

2nd Sunday of Lent
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God is constantly inviting us to a new life and a deeper faith. As we continue our journey through Lent, let us take time to reflect on how God might be calling us today.



Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

We hear of the covenant made between God and Abraham, a covenant that will never be broken

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Being a disciple of Christ is never easy, particularly in a hostile world. St. Paul encourages the people of Philippi to remain united and true to the teaching of Christ.

Luke 9:28-36

While on the top of Mt. Tabor with his disciples, Jesus undergoes a transformation of such magnitude that Peter does not want the experience to be lost. calms his fears and sends him to catch people.

**COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 20, 2009:
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$ 25,059.00**

This is DDF In-Pew Weekend at our parish and throughout the diocese. Unite with all Catholics in our diocese to share our blessings and show our concern for one another. Your gift is important! You'll be helping all the ministries in the diocese and the services they provide. We hope to have 100% participation. Currently only 38% of the families in the diocese give annually. Please help us achieve our goal by sharing as fully as possible with the blessings God has given you.

Mass Intentions for the coming week :

- MAR 2 Ruth White + r/b Ed & Sue Trumbull
- MAR 3 Vincent Khanh Viet r/b Theresa Witcher
- MAR 4 Vocations
- MAR 5 Jane Scalet Scott + r/b Ellen Boswell
- MAR 6 Charlie Goloby + r/b Tom & Lois Olzawski

MINISTERS SCHEDULE— MARCH 6-7

5:30 Saturday March 6

- Lector** Dana Baldwin, Aly Dever
- EMHC** Jessica Cooley, Sean Donovan
- Server** Mike Davis, Callie Knox
- Greeter** Nikki Chambers, Mary Helen Guillaume
- Crucifix**
- Gifts** Larry & Pat McFadden

8:00 Sunday March 7

- Lector** Peggy Wollmershauser, Tom Byers
- EMHC** Thelma Moore, Lois Olzawski
- Server** Nelson Sousa
- Greeter** Thelma Moore, Betty Livingston
- Crucifix** Bill & Lucy Dierker

10:00 Sunday March 7

- Lector** Donna Stanberry, Lara Wells
- EMHC** Tina Rouser, Linda Smith
- Server** Paul Goree, Samuel Myers, Cory Bright
- Greeter** Teresa Brunner, Teresa Black, Linda Smith, Dinna Burns
- Crucifix** Ed & Dianna Tullis
- Gifts** Paul Meyer Family
- Coffee & Donuts** Ken Fike, Dan Bisett
- RCIA** Larry McFadden

FREE CONCERT. Fr. Brian Parker, Fr. Benedykt Pazdan, and Alex Fisher will be in concert on March 10, 7:00 pm at the Cascia Hall Performing Arts Center. This group performs world-wide to raise money for special charitable projects such as supporting food pantries and soup kitchens in St. Louis to feeding and educating children from Africa to Central America. Admission is open to the public and free of charge; donations will be accepted. For more information about the group and their music, visit their website at <http://www.fatherbrianmusic.com/>.

Lenten Reflections

As we journey through Lent together, we can share the Lenten experiences that we hold dear. Possibly it is making more time for prayer, both private and communal. If you were fortunate to obtain a "Little Black Book" for Lent, you read today about "Prayer" vs. "Magic".

Sometimes prayers with set words are criticized as being *magical*. But prayer and magic are worlds apart.

Magic uses certain words that try to force supernatural powers to do what we want. The magic-worker has no personal relationship with the "supernatural force." It is like getting the right combination to a lock or the right command on a computer. The object is simply to find the right button to produce the desired effect.

Prayer uses words in order to have a more personal relationship with God. We aren't stuck to the words. We can change them, or say only some of them, or come up with our own—whatever helps us converse with God.

Today is "The Lord's Day." Take a few minutes to talk to the Lord, using whatever words you wish. If you use a traditional prayer, give your mind, imagination, feelings free rein to roam within these words and see where it takes you.

First Annual Pro-Life Charity Dinner

David Bereit
Guest Speaker
40 Days for Life
National Director

Hosted by Bishop Edward J. Slattery
*An evening to raise awareness and support while
building an all faith community and celebrating life*

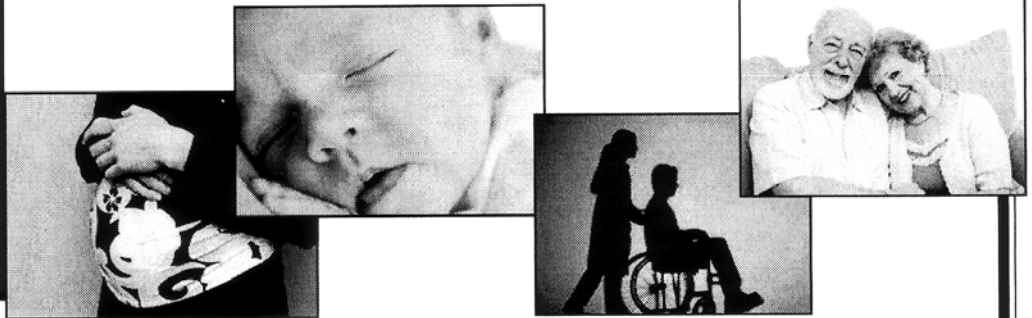
Saturday, March 6, 2010
Bishop Kelley High School Gym
6pm - Social • 7pm - Dinner
\$25 per person • Sponsored Table for 8 - \$250
Just Catering by Orr • Business Casual
seating is limited

For more information contact Tracy Calliccoat at
918-307-4939 or tracy.calliccoat@dioceseoftulsa.org.

Benefitting:

Tulsa March for Life
40 Days for Life
Garden of Hope
Gabriel Project
Rose Day
Mass for Life
Nat'l March for Life
Education & Support
**Project Rachel*
**Sidewalk Counseling*

**Future programs*



Please detach and return with your payment to: Diocese of Tulsa, Pro-Life Dinner, P.O. Box 690240, Tulsa, 74169
Make check payable to the Diocese of Tulsa • Reservations accepted through March 2, 2010

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Sponsored Table Organization _____

1st Annual Pro-Life Charity Dinner
____ Attending • \$25 per person
____ Sponsored Table for 8 - \$250
(Indicate attendees on back)
Sponsored tables will be reserved
seating closest to the speaker and
program acknowledgement.

Unable to attend, please accept the enclosed donation.

Rite of Sending (celebrated at the local parish) and Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion (celebrated with the Bishop at the Cathedral)

What is the RCIA Rite of Sending? (Celebrated at Church of the Madalene on February 21, 2010). Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on this first (or second) Sunday of Lent will welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Rite of Sending offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to Bishop Slattery with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. Those who are already baptized, as Catholics or in other denominations, had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. In this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God.

What is the RCIA Rite of Election? (Celebrated at Holy Family Cathedral on February 28, 2010). This Rite marks a key moment. For the catechumens, this Rite signifies that they have been called by Christ and attests to the reality that only those mystically claimed by Christ will enter Heaven. St. John writes, "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (Rev 20:15). Throughout the RCIA process, catechumens should have become increasingly involved with the parish community. The community, with godparents representing the parish, will wholeheartedly acclaim the participants' readiness. It is appropriate for the bishop to recognize them because he is the sign of unity of the particular Church, and it is the parish community's responsibility to bring those in RCIA into the fullness of the life of the Church. The godparents give public testimony about the catechumens. The godparents' role is very significant; they represent the community and are asked during this Rite to make serious statements about the catechumens. The decision of an RCIA participant to go through this Rite means that the judgment and decision-making (of both the catechumen and the parish) about whether to enter the Catholic Church has ended. From this point forward, they are no longer catechumens but are called the "elect." They have been chosen to enter into the final period of preparation for initiation, and called by the bishop, their shepherd, to the holy mysteries to be celebrated that Easter.

What is the RCIA Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion? (Celebrated at Holy Family Cathedral on February 28, 2010). For all who have been baptized, the reality of being chosen and claimed by Christ took place at their Baptism. This is true for the baptized candidates as well. Therefore the Rite of Election is inappropriate for them; they are already among the elect in Christ. Instead, the candidates are "called to continuing conversion," and thus their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist is recognized. This Rite also takes place before the bishop, normally as part of the same liturgical event as the Rite of Election for those who are unbaptized. With their sponsors standing in support of them, the candidates are addressed by the bishop: "Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant." (RCIA 454) Together with the elect, the candidates are thereby moved by this Rite into a period of intense spiritual preparation.

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RCIA is the RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS. The parish offers presentations, retreats, prayer and discussion on all the many teachings of the Catholic Church. The Candidates and Catechumens you met last Sunday during the Rite of Sending at 10:00 Mass have been participating in RCIA for many months and they have discerned that they are going forward to Holy Family Cathedral this Sunday for the Rite of Election. Please keep each of them in your prayers:

**Chrissy Anderson
Richard DeJongh
Katherine Guardiola
Mary Knight
David McIntyre
Wendy Medlin
Joshua Miller**

**Arielle Muccio
Vicki Pearson
Jeff Rice
Donnie Rich
Sara Sobolik
Kent Towsley
Sarah Van Eman
Jackie Winningham**

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MADALENE YOUTH EVENTS

M.Y. GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR 6TH - 12TH GRADES

Mar. 6 Clear Creek Monastery
Work Day 8am to 1pm

Mar. 28 Showing of "The Passion" in the Youth Room 6-9pm

M & M ACTIVITIES FOR PreK THROUGH GRADE 5

Mar. 7 Lenten Retreat 3-5pm



It's time to buy your tickets to the second annual Name That Tune Trivia! The reigning champions from last year need some competition. So form your dream team of 8 and join us on April 9th at 6:00 in the St. Pius X School gym to test your skills at music trivia. The cost is \$20 a person or \$125 a table. There is limited seating and all the Diocesan schools are participating this year. This event is to support the Dr. Jane Scalet Scott Fund to help our special needs students in our Diocesan schools. Please turn your forms in to St. Pius X School. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ellen Clark at 809-4101 or meclark@spxtulsa.org.

Parish Pastoral Council representatives will gather this Sunday, Feb. 28th at 11:30 am in Saint Francis Hall. The business of the parish council is to articulate the vision of the parish and to discern on an ongoing basis if our ministries, programs, activities and special events are living out that vision. Parishioners can always keep up with the council meetings by taking a look at the record of the meetings posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the Parish Hall. Pat Baldwin is our current Council Chair. Three council representative positions will open this spring. Please contact Pat Baldwin or Fr. Jack Gleason if you would like to find out more about the requirements of representatives.

Madalene Social Concerns Committee is collecting glasses cases. Please bring cases to church with you next weekend. Plus a reminder to fill your Lenten Coin Bank!

The Prodigal Son ~ a Day of Prayer and Reflection sponsored by Council of Catholic Women, Tulsa Diocese, at St. Cecilia Church in Claremore on March 18, 2010. Registration of \$10 includes lunch. Reservations must be made before March 12th to Linda Smith 747-4515. The day will begin at 9am and conclude at 2:30pm.

Women of the Madalene next monthly meeting will be held at 7pm in the Parish Hall this Tuesday, March 2nd. Rick Brinkley, CEO of Better Business Bureau will be our guest speaker. Come and enjoy an evening with your parish sisters, a delicious dessert, and this great presentation by Mr. Brinkley.

During the Lenten Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 5:00 on Wednesday evening until time for 6pm Mass, and on Saturdays from 3pm to 5pm.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BULLETIN BOARD



Lenten Crusade for those who are giving up meat for Lent or want to provide food for those in need through CC, the Lenten Crusade meat drive is underway. Canned meat, soup, chili, or monetary donations. Contact Matt DeWeese at 949-HOPE, x151



Winter Scarves for those we serve. Do you knit or crochet? Lillie Haddican, CC Volunteer and a senior at Cascia Hall, will be collecting any kind of winter scarves for CC through March 30. Contact Lillie at mhaddi-



Job Opportunity at CC: Parish Liaison & Development Asst., A full-time, ministerial that includes communication, building relationships with clergy and parish staff, as well as clerical support for the Mission Advancement of CC. Contact Tish Stuart 508-7116 or tstuart@catholiccharitiestulsa.org, by 3/4/10.



Volunteers needed with the new education program in full swing at CC to serve as evening and weekend volunteer receptionists. Mon-Thu 5:45-8:45pm, and Sat 9:45am-12:15pm. Call Taina Wilson 508-7102 or send Taina an email at twilson@catholiccharitiestulsa.org.