

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer to Begin Lent ~**

Have mercy on me  
O God in your great kindness.  
in the fullness of your mercy  
blot out my offences.  
Wash away all my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults —  
and my sin is always before me.  
Against you only have I sinned  
and done evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away  
from your presence:  
do not take your holy spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your help again,  
and strengthen me  
with a willing spirit.

O Lord  
open my lips,  
and my mouth  
shall proclaim your praise.  
Amen.

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# Our Lady Chapel



*Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.*

**LENTEN NOTES:**

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. During this sacred time, each of us is called to spiritual growth — particularly through a turning away from sin. Lent is a time for “new beginnings” — a time to grow in our relationship with God and each other. There are 3 major spiritual practices during Lent to which Scripture calls us: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

**—ASH WEDNESDAY:**

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, is **Ash Wednesday**. Mass schedule for **Wednesday** will be as follows:

**9:15 AM** [Upper-Middle School]

**10:40 AM** [Upper School]

**12:45 PM** [Lower School]

**5:30 PM** [Regularly Scheduled Mass].

**Ashes will be distributed at each of these Masses; all Masses will be in the main chapel.** Please feel free to attend any of the Masses on this day which are convenient for you.



Lent

**—LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** for all between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine. Fasting means that one full meal for the day is allowed, along with two light meals [snacks]. No eating between meals. Those not included in these “ages” are encouraged to take upon themselves some aspects of the fast, whenever possible.

**Ash Wednesday** and **All Fridays** during Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat, for those who are fourteen and older. Again, those not included in these “ages” are encouraged to participate whenever possible.

**PROVIDE A RIDE FOR AN URSULINE SISTER:**

The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland are facing a growing need for volunteer drivers to take sisters to medical appointments. Trips originate from St. Angela Center in Pepper Pike, and most destinations are within a short distance. Minimum commitment is one trip per month and scheduling is flexible based on your availability. Cars are available for volunteers who prefer not to use their own vehicle for assigned trips. One of our current drivers states: “It is easy to serve the Ursulines, for they have given our Cleveland community so much. I have met some of the most interesting people. What fun to hear stories of their careers!” **Attend an information session at the Ursuline Educational Center on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM, or Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 AM. Contact Patsy Brodie at 440-449-1200 x409 or email [volunteer@ursulinesisters.org](mailto:volunteer@ursulinesisters.org) if you have questions or would like to register.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

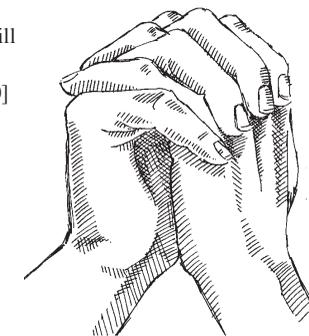
Father John will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you on **every Saturday** between **3:30 – 4:00 PM**. Confessions are also available “by appointment.” The Reconciliation Room is located in the small chapel directly across from Father John’s Office.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For David DiFrancesco, uncles of Kara LoPresti [‘99], who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- For Wyatt Crips, infant son of Melissa Mulvey Crips [‘05], who is experiencing breathing issues.
- For Brother Francis Kjeldgaard, C.S.C., who is recovering from injuries sustained in a fall.
- For Carlo Dascoli, son of Guidance Counselor, Ashley Dascoli, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Steven Koblentz, brother-in-law of Guidance Counselor, Michele Kay, who is in intensive care.
- For Scott Ness, husband of Deanna Carlson [‘95] who is undergoing medical testing.
- For John Bomback, grandfather of Olivia Vaz [‘14], who is undergoing treatment for Alzheimer’s disease.
- For Nikki Emerson, Gilmour instructor, mother of Joy [‘93], who is undergoing rehabilitation.
- For Ester Keller who is recovering from surgery for an injury sustained in a fall.
- For Ken Kotner who has been diagnosed with bone cancer.
- For Maria Straubhaar, grandmother of Timothy Fiorta [‘02], who is critically ill with cancer.
- For William Velotta, grandfather of William [‘15], Kylie [‘16] and Gianna [‘20] who is critically ill.
- For Louis Kibling, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer.
- For Thomas Lanese [‘59], who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Francis Bellitto who has cancer.
- For Margaret Keller, sister-in-law of Brother Richard, who is ill.
- For Ida Urbancic, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Evelyn Catanese, great-aunt of Alyssa Solano [‘15] who is critically ill.
- For James Keller, nephew of Brother Richard, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Tracy Stokes who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope [‘13] and James [‘15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Roe Teisl, wife of Director of Student Life, Tiho Teisl, mother of James [‘93], Michael [‘95], and Stephen [‘00] Teisl, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jenny Hammond, daughter of Librarian, Lynn Hammond, who is ill.
- For Evelyn and Donald Bibbo, parents of Randall [‘71] and DJ [‘72] Bibbo, who are recovering from injuries sustained in falls..
- For Greg Sazima [‘79] who is undergoing treatment and surgery for bone cancer.
- For Frank Furlong, grandfather of Jennifer [‘13], Craig [‘17] and Sean [‘19] who is undergoing treatment for cancer
- For Ann Raymond, grandmother of Upper School Teacher, Adam Lesko [‘05] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Mary Hovanscek, aunt of Benjamin [‘24], Nathan [‘26], and Evan [‘27] Lindley, who is undergoing treatment for colon cancer.
- For Clara Joczzyk, friend of Brother Richard, who is seriously ill.
- For Eileen Belak, sister of Maintenance Director, Dan Kohn, and aunt of Matt [‘07], who is seriously ill with acute leukemia.
- For Dan Houlahan who is in rehabilitation following a brain aneurysm.
- For Nicholas Zanella, who is undergoing treatment for a rare medical condition.
- For Sister Barbara Johns, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.



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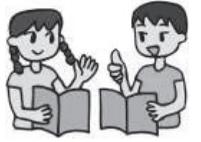
- For Ben Darcy who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Dennis Kavran, father of Dennis [‘86] and Jennifer [‘95], who is undergoing treatment for pneumonia.
- For Connie Allerton who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Roger DiPenti who is undergoing treatment for bacterial meningitis.
- For Skip Murphy who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Ham Biggar who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Martha Potenziani, grandmother of David [‘95] Potenziani, who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- For Jean Andrews, mother of librarian, Lynn Hammond, who is seriously ill..
- For Father John Kurtzke, C.S.C., who is awaiting a liver transplant.
- For Brother Ronald Christenson, C.S.C., who is undergoing for infections.
- For Matthew Keller, nephew of Brother Richard, who is undergoing treatment for a back condition.
- For Ted Welles, husband of Judy Morgan, who is undergoing treatment for ongoing infections.
- For David Black, father of Davey [‘24], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Emily Evans who is ill.
- For Sister Angela Plata, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Dee Zechman who is undergoing treatment for bone cancer.
- For Jonathan Cooney who has cancer.
- For Ken Gabele, nephew of Brother Richard, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Judith Moran, mother of Peter [‘88] and Kelly [‘90] Moran, who is seriously ill.
- For Sister Jean Hoelke, S.N.D., aunt of chapel associate, Patty Szaniszlo, who is recovering from eye surgery.
- For Antoinette Daquila, grandmother of Alyssa Solano [‘15], who is battling cancer.
- For people who have MS.
- For Gil Lowry Sr., father of upper school instructor, Cyndi Lowry, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Peter Settle mire, brother of Bill [‘79], Ted [‘81], and Bob [‘88] Settle mire, who is critically ill following a brain aneurism.
- For Janine Yardy, daughter of Geraldine Mockler, who is seriously ill.
- For Father Denis St. Marie, who is undergoing treatment for a heart condition and for cancer.
- For Marie Lynch Julius who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Don Zack, maintenance associate, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Brother Richard Keller, C.S.C. who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.
- For Mary McMullen, wife of Tom McMullen [‘52], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For those who have emotional illnesses.

**LET GOD BE GOD:**

Rather than becoming angry with God, continue to trust him, no matter what your circumstances may be. Although it is sometimes difficult to see, God IS in control. We must commit ourselves to him so we will not resent his timing.

**FAITH EDUCATION:**

To help you plan ahead, here are February and March dates from Faith Education — **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, and **24<sup>th</sup>**, and **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and **10<sup>th</sup>**. Our Sessions go from 8:45—9:45 AM each time we meet, with the hope that our children would then **participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass**. We have a number of families who attend the chapel regularly who have children who attend non-Catholic schools. **If you have not registered your child for Faith Education, please do so as soon as possible.** Our Faith Education Program will help to fulfill your on-going religious education. Our program runs from grades K-8. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in our Life Teen Program. Thank you for taking care of this important task.



**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

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| Sunday, February 10:<br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b>   |
| Monday, February 11:  | <b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]   |
| Tuesday, February 12:   | <b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]   |
| Wednesday, February 13:<br><b>Ash Wednesday</b>                     | <b>9:15 AM</b> [Upper-Middle]<br><b>10:45 PM</b> [Upper School]<br><b>12:45 PM</b> [Lower School]<br><b>5:30 PM</b> [Community] |
| Thursday, February 14:  | <b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]   |
| Friday, February 15:  | <b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]   |
| Saturday, February 16:<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Week in Lent</b>        | <b>5:00 PM</b>  |
| Sunday, February 17:<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Week in Lent</b>          | <b>10:00 AM</b>   |

**CONFIRMATION:**

On Friday of this week, many of our young people will be confirmed. The Confirmation will take place on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is a moment of great grace for them and for each of us, as the Holy Spirit enters in our midst again in a special way. Let us pray for **Scott Bowman, Matthew Callam, Nina Callam, Brendan Coyne, Sarah Cummins, Sam Dallas, Drew Gardner, Michael Harrington, Edwin Heryak, Alexia Jones, Joseph Lamosek, Connor Lundi, Alex Macaуда, Matthew Macaуда, Michael Mosqueda, Cassie Nannicola, Justin Newton, Jamie Perry, Margot Reid, Russell Rogers, Ben Schuster, Amy Szaniszlo, Pamela Szaniszlo, and Robert Zeller**, and for all our young people during this special time in their lives. And let us also pray that we will all grow into a deeper appreciation of the blessings of this special sacrament.



**REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S THEME:**

We move along these ordinary — the word means “ordered” or “orderly”; it does not mean “boring” — days which have their unordinary moments. The liturgy of the Eucharist is an ordinary exercise of an extra-ordinary event. The grace of the Eucharist experienced in community, moves us out and back to the orderly living of this unusual vision of life which is Christianity. And we prepare ourselves each week to enter into this Eucharist by receiving the sacraments of each moment — each person, each invitation, and each interruption. God is never not-giving, not-offering, not preparing us for living what we receive. Grace orders or gives form to chaos and disorder.

Last Sunday here in the United States, there was the playing of the championship of professional football — a/k/a Super Bowl Sunday. The contest was between the Baltimore Ravens — their team name derives from the famous poem by Edgar Allen Poe who was born in Baltimore — and the San Francisco 49ers — named for the gold prospectors who came to northern California in 1849. These two teams represented their respective cities. Millions of people gathered to watch the game on TV, of course, but those who do not know much about football watched the commercials. The TV company even allowed total access to all the commercials at any time. Companies spend millions of dollars for a thirty second spot for their most creative advertisings. So there were in fact two contests and two winners — one athletic and the other financial. Even the advertisements get evaluated and rated by experts.

The first advertisement on behalf of God on this 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time comes with the call of God to the prophet Isaiah [Isaiah 6:1-8]. Isaiah is in the temple; there he has a vision in which he becomes aware that he is standing in the presence of the very Holy One of Israel. His response is natural and healthy — the closer the Holy, the less holy seems the human.

The seraphim — the name means “The Burning One” in Hebrew — takes a coal from the altar’s fire and touches the lips of the prophet-to-be. He knows he is like the people with whom he lives and to whom he will be sent to advertise the holiness of God. He then hears the voice of God asking for someone to send; Isaiah, now unburdened by his own sin, responds immediately.

Sanctified means more than made holy by purging — it implies also a separating from and a separating for. Isaiah will be sent into his people, trusting what he has heard and seen — trusting the holy he has received. God has certain ways of getting our attention. Why was Isaiah in the temple — because he had nothing else to do? No, there was something inside him which was available and receptive to the vision and the mission.

A similar thing happens to Peter in Luke’s Gospel [5:1-11]. