

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6th, 2005



From the Pastor

Last Sunday at all the Masses I announced that one of our former deacons, Rap Howell, has begun 18 months in prison. I very much appreciate all the questions I have been asked about this matter. But I think it might be good to have some type of open forum for anyone who wants to know more about Rap's case.

This coming Monday evening, March 7th, there is a meeting of the parents of Saint Mary's School to discuss the plans for the new school and related subjects. I would like to extend the agenda of this meeting to include any and all aspects of Rap's case. As I said Sunday, I will answer all questions anyone has to ask to the best of my ability.

Thus even though this is a meeting about Saint Mary's School, I invite the entire parish who would like to attend to do so. It will be at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

To have to address this subject just at the point when we are beginning a fund drive for the renovation and expansion of our church is of course terrible timing. We had no control over that, and I am sure that Saint Mary's will survive. The most important thing is that all the questions anyone may have about Rap's case be addressed.

One of the difficulties I have, and many other people have, is that the Catholic Church has suffered enormously because of the mishandling of cases like this, the lack of candor, and the cover-ups done by many church leaders in the past. Bishop Driscoll has made abundantly clear, and I have made abundantly clear, that in this diocese and in this parish, that we will be totally open and honest. That means that we have to find the best way to communicate what people may want to know. Finding the best way to communicate is not always easy.

Some people in the parish want to know a great deal about this case, others do not want to know anything. Some have specific questions, other have general questions. I will try to respond to all of them as best I can. I think the open forum is a good way to deal with this, but I also invite anyone who wants to talk to me personally to do so.

This is a sad event for Saint Mary's. But with the grace of God and the intercession of our Lady, we will go on.

Peace, Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor.

March 7th Chrism Mass at 7.00 pm at the Cathedral of St. John.

March 24th, Holy Thursday. The office will be closed this day and Friday 25th

The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday at 6pm and soup is then served at the parish hall after the prayers



SUNDAY READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 6th

First Reading: 1Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Eph 5: 8-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112: 4-9

Gospel reading: Jn 9:1-41, or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38



SCRIPTURE READINGS march 7th - March 13th

MON. Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

TUE. Ez 47:1-9/Jn 5:1-16

WED. Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

THU. Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

FRI. Wis 2:1, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10,25-30

SAT Jer 11:18-20/Jn7: 40-53

SUN Ez 37:12-14/Rom8:8-11/Jn11:1-4

Reflections

1. Talk about an experience when healing or insight came in an unexpected way.
2. Relate an experience when you were blind to God's love.
3. Speak of a time when simple or broken people saw things more clearly than the people who seem to have it all together.

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Building \$275.00



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Lenten Reconciliation Services

All Services are at 7:00

March 8th – Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 March 10th – Our Lady of the Rosary
 March 14th – St. John's Cathedral
 March 15th – St. Marks's Catholic Church

New Pastoral Council Members – Congratulations to :

Susan Jones
 Jose Luis Garcia
 Juan Mena
 Michael Thomas
 Tom Kinsley
 Erika Delva
 Bob McQuade
 Robert Parsley
 Mike Pape
 Maryann Hogg

Mom & Tots.... Will be meeting on these days save
no meeting on 3/22 over Spring Break!

March 8th
 April 5th, 19th
 May 3rd, 17th

Advanced Home Health Care... Do you love helping people in need? Advanced Home Health Care has several part-time and full-time openings available. We can work around your school schedule too. We assist our clients in their home doing light housekeeping, medication reminders, running errands for them and companionship. If you think you would enjoy helping people call Kelli Adams at 321-7896. You can apply at 1102 N. Cole Road Boise, Idaho 83704. (Near Emerald & Cole Rd.)

Saturday, March 12, after Spanish Mass: St. Mary's Church presents Fernando Suarez del Solar whose only son was killed in Iraq in 2003. Fernando has traveled to Iraq twice and he works tirelessly to stop the war and show young people what the real face of war looks like. He will speak in Spanish with English translation. He will also speak at BSU in the Hatch Room at 7pm on March 14 and there will be a Fiesta in his honor at the Hispanic Cultural Ctr in Nampa, Sunday, March 13 from 3:30-500. These programs are free and everyone is welcome. Call 336-0761 for more information.

5th – 6th Grade Rally with the REACH Team. Come hang with the REACH Team, an awesome group of young adults from Tacoma, WA. Eat pizza, play games, meet friends from Catholic parishes throughout the city and have fun! To register call Meg at 342-7611.

REACH Team is back for a **Junior High Retreat!!**



7th & 8th graders, join them for a blast of a time, March 11th & 12th. Don't miss out on this awesome overnight retreat experience of faith, fun, music and good laughs. See old friends and make new ones!! Call Molly for more info. at 344-2597.

Hope you can make it!!!

SPECIAL THANKS! The Families and friends of Bob and & Marjore Cartwright, sincerely wishes to thank all for being their friend during the trying moments of the loss of their son Paul. May God bless and reward you most abundantly.

Come and Eat. Come join us for our next **Generations of Faith** festival Sunday, March 6 from 2-5 pm or Tuesday, March 8 from 6-9 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Our topic will be the Eucharist in preparation for Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. There will be activities for all ages. A simple soup supper will be served. Bring your favorite bread to share with the community. Call Meg or Molly for more information at 342-7611.

TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THOSE IN NEED AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's is pleased to announce a program to help our fellow parishioners who are having trouble getting to church, visiting friends or running errands around town. A taxi service is available through Boise City Senior Solutions and St. Mary's wants to provide this service to you **at no charge**. The only qualification for this program by the city is that you must have a permanent disability. We will make arrangements for you to receive a picture ID card and coupons that you can use anytime. If you are in need of this service and we can help, please call the office.

BK Irish Fest Dinner and Auction This event will take place on March 12th 5:30pm at Bishop Kelly! Plan to attend this fun-filled event benefiting Bishop Kelly High School. The night will include a prime rib dinner, silent and live auctions, dessert auction, no host bar and dancing! The cost is \$35.00 per person. Advanced reservations are required. Please contact Gerry Faricy at 338-6605 or www.bk.org for more information or to make your reservations. Bring out your green and join us!

**"SERENGETI TREK" 2005 VACATION BIBLE
 SCHOOL** The Planning committee is now being formed, please get into action! Call T. Morrison @ 338-0442.