

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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**Fourth Sunday of
Lent**
14-15 March 2015

Dear Catholic Community:
Lent is passing by quickly. As we celebrate this Sunday of Lent, we're reminded of the point of it all. God loves us and died and rose for us. God forgives us our sins and celebrates our salvation. God does what to many seems ridiculous. He becomes one of us and bears our sins. During this Season of Lent, if you weren't able to make the Penance Service, there will be extra hours of confessions. I pray that you might take the opportunity to celebrate that forgiveness, especially if it's been a long time since you were to confession. As St. Paul clearly states: "God saved us by grace, not by anything we have done." What we can do is respond with hearts contrite and humble and ready to accept this wonderful gift of God in our lives.
Blessings,
Fr. Fred

4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic meets this Sunday, **15 March**.

Lenten Thursdays: Daily Mass is at 1100. **Lenten Concert** series is at 1130 inside Memorial Chapel followed by lunch and devotional in Fellowship Hall.

Friday, 20 March: **Stations of the Cross** at 1800 followed by Penitential Supper in Fellowship Hall at 1830. This Friday is being sponsored by the Lector Ministry. 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

Lenten Day of Recollection: Saturday, **21 March 2015** from 0900 to 1500, Franciscan Monastery, Washington DC. Information flyer is available on the website under "Bulletins". To reserve your space, please contact Pam at pamortiz85@gmail.com.

Sunday, 22 March: Group Baptismal Class at 1030, Fr. Fred's office.

The next **Designated Offering** is the weekend of **28-29 March** for the Archdiocese of the Military Services.

What do you think? Families with young children, would you like to have childcare available during the 1700 and 0900 Masses? This would be for children between the ages of six months and 5 years. If interested, please email Fr. Fred.

Couples Wanted Volunteers are being sought to help couples prepare for the sacrament of matrimony. This is a very special opportunity, especially for our active duty married couples. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Fr. Fred for further details.

Offering for 7 – 8 March	
1700 Vigil Mass:	\$1,289.00
0900 Sunday Mass:	\$2,266.00
Total:	\$3,555.00

ATTENDANCE: 399 Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

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: Mike Farrell (brother of Peg Bowen)
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, Sue Higgins
~Please contact Pam to remove names from the Deployed and Healing prayer lists.~

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**Introduction to Today's Readings**

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace."

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Announcement of the 2015 AMS Chrism Mass

Each year Archbishop Broglio concelebrates with his priests the Chrism Mass, during which the priests renew their commitment and the oils intended for sacramental use on military installations and VA medical centers served by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA are blessed and consecrated. These oils will be used for baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick, and ordinations during the upcoming year.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, with the clergy serving the Archdiocese for the Military Services, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC (400 Michigan Ave., NE). The Chrism Mass is open to the public, and the faithful of the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate.

Catholic Community Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil
Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel
Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel
Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525
Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz pamortiz85@gmail.com
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.