

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

You are a star!

Blessings and revival to you, church family and visitors, as we continue our Lenten journey. We continue to pray with Jesus in the desert. We give alms and fast to detach ourselves from this world, and to be united to the Lord in heaven. I hope and pray that your Lent has been filled with conversion, power and deeper love for Jesus. I know that my own Lent has already begun to bear some good fruit in my life.

In our first reading this Sunday we hear the story of the Covenant that the Lord made with Abraham. Even though Abraham and Sarah had no children, the Lord would make a mighty nation from their descendants. Abraham had faith that God was able to do what He had promised. We know that this was the beginning of the Hebrew people and the nation of Israel. The biological descendants of Abraham number in the millions and are spread all around the world. God kept His promise.

There is another level of fulfillment to this covenant. Saint Paul writes that all who have faith in the One True God are "offspring of Abraham". Jesus also teaches that Abraham is not only the father of the Jewish people, but also of all people of faith. This means that we are also children of Abraham. As people of faith, we live in the covenant and promise that God gave to Abraham and Sarah. We will also receive an inheritance, a "new home", a "promised land". For us, the inheritance is not a piece of land, but a new life and a home in heaven. We are the "spiritual heirs" in the covenant God made with Abraham. We are His people, "a people peculiarly His own".

This led me to a wonderful realization. As Abraham looked up into the sky to see the number of his descendants in the stars, one of those stars was lit for me.



**From The Desk Of
Fr. Matthew S. Bonk**

As his descendants in faith, we were some of the shining stars that Abraham saw thousands of years ago. If he saw the number of his descendants, then we were among those shining stars that gave Abraham such joy and confidence. Even thousands of years before we were born, the Lord knew our faith and lit the sky for us!

We are so very precious to our heavenly Father. Even the stars in the sky give testimony of His love for us, and our faith in Him. Abraham did not know any of our names, but he saw the light that would shine from our lives as we love and serve Jesus. God does know our names, and each light represented one of His beloved children.

I heard a commercial on the radio that a person can have a star named after someone (for a fee, of course). It is presented as a gift to show how much the person means to us. Well, from my reading of this Scripture, I would say that each of us already have a star named after us (that is, of course, if we have faith). The Lord lit up the sky for Abraham and Sarah with the light that He would give to His followers throughout the generations. We are a part of that light! We are the bright burning stars that give praise to God and testimony that He keeps His promises all those years ago. The next time you look up into a clear sky and take in the wonder of all the stars, remember that these lights are a sign of God's promise. Also remember that one of those lights was lit for you!

Fr. Matthew S. Bonk
C.S.R.

**Mass
Schedule...**

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
(before each Mass)**


7:30-8:00 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction: 9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass



Weekly Readings...

February 28 - March 07, 2010

Sunday:
Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14
Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

Monday:
Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:
Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:
Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:
Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday:
Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday:
Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday:
Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 1-4,6-8,11
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28st

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Anastasia Wright
John Wright

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Tony Conte

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Johnny Taylor
Norman Williams
Andrew Atherton
Ann Conte
Michael Ellermann
Maudelle Fite

Host: Jacquie Crawford

Host: Martha Darris

ELDERS

8:15: Ernest Nashville

11:00: Ann Ortweith

USHERS - Group 4

8:15 Carol Henderson-Powell

11:00 Lisa McClendon

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte
Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Mark Kamp

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Jean Latham
Jean Nashville
Brenda Moore
Angela Mullen
Pat Quain
Melba Smith

Host: Linda Kamp

Host: Helene Laberta

ELDERS

8:15 Andrew Atherton

11:00 Edna Whitfield

USHERS - Group 1

8:15 Linda Kamp

11:00 Lisa Bowie-Perry

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Sidne Williams
Desiree Wallace

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Dorothy Brack
Pearlina Harris
Richard Lane
Pamela Leong
Blondell Lucas
Karen Madison
Mary Middleton
Pat Pou

Host: Henrene Brown

Host: Richard Buckley

Host: Joy Camp

Host: Cynthia Clayton

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Mike Ellermann
Yvonne Ward

11:00 Deborah Grant
Sharon Cooney-Smith

ALTER SERVERS

11:00 Temani Combs
Emma Pou
Jessica Pou

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00 Derrion George

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

11:00 Nikki Taylor
Jean Anthony
Dorothy Brack
Herene Brown
Sharon Cooney-Smith
Deborah Grant
Pamela Leong
Blondell Lucas

Host: Angela Thames

Host: Edna Whitfield

Host: Anita Banks

Host: Karen Madison

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Greg Franklin
Jacquie Crawford

11:00 Donna Lane
Richard Buckley

PRAYER CORNER



“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER”

“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of our souls and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” To include someone in our Prayer Corner, please call the office Monday through Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

(We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.

SICKNESS 02/17/10

Barry, Jack*
Crider, Joanne*
Gregory, Georgette

INTENTIONS 02/17/10

Conrad-Woolen, Joseph
Foster, Ossie
Kemp, Joanne*
Scott, Devon

SICKNESS 02/24/10

Barnes, Benny
Brewer, Lenard
Brewer, Sezand
Tidwell, Agnes
Vardiman, Katie*
Walker, Joyce

INTENTIONS 02/24/10

Farra, Winnie
Fitzsimmons, Karen*

INTENTIONS

Alexandre, Rosemary S.*
Allen-Smith, Queen*
Bell, Gilbert*
Brown, Eric*
Buckley, Darrell*
Cloyd Jr., Harvey Carroll*
Collins, Amy*
Davis, Denise*
George, Roberta & Family*
Glenn, Lesley*
Glenn, Rae*
Grant, Bernice*
Hatchett, Ann*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hughes, Goyia*
Hughes, Irene*
Jones, Harriett*
Latham, Darrian*
Martin, Linda*
Mosby, Marvin*
Norflect (Rhodes), Marsha & Family*
Parran, Lauren*

Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Smith, Amos W.*
Washington, Yvette*
Williams, Ethel*
Wilson, Earl*
Zacher, Clarence*

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl*
Coleman, Ken*
Crowley, Tammy*
George, Betty*
Hatten, Pam*
Hudson, Edward*
Jones, Harriet*
Luster, Juanita*
McCoy, Steven*
McSpadden, Phillip*
Perkins, Belinda*
Perkins, Charles Sr.*
Rankins, Gloria*
Reedy, Judith*
Reedy, Sidney*
Remsberg, Corey Sgt.*
Wallace, Eugene*
Worth, Shirley*
Zikovic, Katrina*

HOSPITAL

Albright, Winston*
Collins, Lizell*
Crenshaw, Roscoe*
Gales, Mary Ann*

SHUT-IN

Anderson, Hortense
Brown, Lannie
Buckley, June
Camp, Cynthia
Carson, Donetta
Chopin, Dave & Ann
Clay, Irvin & Evelyn
Collins, Lizell
DuMaine, William
Fowler, Queen
Goodlow, Elizabeth
Jackson, Margaret
Johnson, Deacon Les
Joiner, Ruby
Jones, Mother Julia
Kulhman, Ann
McCoy, Carolyn
Riley, Jerry
Rinderer, Barbara
Ringo, Maggie
Roberts, Juanita
Robinson, Vernita
Stevenson, Mary
Turner, Thelma



YOUTH CORNER

CALLING ALL PARENTS:



First Reconciliation and First Eucharist classes have begun.

Children must be 7 years old and in the 2nd grade. They must attend Catholic School or be enrolled in a PSA (Parish Sponsored Religion) program or our Religious Education Program. Please contact—Donna Lane @ 314-533-0304.

COLLECTION FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

The annual NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION was authorized by the Catholic Church in our nation in 1884 and has served the Black and Native American communities ever since. The Collection was needed then and it is needed today more than ever.

Our own Archdiocese of St. Louis recently received a generous grant to be used for evangelization in our local church for our Black and Native American members. This grant is from the proceeds of this national collection.

I ask that you be as generous as possible to the NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION for the year 2010. By doing so, you share in the ongoing efforts to build up the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson

LITURGY NOTES

Spiritual Carrots

Carrots supposedly help your eyesight. Fasting helps your vision! Vision is acquired and shaped. We learn to see and learning to recognize the real from the unreal demands discipline. Art experts spend a lifetime learning to distinguish authentic paintings from fakes and reproductions.

The preface to the eucharistic prayer today proclaims that Jesus had to teach his disciples that “the promised Christ first had to suffer and so come to the glory of His resurrection.” While preparing them for His death, He revealed Himself in glory. Fasting is certainly a way of dying to self. Can it also reveal Christ’s glory within us?

The transfigured body of Christ was a foretaste of His risen glory. Our engagement in fasting is a participation in the freedom promised us at baptism. God’s gifts are good but too often these goods are made by us into little gods who rule and dominate our lives. We are often ruled by the desires fueled within us by images of food and drink served up by TV, radio and magazines. Fasting is an exercise in freedom. It is a death to what we want in order to discover our deepest and truest needs. At the center we discover the glory of Christ who strengthens us in all our dyings.

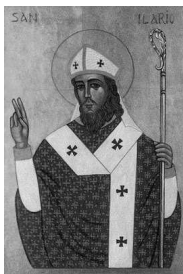
What one thing is fasting helping you to see more clearly?



SAINT OF THE WEEK...

