

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2011

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. — Psalm 23:1

Liturgy Intentions for the Week
April 4th - April 10th

Monday

7:00 PM Twila Albright by Bob & Joan Knobel

Tuesday

9:00 AM

Wednesday

9:00 AM

Thursday

No Liturgy

Friday

9:00 AM

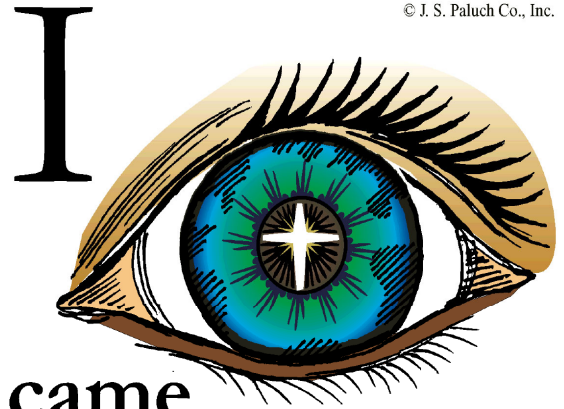
Saturday

5:30 PM deceased members of the Voyce & Maygers families

Sunday

8:00 AM Cordellia Daas by Reilly Daas & Family

11:00 AM Intentions of Jim & Joanne Flexer by Wojtek & Fr. Don



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**so that those who
do not see might see**

Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday	St. Isidore
Tuesday	St. Vincent Ferrer
Thursday	St. John Baptist de la Salle
Friday	Abstinence

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Martes	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes	Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo	Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129); Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



PRAYER CROSS

A Prayer Cross is located at the foot of the altar upon which parishioners may attach their petitions. This cross will be displayed throughout Holy Week.

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Happenings for the Week

Monday—April 4

6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

Tuesday—April 5

8:30 AM Rosary for Life
9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—April 6

8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes

Thursday—April 7

7:00 PM Choir Practice—6th to Adult

Friday—April 8

8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary
5:30 PM Soup & Bread Supper
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday—April 9

9:00 AM First Saturday Mass
5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—April 10

7:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls
9:15 AM Faith Formation K-5th grades
10:30 AM Rosary for the Military & their families
12:00 PM Faith Formation 6th grade—Confirmation
1:00 PM Middle School Ministry Meeting

Stewardship

March 19th & 20th: Offertory: \$ 4,671.96
Building Fund: \$ 1,764.10
Japan Relief Collection: \$3,570.37

Special thanks to Fred Lahey, Thora Keating & Marion Bennett for their contributions of time and talent.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners and visitors for your tremendous generosity and continuous contributions to the support of St. Mildred.



Any parishioner needing a Contribution Statement for the Income Tax year 2010 can request one through

the St. Mildred website or you may pick up a request form in the hall of the Parish Center. Requests for statements will be available January through May.

Catholic Perspective, the weekly Diocesan TV program airs on the Time-Warner Faith on Demand Channel in Craven, New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties, allowing viewers to watch at any time during the week. The program is also available on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

Upcoming Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on April 4th at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.



The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday, April 13 beginning with Mass at 10 AM. The meeting will follow Mass along with a luncheon and the assembly of the Community Baskets. Please join us and bring a friend.

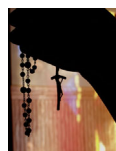
Our **Parish Council** will hold their next meeting on April 11th at 7:30 PM. All parishioners are encouraged and welcomed to attend. See you there!

The **4th Degree Assembly** of the Knights of Columbus will have their next business meeting at 7:30PM on April 18th **after** the 7:00 PM Mass.

The next **Homeschool** Mass will be April 20th, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just join in!!

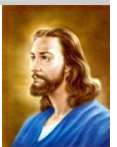
Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain **via Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.



The Rosary is a prayer about life - all life. Please join our crusade for life at 5:00PM Saturdays before Mass to pray the Rosary for Life. The Rosary for Life also offered on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If



you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration, please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.

Anyone wishing to drop Fr. Gene some well wishes may do so by mailing them to his local address. His local caregiver will forward the cards and letters to him. Please send mail to the following address:

Fr. Gene Grabowski
116 Sutton Dr.
Cape Carteret, NC 28584



There will be an Anointing of the Sick Mass **TODAY**, April 3rd at 3:00 PM. All those in the parish wishing to be anointed are welcomed to attend. This Mass does meet the Sunday obligation.

If you or anyone you may know needs a ride to this Mass on April 3rd, please contact Carolyn Peduzzi at 910-326-7502. Every attempt will be made to provide transportation for you.

A yummy thanks is sent to our First Communion Families who recently provided a wonderful luncheon for our Confirmation Students! Thanks!!



A **HUMONGOUS GIGANTIC THANKS** is extended to our 4 Confirmation Catechists....Teri Grass, Trina Wilson, Jenna Wilson and Lauren Vander Weide. These 4 wonderful ladies did an amazing job with guiding our young adults on their Confirmation journey! **THANKS AGAIN!!**

The beautiful crosses adorning the altar steps were recently made by our Confirmation Class. Please watch for their banners after Easter!



A Holy Spirit Filled Thank You is extended to the entire St Mildred Parish Family for their prayers and support of our newly Confirmed Catholic youths! On March 26th, the following students were confirmed at St Paul Catholic Church by Bishop Michael Burbidge:

Christopher Belser	Korie Bennett
Katie Flick	Kaitlyn Flick
Brenna Kate Grass	Collin Hasenecz
Kevin Hasenecz	John Kay
Katie Lang	Jonathan Lang
Roman Levi	Mandy Lilliquist
Angel Metcalf	Bramwell Pace
Emily Scarborough	Kylie Siggers
Allison Silvers	Michael Sparr
Dakota Staar	Emma Strohmman
Allyson Wells	Casey Wiltgen
Kaitlyn Yingling	



If you would like to be part of something small that will help in a **BIG WAY** please join Victoria Sabisch **TODAY**, April 3rd at 6:00 PM for an event like no other. No experience necessary, as a matter of fact, if you have never done this before, *this is a perfect opportunity and venue to start!*

Join others as young as 6 years old and as young as 91 as Victoria hosts a Living Rosary. This Rosary will be said for the health of Philip Johnson, our seminarian who has an inoperable brain tumor and also our beloved Fr. Gene, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

You will not only be helping these two brave men by offering up your prayers, but also helping Victoria complete her high school senior project.

Goodies and refreshments will be served afterward!

LOOK

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up. —Anonymous



Our 23 newly Confirmed Catholic Youths would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for the Holy Spirit Medals they were presented with on March 20th. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Auction for Building Fund Needs Help

Please contribute unusable presents or those items on your back shelf to the Guild Chinese Auction to be held May 6, 2011. Gift certificates from merchants are also helpful. Place items in the basket just inside the side door. The auction is in conjunction with our Friday Night Live celebration. More information about this grand event will be forthcoming. For info call Andi Mullen at 253-354-1105.



Mark your calendars! The Women's Guild is sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser entitled "The Church Ladies present **Friday Night Live Card and Game Party** with a Barbeque Dinner and all the fixins', a Chinese Auction, and 50/50 raffle. BYOG: Bring Your Own Game and join in the fun! Open to **ALL** in the parish! Tickets are \$12. If you have any questions or require more information please contact Anne Jelinek at 252-764-2351



Knights of Columbus Annual Vacation Raffle

- 1st Prize: 7-day Alaska Cruise for 2 Plus \$700 Cash
- 2nd Prize: 7-day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash
- 3rd Prize -7th Prize: \$200 Cash

The cost of the tickets are \$5.00. Please contact any Council 7024 Knight or Chip DePaoli at 252-354-7711 or Myles McLoughlin at 252-354-4852. The Knights of Columbus thank you for all your support!

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't. —Blaise Pascal



The Church begins the Sacred Triduum, also known as the Paschal or Easter Triduum, on Holy Thursday. The Sacred Triduum celebrates the Paschal Mystery and is the culmination of the entire Liturgical Year. It starts with the Evening Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes on Easter Sunday.



The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. Following the Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed to the Reconciliation Room for quiet adoration. It will then be removed from the Sanctuary in the anticipation of the impending suffering and death of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament will be returned at the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday.



On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will take place at 3:00 PM and the Good Friday Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil Liturgy, the high point of the Sacred Triduum, will be at 7:00 PM on Holy Saturday. At this Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the Sanctuary and the Elect of the RCIA Class will be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church.



Rejoice! He is Risen! Alleluia!

On Easter Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, the Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Attention Graduating Seniors that are St. Mildred parish members and College bound!

The Women's Guild of St. Mildred are accepting applications for a \$1000.00 scholarship for High School seniors who are pursuing a 2 or 4 year college program in the Fall of 2011.

Applications are available at your High School Guidance office or from our Parrish office.

All forms need to be completed and submitted by April 8, 2011. For further information contact Pat Weckerly at jweckerly@ec.rr.com or 252-354-2311



SOUPS ON!!

We will be having our Third Annual Soup & Bread each Friday evening during Lent. Before the Stations of the Cross each Friday, please join us for a wonderful light supper & meet with old friends or make a new friend or two! Family, friends, neighbors are all encouraged to join us!

Soup & Bread will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Friday until April 15th. Donations will gladly be accepted, but not necessary. All proceeds to benefit Operation Rice Bowl.

Any questions, please contact Francine at 326-5589.



**Third Week of Lent
The Lord Shows Us Another Way**

When the Israelites felt that they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS' support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has the right to work!

Knights of Columbus Achievement Award



The Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for its Achievement Awards. There will be two awards of \$500 each available to graduating seniors who are St. Mildred parishioners pursuing a 2 or 4 year college degree in the fall of 2011. Applications are available in the Parish office. For more information contact Lewis McCloud at (910) 581-8008 or lew.mccloud@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2011**.

The changes to the Roman Missal will take place the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. To help us understand them a little better, we will be running several articles from the Diocese, each week, explaining some of the changes. Here is the conclusion of:



Hearing the Word of God

When the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself is speaking to his people and Christ, present in his own word, is proclaiming the Gospel. (GIRM, n.29) These words from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own.

The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is 'efficacious' that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us. –

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LIGHT

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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