

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. — *Romans 10:8*



My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am very grateful to find that so many of you are working on your spiritual growth. We have retreats for both men and women happening during Lent, and I am praying for all of you who have signed up to attend one of the retreats. If you have not yet signed up for one of the retreats, please contact the Church office for more information.

I also want to thank all of you who gave so generously to the Ash Wednesday Archdiocesan collection for Social Ministries. So far, only a few parishioners have sent in their pledges to the annual Diocesan Services Fund. During this Lenten Season, I can think of no better way to give alms than to give to the DSF. I am asking every family to please make some kind of donation and participate in this year's DSF. Remember that every donation of at least \$20.00 will be rewarded by a subscription to the Catholic Herald of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. As I mentioned on DSF Sunday, only 449 of our parishioners met and exceeded our 2009 goal; just think what 100% participation of our parishioners could do.

Through our Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayers, we truly are being transformed more perfectly into the Holy People of God. As your pastor, I am very proud that so many of you are generously giving of yourselves and of your resources to building the Kingdom of God. I pray that God will bless each and every family of our parish during this most Holy Season. Moreover, let us continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters who are preparing for full initiation into our Church during the Easter Sacraments. Let us keep all of them in our prayers as our community continues to grow in Faith and Love.

Since it is the Year of the Priests, I will be in Rome with our Cardinal. During my absence, we will have a visiting priest who will celebrate the weekly Masses and Confessions on Wednesday and Saturday for an extra hour in English as normally held during the month of Lent. You will remain in my prayers while I am away from the parish.

Sincerely in Christ, **Father Christopher**

DSF 2010
Goal: \$58,000

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 —
4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the Lord first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

SERVE THE POOR: Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.
— St. Louise de Marillac

Job Openings for Principals and Teachers in Catholic Schools: The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are currently taking applications for principals, teachers and other professional staff positions for the 2010-2011 school year. Requirements and application details can be found on the Archdiocesan Web site at www.archgh.org. Click on "Catholic Schools" and then click on "Employment." Thanks for choosing Catholic schools!

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK
REUNIONES DE LA SEMANA**

Sunday/Dom., February/Febrero 21, 2010

Black & Indian Missions Collection

Breakfast—MFC Zona #1

8-9:30 AM—CCE – K to 5th Eng. All Clsrms. & FLC bldg.

10:30 AM-12N-CCE Span.CCE All Clsrms. & FLC bldg.

3:30 PM-Life Teen Music Rehearsal

5 PM- Life Teen Mass

6:30-8 PM — Life Teen Night (FLC)

Monday/Lun., February/Febrero 22, 2010

7 PM — Rosary (Chapel)

7 PM—Spanish Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)

Tuesday/Mar., February/Febrero 23, 2010

8:30 AM Mass

7—8:30 AM—CCE – All Clsrms. & Parish & Conf. Halls)

Wednesday/Miér., February/Febrero 24, 2010

10 AM — Staff Meeting

5-6:55 PM — Confessions (English/Ingles)

7 PM — Mass (English)

7-8:30 PM—CCE – 6th—8th Grade (All Clsrms & P. Hall

7-8:30 PM — Youth Ministry (All Clsrms.& FLC)

7:30 PM—R.C.I.A. Session Conf. Hall)

7:30 PM — Hisp. Music Trng. (Cry Room) Sr. Mtz

Thursday/Jue., February/Febrero 25, 2010

8:30 AM—Mass

7 PM—English Choir (Ch)

7 PM Rosario (Gruta) Esp.

7 PM—Legion of Mary, Help of Christians (Room 9)

7 PM—Stewardship Committee Information Mtg.(Conf. Hall)

7 PM—Estudio Biblico (Spanish Bible Study) Parish Hall)

Friday/Vier., February/Febrero 26, 2010—Abstinence

8:30 AM—Mass

5-6 PM-Jr. Legion of Mary—Rosa Mystica(Conf. Hall)

6 PM Jr. Legion of Mary OLO Mt.Carmel (Conf. Hall)

7 PM-Grupo de Oración- (P.Hall)

7 PM-- Hisp Yth Grp.(Conf. Hall)

7 PM-Stations of the Cross (Church) —Youth Group

7:30 PM-Via Crucis (Iglesia)

7 PM—MFC (Rm 3) jg

Saturday/Sab., February/Febrero 27, 2010—SVdP 2nd Coll.

8 AM--Legion of Mary OLO Mt.C (Conf.Hall)

10 AM-12n—Columbian Squires Meeting (Conf. Hall)

10 AM—CONFIRMATION RETREAT (FLC & Kit.)

1--3 PM Hisp Music Trng.(Conf. Hall- Pepe)

3:30—5:30 PM—Confessions (English /Ingles)

4-5:30 PM—RCIA for Children (Clsrms. 2,3 & 6)

Sunday/Dom., February/Febrero 28, 2010

Breakfast—KC's Team #2

8-9:30 AM—CCE – K to 5th English All classroom & FLC

10:30 AM-12 Noon-CCE Spanish CCE All Clsrms & FLC

3:30 PM-Life Teen Music Rehearsal

5 PM—Life Teen Mass (Church)

6:30-8 PM—Life Teen Night (FLC)

SVdP 2nd Coll.

No Baptism classes or baptisms during Lent. Please come by office for the next available date in April. No habrá clases de Bautismo durante la Cuaresma. Por favor pase por la oficina para la siguiente fecha disponible en Abril.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: HOSPITAL: RECUPERATING / RECUPER-

ANDO: Modesta Alquicira, Roberta Balthazar, Jose & Josie Chavez, Elmina & Emory Courville, Gloria Flores, Thomas Fuller, Felix Gonzales, Rosa Guerrero, Orrin Hayes, Sylvia Hebert, Ashleigh Heenan, Leo Hromadka, Roberta King, Raymond Lopez, Phyllis Martin, Bill & Ann Matysiak, Ramona Martinez, Fred Navarro, Maude Navarro, Ray Navarro, Ella Nettles, Cassie Neuman, Lawrence Orton, Alisha Perez, Abel Ponce, Hasting Rachal, Francisca Rangel F., Mary Shirley Rosignon, Larry Salinas, Mark Samaniego, Clarence Sasser, Ron Schachtner, Frank Tanoos, Brenda Wait, Louis Gregory Zuniga; **SHUT-IN/INVALIDIOS:** Maria Adame, Susie Camacho, Mary D. Cardenas, Joseph Carter, Albertine Cernik, Sherry Coburn, Celena Maria DeLeon, William Dsouza, Julian & Maria Flores, Thomas Garcia Jr., Deborah Gradney, Esther Lang, Curtis Ledet, Alice Unfried, Esther Kraus, Terry Horne, Dominga Martinez, Frank Sellmeyer, Bertha Tristan

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION APPEAL

TODAY, each of us is asked to support the church's evangelization efforts among African Americans and Native Americans. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your financial support funds evangelization programs that are strengthening the faith, continuing the legacy and sharing the mission with children and adults here at home.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR SUPPORT
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter
Washington's Birthday

Tuesday: St. Polycarp

Friday: Abstinence

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

430 Bunker Hill Road

Houston, TX 77024-6399

Men of St. Andrew, please take the time from life's every day hustle and bustle to refresh yourself on acres of wooded pines, beautiful courtyards, landscaped pathway. Not only do you experience fellowship with your brothers in Christ who like you have the same everyday pressures of life. Don't hesitate to complete a Registration form Call 713-464-0211 or www.passionist.org/holyname/ If you have any questions you may contact the Ben Lintag at the office.

Please register me for the Retreat, beginning Friday evening, March 19, 2010. (Please print clearly.)

2010 Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic benefiting St. Dominic Village — Mark you calendars for the 2010 Bishop Vincent M. Rizzotto Annual Golf Classic, to be held March 11 at the Black Horse Golf Club. Tee time is at 12:30 p.m. This annual charity golf event is a salute to both Bishop Rizzotto's passion for the game of golf and his desire to support the work of St. Dominic Village. This golf tournament raises significant funds to support the resident programs at St. Dominic Village, the only Catholic retirement and long-time care facility in the Archdiocese. For more information, email jnelson@stdominicvillage.org, visit www.stdominicvillage.org or call 713-440-3428.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

21 de febrero de 2010

Muy a tu alcance, en tu boca y en tu corazón, se encuentra la salvación.

— Romanos 10:8



Mis Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas:

Estoy muy agradecido de saber que muchos de ustedes están trabajando en su crecimiento espiritual. Tenemos retiros para ambos hombres y mujeres durante la Cuaresma, y rezo por todos ustedes que se han apuntado para asistir a uno de estos retiros. Si usted todavía no se apuntado para un retiro, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina de Iglesia para más información.

También quiero agradecer a todos ustedes que dieron tan generosamente el Miércoles de Cenizas a la colecta de la Arquidiócesis para los Ministerios Sociales. Hasta ahora sólo unos feligreses han mandado sus compromiso anual al Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos. Durante esta Temporada de la Cuaresma, no puedo pensar en ningún modo mejor de dar la limosna que dársela al DSF. Pido que cada familia por favor haga alguna donación y participen en DSF de este año. Recuerden que cada donación de por lo menos 20.00 dólares será recompensada por una suscripción al Heraldo Católico de la Archidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Como lo mencioné el domingo de compromiso al DSF, sólo 449 de nuestros feligreses cumplieron y sobrepasaron nuestro objetivo de 2009; piensen solamente lo que la participación del 100 % de nuestros feligreses podrían hacer.

A través del Ayuno, Limosna y Oración, estamos realmente siendo transformados más perfectamente en el Pueblo Santo de Dios. Como su pastor, estoy muy orgulloso que muchos de ustedes estén dando generosamente de ustedes mismos y de sus recursos para edificar el Reino de Dios. Rezo que Dios bendiga a cada uno y toda la familia de nuestra parroquia durante esta Temporada más Sagrada. Además, vamos seguir rezando por todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que se preparan para la iniciación completa en nuestra Iglesia durante los Sacramentos de Pascua. Vamos a mantenerlos a todos ellos en nuestras oraciones así como nuestra comunidad sigue creciendo en Fe y Amor.

Ya que es el Año de los Sacerdotes, estaré en Roma con nuestro Cardinal. Durante mi ausencia, tendremos a un sacerdote visitante que celebrará las Misas semanales y Confesiones el miércoles y el sábado durante una hora suplementaria en inglés como normalmente sostenido durante el mes de la Cuaresma. Usted permanecerá en mis rezos mientras estoy lejos de la parroquia.

Sinceramente en Cristo, **Padre Christopher**

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Hoy: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91 (90); Rom 10:8-13;
Lc 4:1-13
Lunes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16; 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26); Fil 3:17—
4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
Lunes: La Cátedra de San Pedro
Martes: San Policarpo
Viernes: Abstinencia

CONTEMPLACION Y ACCION: Quienes desean mantener la fortaleza de la contemplación, primero deben entrenarse en el campo de la acción. — **Papa San Gregorio Magno**

SERVIR AL POBRE: Se diligente en servir al pobre. Ama a los pobres, hónralos igual que honrarías al mismo Cristo.
—Santa Louisa de Marillac

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra. (Deuteronomio 26:4-10)
Salmo — Tu eres mi Dios y en ti confió (Salmo 91 [90]).
Segunda lectura — Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que el es el Señor, se salvaran (Romanos 10:8-13).
Evangelio — Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

ESTUDIO PARA LA EUCARISTIA, RECONCILIACION Y CONFIRMACION

Si usted o si conocen alguien que ya esta bautizado y que les falta uno o mas de los sacramentos de iniciación, favor de apuntarse para las clases con la Oficina Parroquial.

Clases para los Sacramentos de Reconciliación, Eucaristía y Confirmación dan comienzo el Martes, 2 de Marzo de 2010 a las 7 PM. Recuerden que si ustedes no tienen los sacramentos de iniciación en la Fe Católica, todavía no pueden servir como padrinos, ni pueden recibir los sacramentos mencionados si no han convalidado su matrimonio civil o si están viviendo junto o representando

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Andries, John	Hernandez, Sam E.	Parga, Alejandra
Ashcraft, Richard	Hernandez, Ray III	Pedroza, Emma F.
Auzenne, Paul Jr.	Jackson, Shannon	Perez, David Antonio
Avalos, James	John, Barbara	Perez, Gabriel
Avalos, Josefina	Johnson, Jeffery	Peterson, Troy
Benavides, John	Jones, Brandon	Phillips, Jerry
Benitez, Salvador	Kinsale, Kirk	Pruneda, Carmel
Cansino, Jesus	Kyle, John	Pruneda, Jessica
Cantu, Sammy	Leon, Arthur	Pruneda, Joseph
Cardenas, Eloy	Leoncio, Chris	Ramos, Jerry
Carter, Thomas	Luna, Alfredo Jr.	Reed, Audre
Clark, Phillip Michael	Mata, Jason	Rideout, Joseph
Coleman, Travis	Martin, Theresa	Roberson, John
Cornelious, Larry	Martinez, Angel	Rodriguez, Ramiro
DeLeon, Fedelia	Martinez, Alfred R.	Rocha, Adelaido III
Delgado, Kristen	Martinez, Ralph	Salas, Pat III
Delgado, Danny	Martinez, Michael	Salinas, Hector Jr.
Diaz, Gilbert Anthony	May, Daniel	Salinas, JoAnn
Dubicki, Jeremy	Medina, Michael	San Miguel, Robert
Falcon, Ralph	Mitchell, Henry	Silva, Matias Jr.
Garibay, Jonathan	Mitchell, Kyle	Silva, Sofia
Gilbert, Glen	Mitchell, Reynol	Thomas, Anthony
Gilbert, Gary	Moreno, Ralph III	Trevino, Frank
Gokey, Christopher	Navarro, Sr., Robert	Weaver, Henry
Gonzalez, Danny	Navarro, Jr., Robert	White, Carolyn Alice
Gomez, Francisco Jr.	Nero, Shawn	Williams, II, Darrell
Granados, Rosa Maria	Nutt, Christopher	Zepeda, Ramon
Havard, Danny	Ochoa, Jaime	
Hernandez, Melissa	Oliver, Ryan	

**MASS INTENTION/INTENCION DE MISA
FEBRUARY/FEBRERO, 2010**

Sunday	21	10:00 AM	Mark Malloy †
		12:30 PM	Amalia Garza de Cavazos†
		5:00 PM	People of St. Andrew
		7:00 PM	Eloisa, Matilde, & Tonie Perez†
Tuesday	23	8:30 AM	Fillberto Barrera, Jr.†
Wednesday	24	7:00 PM	Dora Irma Ibarra†
Thursday	25	8:30 AM	Juan Colom†
Friday	26	8:30 AM	Special Intention- Thomas Fuller
Saturday	27	6:00 PM	Herb Winans†
Sunday	28	10:00AM	People of St. Andrew
		12:30 PM	Angel de Jesus Sandoval†
		5:00 PM	FRED P. NAVARRO†
		7:00 PM	CRESENCIANO MEDINA†

“BE COUNTED IN 2010 — ”The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When: Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the **American Community Survey**.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state populations counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census Workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

TESTED LIKE GOLD

God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases. —**St. Jerome Emiliani**

STEWARDSHIP ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE:

First Sunday of Lent — Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the Promised Land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Administración de Bienes según la Biblia: El Primer Domingo de Cuaresma-- La primera lectura de hoy describe el ofrecimiento de los primeros frutos que el pueblo de Israel debía presentar al Señor en agradecimiento por su liberación de Egipto y el regalo de la tierra prometida ¿Es mi ofrenda en la misa de hoy una respuesta apropiada a las muchas bendiciones que el Señor me ha dado?

**Congratulations!
To our new “Sponsor Couples”.**

Annette & Howard Lede

Jorge & Maria Lopez

Michael & Ninfa Muench

Jesse & Olga Rodríguez

Mary & Vernon Walker

Sponsor Couples is a parish-based program in which a married couple serves as a “sponsor” to an engaged couple. In outlined sessions, the sponsor couple helps prepare the engaged couple for the important step they will be taking. Through individual reflection, written assignments and group dialogue, the engaged couple learns of married life from a couple already living a Christian marriage. Their training was made possible through your generous donations to the Diocesan Services Fund which supports the Family Life Ministry of the Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston.

“SER CONTADO EN 2010”

El Censo: Una Foto

Que: El censo es una cuenta de todos residiendo en los Estados Unidos

Quien: Todos los residentes estadounidenses deben ser contados-gente de todas las razas y grupos étnicos, ambos ciudadanos como no ciudadanos.

Cuando: El Día de Censo es el 1 de abril de 2010. Las respuestas del cuestionario deberían representar la casa a como esto existe durante este día. La información socioeconómica más detallada será coleccionada anualmente de un pequeño porcentaje de la población por la **Revisión de Comunidad Americana**.

Por qué: La Constitución Estadounidense requiere un censo nacional una vez cada 10 años. El censo mostrará cuentas de poblaciones estatales y determinará la representación en la Cámara de Representantes Estadounidense.

Como: Los cuestionarios de Censo serán entregados o enviados a casas vía el correo Estadounidense en marzo de 2010; muchas casas van a recibir un cuestionario de reemplazo a principios de abril. Los Trabajadores de Censo también visitarán casas que no devuelven los cuestionarios.

DSF helps with: Ministering to the Poor, the Sick and the Incarcerated—Answering the call to serve the least among us, these ministries bring pastoral and sacramental aid to the disadvantaged, the disabled, and those who are most in need of God's healing grace. Whether comforting refugees or battered women, those confined to a prison cell or hospital bed, they show compassion to those in the margins of our society. 19.76% of DSF Funds will support these ministries.

VIRTUS -SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP — Please register for the upcoming Safe Environment Workshops scheduled on March 27 at 8:45am in Spanish & April 17, 2010 at 8:15am and 12:15pm in English at St. Andrew. Please register at www.virtus.org. Please come prepared to complete a Code of Conduct Form and Criminal Background Form that requires your drivers license and social security number at the workshop. If you require assistance in registering, please complete a sign-up sheet found in the pamphlet rack in the Parish Administration Building. You may also contact Mary B. Walker at 281-452-9865 ext 26 for assistance. You must be at least 16 years of age to attend with a parental consent form.

VIRTUS—TALLER PARA DEL AMBIENTE SEGURO —

Favor de registrarse para los próximos talleres del Ambiente Seguro en horario en 27 de Marzo de 2010 at 8:45am en Español y el 17 de Abril de 2010 a las 8:15am y a las 12:15pm en Ingles aquí en San Andrés. Favor de registrarse al www.vritus.org. Por favor vengan preparados para llenar una Forma de Código de Conducta y Forma de Antecedentes Criminales que requiere su licencia de manejar y numero de seguro social en el taller. Si necesita ayuda para registrarse o si tiene preguntas, favor de llamar a Mary al 281-452-9865 ext. 26. Debe tener por lo menos 16 años de edad deben tener el consentimiento firmado por los padres o guardián para asistir al taller.

CCE News

DAY OF PRAYER
Retreat for First Year
February 27, 2010
8:30 AM-12:30 pm
Rooms 2, 3 & 6

We are in desperate need for Security (inside & outside), Catechists Aides Substitutes, Teams for breakfasts, retreats, special projects.

MUST BE VIRTUS-CERTIFIED!

Wish List: 3 VCRs (CCE still has videotapes)
Laptop computer (to plug in our projector); Televisions (for the videotapes 4 cassette tape/CD player, 2 bookshelves, Small office desk , Digital Camera /Cam Corder

Noticias de CCE

DIA DE ORACION
Retiro para el Primer Año
27 de Febrero de 2010
8:30 AM—12:30 PM
Ctos. 2, 3 & 6

Estamos en grave necesidad de ayuda para Seguridad (adentro y afuera) Catequistas, Ayudantes, sustitutas.

¡Deben ser Certificados por Virtus!

Lista de Deseos: 3 VCRs CCE todavía tiene videos); Computadora para el proyector); Televisores para tocar los videos) 4 tocadoras de cinta casets/ tocadoras para CD's, 2 librereros, 1 escritorio pequeño.