St. Hilary, Pope
[Feastday:](#) February 28

Pope from 461-468 and guardian of Church unity. He was born in Sardinia, Italy, and was a papal legate to the Robber Council of Ephesus in 449, barely escaping with his life from this affair. Hilary was used by Pope St. Leo I the Great on many assignments. When Leo died, Hilary was elected pope and consecrated on November 19th, 461. He worked diligently to strengthen the Church in France and Spain, calling councils in 462 and 465. Hilary also rebuilt many Roman churches and erected the chapel of St. John Lateran. He also publicly rebuked Emperor Anthemius in St. Peter's for supporting the Macedonian heresy and sent a decree to the Eastern bishops validating the decisions of the General Councils of Nicaea, Ephesus, and Chalcedon. Hilary consolidated the Church in Sandi, Africa, and Gaul. He died in Rome on February 28.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

The Lwanga Center will host its 27th Annual Awards Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, March 21, 2010. It will be held at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel. Silent Auction opens at 2:30 p.m. Program begins at 4 p.m. in the main Ballroom. This year's theme is *"On the Way of Duty I walk, Along the Path of Justice."*

Congratulations to:
 Monica Huddleston, Adult Honoree
 Anthony Conte, Youth Honoree
 Jessica Pou, Lwanga Legend.

Special Honorees:

Fr. Rich Creason, Pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish will be honored with the Fr. Ed. Feuerbacher Lifetime Achievement Award

Sr. Pat Bober, CSJ Sts T & B Parish Youth Ministry, Trailblazer

Mrs. Carrie Brown, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Church, Trailblazer
Mr. Eric Clark, Principal, Loyola Academy, Trailblazer

Tickets are available in the office.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

Military



Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr.

Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr. ended a brilliant 50 year military career in 1948. During the last eight years of his service, he achieved the distinction of being the first African American general in the United States Army. Davis graduated from Howard University in 1898, and served in the 9th cavalry and the 8th U.S. Volunteers Infantry before joining the Army in 1918. His breakthrough success in advancing through the ranks of the military paved the way for others who followed, and sent a powerful message to the young people—that with education, hard work and determination, the highest goal can be achieved, and that no dream is beyond their reach.

May 1
 Congress chartered Howard University 1867

May 9
 Georgia, South Carolina & Florida slaves freed-1862

May 24
 Lincoln University founded-1854

May 26
 Voting Rights Bill passed-1965

May 28
 C.B. Scott patented street sweeper-1896

Financial Corner...

Offerings and Tithes

FEBRUARY 2010	
Date	Amount
7	\$10,012.32
14	\$ 6,278.99
21	\$ 12,030.38
28	\$
Total	\$ 28,321.69
Wkly Avg.	\$ 9,440.56

BRICKS SOLD	
GOAL	1000
SOLD	168
REMAINING	832

We have to sell 400 bricks before we can start the MOPH Garden

Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That we may find joy and happiness in our homes, recognizing that the comfort and shelter provided there are wonderful gifts

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess. He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?

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ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 17,2010) and Good Friday (April 2, 2010) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, **fast** as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18 to 59**. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.



PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Matthew S. Bonk, C.Ss.R., Pastor
 Rev. Thé Joseph Phạm, C.Ss.R., Assoc. Pastor
 Joyce Jones, Business Manager
 Donna L. Lane
 (Dir. of Religious Education/Youth Ministry)
 Wilhelmina Hardin, Dir. of M.A.T.
 Social Min.

PASTORAL STAFF

Roberta George, Secretary

SUPPORT STAFF

Bro. Terry Burke, C.Ss.R., Manager
 Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Angela Mullen
 Vice Chair: Michael Page
 Secretary: Rosalind Hood
 Assist. Secretary: Alice Cummings
 Member-at-Large I: Eugene Wallace
 Finance Liaison: Jeffrey McDonald
 Lois Scott
 Brenda Moore-Jones
 Christine Bluett
 Garnetta Thames
 Jerilyn M. Bell



COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation—TBD
 Christian Service - TBD
 Family Life Comm. - TBD
 Finance & Adm. - John Wright
 Liturgy - Richard Buckley
 Social Life - Hilliard Phillips

REDEMPTORISTS IN

RESIDENCE

Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
 Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.

MUSIC MINISTRY

8:15—Malcolm Speed
 11:00—Danny Dumaine

Athletic Office: 314 533-0304
 Ext. 1002

Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304
 Ext. 1002

Church Etiquette

Before entering Church:

- Please turn all cell phones , electronic toys and pagers off
- Please, no eating or chewing gum in church
- Please do not stand in the aisles around the walls
- Please refrain from moving during the consecration
- Please do not litter the church, church yard, parking lot or the street

OFFICE CLOSING

April 2nd
 Good Friday

During inclement weather, if the St. Louis Public Schools are closed, the office will be closed.

COMMUNITY HELP

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center
 (Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership
 Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
 (314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300 and
 Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class
 every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas
 School - (314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304
 (ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center
 (314) 367-7929

ATTENTION

If your telephone number or address has changed since January 2008, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesday's. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER????

St. Alphonsus Rock has prayer ministry after each Mass every Sunday.

Go to the choir area after Mass, and there will be members there to pray with you and for you. Feel a heavy burden? Need a healing? Have a thankful heart? Worried?