

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2007

WHOEVER IS IN CHRIST IS A NEW CREATION:  
THE OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, NEW THINGS HAVE COME. — 2 Corinthians 5:17



## REFLECTIONS....

During this season of Lent we encourage all parishioners to reflect on next Sunday's Gospel.

Below are two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life:

1) (5:30 p.m. & 7:00 a.m. Masses) *Why is it so easy to see the faults of others while we carry our own faults hidden deep inside?*

2) *How do we use Christ's example of merciful forgiveness in our lives?*

1) (10:30a.m. Mass) *Why do we question God when our prayers are not answered promptly and exactly as we asked?*

## — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 25 —

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21  
or Ezekiel 37:12-14

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14  
or Ephesians 8:8-11

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11  
or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

All parishioners are welcome this coming Monday and the next two Monday evenings for our Lenten Stations of the Cross service followed by a soup supper. **Stations will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the soup supper will be at 6:00 p.m.** Free-will donations will be collected and given to *Heifer International, Catholic Charities, and the Holy Names Sisters' Mission in Lesotho, Africa.*

## REMINDER

Abstaining from eating meat on Fridays during Lent is observed by those 14 years and older.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. in the church.

## NEED TO SPICE UP YOUR LIFE?

Don't miss our *ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHILI COOK-OFF* here at St. Matthew's on April 15 from noon to 3:00. If you have the best homemade chili in town and would like to enter the contest, call Lucy at 562.279.6748 for details. All contestants must register by April 1.

For those not making chili, there will be an opportunity to taste all of the pots and decide who will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Tasters' donations will assist St. Vincent de Paul in their mission to help the poor.

## THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal and support services for poor immigrants.

May we, to whom much has been given, respond with generosity and compassion to our suffering brothers and sisters worldwide.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

**f** Calla Lilies are needed to decorate our **f**  
sanctuary for our Holy Thursday liturgy. If  
you have these beautiful flowers growing in  
your yard, please bring some **lilies and green** **l**  
**o** **leaves to the rectory on Tuesday or** **o**  
**w** **Wednesday, April 3rd and 4th.** You will be **w**  
uplifted, knowing that your flowers are part of  
the beauty of the Lord's Supper. **e**  
**r** We are also in great need of Easter Lilies **r**  
**s** **which may be delivered to the Rectory** **s**  
**April 3rd through 6th.**

## OPEN HOUSE

ST. ANTHONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

*St. Anthony offers many academic and social advantages including:*

- Excellent Academics
- Small Class size
- Cultural Diversity
- Before and after school daycare
- Safe and Respectful Environment

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Joann Stewart*