

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 25, 2007

I CONSIDER EVERYTHING AS A LOSS BECAUSE OF THE  
SUPREME GOOD OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD.

— Philippians 3:8

## SIN NO MORE

“Woman, has no one condemned you? Go away, and sin no more!” The Church’s sinfulness is brought before her Lord. She stands elected and chosen as God’s own wife but ashamed of her failings. Her Lord tells us to put our sinful past aside and to seek the “prize which we are called to receive in Christ Jesus.” Perfection comes only with the Lord’s sure help. Those willing to reveal all to the Lord will know mercy.

Philip J. Sandstrom,  
STD 1998, Oregon Catholic Press

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

## REFLECTIONS....



As we approach the end of our Lenten season, we encourage all parishioners to reflect on next Sunday’s Gospel.

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

*Why do I suffer or feel helpless in my own life? What gift can it bring to me?*

— PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 1 —

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Luke:22-14—23:56

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

All parishioners are welcome this Monday and next Monday evening 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.

## PARISH MOBILE LIBRARY

Pick up a book to enrich your spiritual life before or after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Ten minutes of spiritual reading per day can really ‘make your day.’

## ST. ANTHONY PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...

Will have an April Fool Spaghetti dinner to raise funds for it’s many charities. Dinner will be served in the Msgr. Gualderon Hall at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, April 1 from 1-9 p.m. Tickets cost \$6.00. All are welcome. They will have music and a 5-/50 raffle. For more info please call Jeff Lewis at 562.490.2691.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANKS YOU

Catholic Charities was overwhelmed with the amount of personal hygiene items donated for the poor. We would like to thank the Peace and Justice committee and all those who donated. We estimate the value of donations at \$3,000. Know that homebound elderly, the homeless, and families with children will benefit from your generosity. From last July, we have already given basic assistance to 12,767 persons. That means 20% of all poor people in Long Beach have already come to us for help! We are so grateful to St. Matthew parishioners.

Anna Totta  
Regional Director

## 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.