dioceseofbmt.org

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

FROM BISHOP GUILLORY

This year Black and Indian Missions awarded our diocese grants totaling \$80,000 to be used at several of our parishes and schools with large African American communities as well as our Office of African American Ministry. We also received another \$1,000 grant to evangelize the Alabama-Coushatta Indians in Polk County. It is important to note that this grant award was almost double that collected in the Diocese of Beaumont's second collection for Black and Indian Missions.

These funds are critical to parishes in our diocese with African American communities that struggle financially. This year more than \$40,000 of that grant is earmarked for tuition assistance for African American children at three of our schools. That money will help us continue to build future leaders for our Church. Most of our priests and lay leaders are products of Catholic education. The Annual Black and Indian Missions collection is February 21, 22.

Calling all Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Sea Scouts and Venture Scouts! Wear your Scout uniform and celebrate Scout Sunday with us Sun Feb 22 at 10:30 mass. This celebration is for ALL Scouts - past and present. Please join us for lunch and fellowship after mass at Mazzio's Pizza, 3108 Edgar Brown Drive. Contact Terri Brzezinski for more information 886.0584 or tntbrz@gt.rr.com

BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

GOAL: \$77,077.00

48 families donated \$20,355.00 which is

26% of our goal from

7% of our parishioners.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARA LA GLORIA DE DIOS

La historia completa del pueblo judío va dirigida hacia una meta: que Dios sea glorificado por medio del pueblo escogido. Los cristianos también están llamados a “hacer todo para la gloria de Dios”. En las Escrituras de hoy Pablo nos recuerda que la mejor manera que tenemos para glorificar a Dios es buscar el beneficio de “todos” tal como Cristo hizo cuando derramó su sangre por toda la humanidad.

La lectura de Levítico explica una manera en que los judíos buscaban el beneficio de muchos, manteniendo a los leprosos y la lepra alejados del pueblo escogido. Jesús encuentra una manera mejor: cura al leproso, que inmediatamente retorna a la comunidad para difundir la Buena Nueva de Jesús a todo el que le escuche. De este modo tanto Jesús como el leproso cumplen con su llamado de glorificar al Dios que nos llena “con la alegría de la salvación”.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Jesús manifiesta su poder mediante el perdón de los pecados (Marcos 2:1-12). Por medio de la reconciliación con Dios, Jesús sana a los enfermos, marginalizados y hasta sus propios enemigos. Este poder de perdonar pecados Jesús mismo lo encarga a su Iglesia, infundiendo su Espíritu sobre los primeros discípulos (Juan 20:22-23).

Según el Símbolo (Credo) de los Apóstoles, los cristianos creemos en el “perdón de los pecados”. Esta creencia se relaciona con creer en el Espíritu Santo, la Iglesia, la comunión de los santos, la resurrección del cuerpo y la vida eterna. En el perdón de los pecados, el Espíritu Santo manifiesta su continua presencia y acción en la Iglesia y comunión de los santos. Quienes reciben el perdón de los pecados mediante la celebración del Bautismo o del sacramento de la Reconciliación, están preparados para la resurrección y la vida eterna.

El perdón de los pecados manifiesta el poder de Cristo, del Espíritu Santo y de la Iglesia. Los cristianos estamos llamados al perdón; perdonando, así como deseamos ser perdonados. Perdonando, como Jesucristo.

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COMPASIÓN Y GENEROSIDAD

Que tu corazón se compadezca de las desgracias y angustias de todos y que tu mano dé en proporción a tu riqueza. George Washington

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT February 8, 2015

Amount needed each week (Regular collection)	\$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection (including building fund)	12,220.95
Over Goal	347.95
Year to date totals (February 8, 2015)	
Amount needed (\$11,873. x 32 fiscal weeks)	\$ 379,936.00
Total Sunday collections to date	370,973.82
Year to date shortage	8,962.18

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

Black and Indian Missions Feb 22

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to www.stfrancisorangetx.org and click the Online Giving link.



Saturday, February 14

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. mass

7 p.m. Spanish mass

Sunday, February 15

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

Environment changes to Lent after

10:30 mass-help needed

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 16

Adult choir 6 p.m.

Protecting God's Children Session 6 p.m.

Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith share 6:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. mass

RCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wed masses 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

RE grades K-8 5:15-6:15

Keyeis grades 9-12 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

8:30 a.m. mass

Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Library

1st Communion Parent meeting 7 p.m.

Book Club 7 p.m.

Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m. mass

Girl Scouts 4:30 p.m.

KC Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. San Damiano Center

Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

5 p.m. mass

7 p.m. Spanish mass

Sunday, February 22

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

Scout Sunday at 10:30 mass

Sonlight choir 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.