

## Sunday, March 14, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Please join us for the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before every Mass. Wednesday before each Mass we pray the Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. First Friday and First Saturday of each month we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes before and after Mass.



Father Conrad's Corner

This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday and is a Sunday of hope and joy rejoicing that Easter is near. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near and the celebrant wears rose-colored vestments not violet.

Today's Gospel is from St. Luke. This reading recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us God is a kind and understanding Father. The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin. "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (John Paul II, *Dives in misericordia*, 5).

Mercy — as Christ has presented it in the parable of the prodigal son — has *the interior form of the love* that in the New Testament is called *agape*. This love reaches out to every prodigal son and to every form of moral misery, sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and 'restored to value'. The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy that he has been 'found again' and that he has 'returned to life'. This joy indicates even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be his father's son.

*God Bless, Father Conrad*

## St. Edward Catholic Church

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Mass – 10:00 a.m.

Monday – No Mass - Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday – Noon and 6:30 p.m. – Thursday – Noon

Friday – Noon - Saturday – 9:00 a.m. Holy Days – 6:30 p.m.

**Baptism: By Appointment**

**Confession: 20 minutes before Mass and by appointment**

**Marriage: Arrangements must be made 8 months in advance**

**Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Priest**

### Offertory Counters

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Elaine Stewart – Elissa Biggs  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Buddy Hempe – Berne and Paul Sides

### Lector

March 13<sup>th</sup> – F. Dreessen March 14<sup>th</sup> – J. Wadovsky  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – F. Dreessen March 21<sup>st</sup> – C. Hines

### Food Pantry Volunteers

March 16<sup>th</sup> – John B./Idell/Ruth  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rita/Wana/Tina

### CCD Classes

CCD classes are Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adult Education and RCIA Class

Adult Education and RCIA Class are **Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

### Weekdays of Lent:

#### Days of Abstinence: All Fridays in Lent:

All who have reached the age of 14 are bound to abstain totally from meat on all Fridays in lent.

#### Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of **FAST and ABSTINENCE from meat**. Only one full meal should be eaten on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59.

### Mass Intentions

March 13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 a.m.	For Our Country
March 13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Edward
March 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Edward
March 15 <sup>th</sup> Monday	No Mass
March 16 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	End to Abortion
March 17 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Noon	For Our Men and Women Serving in the Military
March 18 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	All Priests
March 19 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
March 20 <sup>th</sup> Friday Noon	Conversion of Pro-Choice Politicians



Gerarda Cerdan, Randine Johnson, Joe Dixon, Guy Lazzaro, Cheryl Mollerup, Elaine Starling, Nick Matt, Patty Lee, Susanna Angel, John Helinski, Mary Christy Nichols, Jack Horner, Joseph Dietrick, Eleanor Wellons, Angela Vallencourt, Patricia Klaus Father, Christy Harris, Onelia Sanchez, Joey Peterson, Gina Frazee, Dr. Parado and husband Romeo, Antonia Cermano, Barbara Searcy, LaVerta Antoine, Merrill O'Hara and all who need prayer.

### Raffle

The church will raffle a Go Go Scooter which was donated by Bret and Cheryl Hines. Raffle tickets are available for \$2.00 each with all proceeds going to the church.

### Dinner

We will have a dinner on the **3rd Sunday of each month after Mass**. Children 10 and under eat free! A donation of \$5.00 per child over 10 and each adult is suggested.

### Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross and Mass every Friday during Lent. **Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00 p.m. and Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

**After the 6:30 p.m. Mass we will have movies** in the hall with popcorn and soft drinks. Right now we are watching movies on the lives of the Saints. In the future we will have "good family" movies for both children and adults.

### Lent

Lent is a time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps you haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. You can start by simply pausing when you get up and take a slow, deep breath, and recall what you have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God.

You may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give yourself some time alone to read the readings for the day and pray.

You may choose to go to Mass daily during Lent. You can choose to begin to pray the rosary daily or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Every day speak with the Lord. Tell Him your needs and troubles and ask Him for help and guidance in your life.

Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.