

**Saturday, March 21:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 22:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 23: Lenten Weekday, Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop

Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4:43-54

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 24: Lenten Weekday

Ez 47: 1-9, 12, Jn 5: 1-16

No Mass today

Wednesday, March 25: Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7: 10-14; 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1: 26-38

No Mass today

Thursday, March 26: Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47

No Mass today

Friday, March 27: Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

No Mass today

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

Saturday, March 28:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 29:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

We sincerely appreciate all those who bring non-perishable food items to Church for the less fortunate of our community, including this weekend. May God bless you for your concern of those who need help during this difficult economic time.

SOUP AND LENTEN SERVICES

All parishioners are invited to a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread this **Thursday, March 26** and also April 2nd. The suppers will begin at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center followed by the Lenten Service @ 7:00 pm in Church. Please note there is no charge for these suppers. It is the parish's gift back to the generous people of our church.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

During World War II, the U.S. Bishops created Catholic Relief Services as an agency to help persons displaced by the war. Later, CRS expanded into works of famine relief, development and peace.

Today, Catholic Relief Services is active in over 80 countries around the world. The agency responds to emergencies, provides direct aid to the poor, and involves people in their own development.

This weekend we will have an extra collection for Catholic Relief Services. We can help with our contributions, and be *Jesus in Disguise*.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 28 & 29**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Dave Klebba*

Donna Klebba, Lynne Petiprin

Denise Burkey, Theresa Burkey

9:00 a.m. Bob Chisholm*

Pat Chisholm, Daniella Babcock

Norm & Jan Daniels

11:00 a.m. Carol Starling*

Lee Starling, Rita Papp

Rich & Donna Hartman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Ashley Merz, Delia Kolanowski

9:00 a.m. Allison Learman, Aradia Bristol

11:00 a.m. Nicole Quick, Lorenz Llcudine

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Onna Lee LaPratt, Lynn, Mark Petiprin, Cheree Szidik

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith, Daniella Babcock, Vincent Albin, Gloria Orban

11:00 a.m. Jerry, Suzanne Lascieski, Karlee, Vicki Neuville, Keith, Lynette Baur, Sharon Vandenbossche

USHERS FOR APRIL:

5:00 p.m. Dan Monville*, John Merz

Dolly Emery, Dave Kolacz

9:00 a.m. Pat Stapleton*, Joe Greene

Mike Greene, Nathan Bednarski

11:00 a.m. Vic Guzman*, John Kopko

Doug Prosser, Pete O'Brien

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please join us next weekend (March 28/29) to hear Rev. Anthony P. Palazzolo speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean.

Fr. Palazzolo will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Palazzolo was ordained for the Diocese of Mandeville in Jamaica in 1993. In addition to preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, he works for the Family Life Office in the Diocese of St. Augustine, as an advisor-counselor.

Please welcome Fr. Palazzolo.

LENENT RETREAT DAY

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese at the Center for Ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Saturday, March 28. The day's activities start @ 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. The cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, Mass & Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Betty Ross (989-792-6090) by March 23.

"THE SHACK" DISCUSSION GROUP

You're welcome to join us for a group discussion session on the book entitled "The Shack" held each Wednesday during Lent in the Rectory basement @ 6:30 pm.

A GOOD IDEA: Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend.....\$5718.51
 478 Envelope Holders...210 Envelopes used last weekend



ACTIVE DUTY-I am still waiting for a call from the Navy/Corps regarding my status as a chaplain. Our last phone call...put things in their

hands...for them to decide if they still wished to have me remain in the chaplain corp or resign my commission. This is due to the fact that I will not/cannot accept orders for mobilization to Afghanistan.

In the meantime...as I wait...there is still my obligation to serve two-weeks of ACTIVE DUTY. Therefore, I am scheduled to fly out this Sunday afternoon (March 22) to Yuma, AZ. I will be going to the same base I went to last year for two weeks. This exercise is a month long "war-game" in which the Marine Corps simulates air combat scenarios...and real airplanes are used...to represent the good guys and the bad guys.

Since I will be away for one weekend...there will be a visiting priest from FOOD FOR THE POOR. He comes to our parish to speak on the issue of hunger around the world and how his community (and our support) help fight hunger by bringing food to the needy.

Please welcome Fr. Anthony Palazzolo with a warm, Sacred Heart welcome. You are asked to support the work he and his community do for the hungry with your financial assistance and prayers.

You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I spend two weeks in sunny and hot Yuma!!

I will return on April 2.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

LEGEND

(A legend or a fable is a story that doesn't pretend to be historical, but simply teaches a lesson. The events surrounding the suffering and death of Christ gave rise to many legends.)

THE LEGEND OF ROBIN RED BREAST



When Jesus was hanging on the cross, a plain brown robin happened by and saw how much he suffered because of the nails in his hands and feet.

The robin felt sorry for him. It flew to one of his hands and began trying to pull the nail loose. He tried and tried, but it was a large spike driven deep into the wood.

It was some sight to see, this small bird trying so hard to do what everyone knew was impossible. Those who were heckling Jesus started to make fun of the robin too. They pointed at him and made jokes.

But the more they laughed the harder the robin tried, pulling and straining for a long time until, exhausted, he fell to the ground and lay there with his eyes closed, unable to fly or even stand.

Soon, Jesus writhed no more. He was dead. And the robin, so they thought, was dead, too.

When the robin awoke, all was quiet. He looked down at his breast and saw that it was crimson with the blood of Jesus.

From that day on the robin has borne the mark of mercy on its breast. (From the Little Black Book)

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

Mar. 24-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00
 Mar. 25-The "Shack" book discussion @ 6:30-Rectory
 Mar. 26-Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
 Mar. 29-First Eucharist Inscription Service @ 11:00 Mass

Apr. 1- The "Shack" book discussion @ 6:30-Rectory
 Apr. 2-Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
 April 8-"The Shack" book discussion 6:30-Rectory
 April 9-Soup Supper 6:00 pm and Mass 7:00 pm
 Apr. 6-12-No Faith Formation Classes
 April 14-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm
 April 15-After School social 3:30-5:00 -Rectory basement
 April 18-Jesus Experience Day 10:00 am
 April 19-First Eucharist Mass 11:00 am

WAY TO GO! Recently several youth from our parish participated in the **District Band Festival**. They received the highest rating-all 1's! Congratulations: Kim Oakie, Liz Schlaud, Kyle Montgomery, Kinnan Justice, Amanda Perez, and Thomas Bodeis.

Sunday By Sunday meets on Mondays @ 6:15. This is an informal gathering and a fun group to be part of. Join us as we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Info: Lynne Petiprin @ 673-3795.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

2008-2009 College Scholarship applications are available at the Sacred Heart Parish Center Office. The scholarships are for any area high school seniors who are members of Sacred Heart Parish. The purpose of the scholarships is to recognize student parishioners who have demonstrated Christian Service during their high school years and to encourage them to continue Christian Service in their future lives. **Application deadline is April 1**, with recipients determined by May 1.

CHILD CARE PROGRAM

St. Elizabeth Parish, Reese, is considering expanding their childcare program to include infants and toddlers. If you would be interested in this "Little Bloomers Child Care Program, (for 2 ½ weeks to five years) please call Jill Muylle, director, @ 989-868-3693.

GREEK TOWN CASINO BUS TRIP

St. Elizabeth Parish, Reese, is sponsoring a Greek Town Casino Bus tour on Tuesday, April 21. Leave St. Elizabeth parking lot @ 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 pm. Cost \$35.00. Incentive package from Casino: \$20.00. Info: 989-868-4108. Proceeds go to St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School.

WE ARE THE FACE OF LOVE ON EARTH

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. (Psalm 8:6)

How deeply God loves us, we who are the crown of creation, we who are called to be Jesus in the world!

God first sent Jesus and then Jesus sent us. You and I (yes, and the neighbor down the road) are now the face of love in the world. We are God's hands and feet, eyes and ears so that we might offer to others God's listening ear, God's heart of compassion, and God's tender arms wrapped around one in need.

Others who may be feeling estranged from God can feel connected once again through us. Others who may be feeling defeated by life's struggles can find encouragement through us. Others who may be feeling unloved can feel loved once again through us.

(From Living Faith)