

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY  
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**Third Sunday of  
Lent**  
7-8 March 2015

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:**  
**Deployed:** FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps; Kevin Voelker, USA  
**Deceased:**  
**Healing:** Buddy Craven, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Richard Brysacz (father of Margaret Asten), Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Bill Hubbard  
~Please contact Pam to remove names from the Deployed and Healing prayer lists. ~

Dear Catholic Community:  
Welcome to the first weekend of Daylight Saving Time. I really like it when the time changes, not because I enjoy an hour of sleep being taken away from me, but rather because it stays lighter later. On this Third Sunday of Lent, the First Reading teaches us the Commandments. These Commandments call us to live differently. We're reminded that following Jesus is not always easy and carefree. It requires something from each of us. We must follow God's commands. Often, out of pride or convenience, we seek to follow our own will instead. Perhaps we can all pray that God will be merciful and soften our hearts when we stubbornly refuse to follow Him. We need to be reminded that life with the Lord is worth any cost we may incur.  
Pray with the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the great Commandment. Reflect how your heart is slow to follow God's commands in the Hebrew Scriptures and Christ's command in the New Testament. Work at being a more faithful disciple in these areas. If challenged, take the more difficult route and follow Christ's commands.  
Blessings,  
Fr. Fred

The **Pastoral Council** meets this Sunday, **8 March**, at 1030.  
**Lenten Penance Service** is Thursday, **12 March 2015**. The service begins at 1900, Memorial Chapel. Ten priests are participating so there will be an opportunity for individual confessions.  
Also this **Thursday**: Daily Mass is at 1100. The **Lenten Concert** series is at 1130 inside Memorial Chapel followed by lunch and devotional in Fellowship Hall.  
Friday, **6 March**: **Stations of the Cross** at 1800 followed by Penitential Supper in Fellowship Hall at 1830. Sponsoring ministry – Altar Servers.  
You do not need to contribute a food to join us for supper. If you like to, though, here are some food suggestions: meatless soup (no chicken or beef broth/stock), salads, breads, desserts  
**4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic** meets Sunday, **15 March**.  
Sunday, **22 March**: Group Baptismal Class at 1030, Fr. Fred's office.  
Lent is a Penitential Season in which we focus on growing in Christ. Easter is the time of celebrating Resurrection and new Life. I welcome families who would like to have babies baptized on Easter Sunday or any of the weekends of the Easter Season. The Easter Season begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, **4 April 2015** and will continue for 50 days through the celebration of Pentecost on **24 May**. Obviously, baptisms will be celebrated other times of the Liturgical Year also, but Easter Season is the most special of all times.  
The next **Designated Offering** is the weekend of **28-29 March** for the Archdiocese of the Military Services.

Offering for 28 February - 1 March	
1700 Vigil Mass:	\$1,936.00
0900 Sunday Mass:	\$3,429.03
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,365.03</b>

ATTENDANCE: 434 Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

**Lenten Day of Recollection:** Saturday, **21 March 2015** from 0900 to 1500, Franciscan Monastery, Washington DC. This is open to adult only; limited number of seats are available. Information flyer is available on the website under "Bulletins". To reserve your space, please contact Pam at [pamortiz85@gmail.com](mailto:pamortiz85@gmail.com).

**Introduction to Today's Readings**

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17  
A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties in which each promises something. The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God on Mount Sinai. The heart of that covenant is this: God promises to accept the Israelites as his people. On their part, they must promise to keep God's commandments.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
Paul wrote to his Corinthian converts about the difficulty in preaching about a crucified savior. To Jewish people who looked for a powerful Messiah performing spectacular signs, it seemed unacceptable that the Messiah would suffer and die. To Gentiles, it seemed entirely absurd that someone who died such a humiliating death could be the savior of the world.

"Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." Take time to reflect on what God is asking for your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 17-19 April 2015 in Fredericksburg or 18-20 September in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

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**Mass:** 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel  
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**Parish Registration:** Forms may be obtained from an usher or printed from the website.  
**Advance E-bulletin:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday  
**Sacraments and Sponsor Letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.  
**Registration Card/Contact Information Updates:** Notify Pam of any changes to contact information or if moving from the area.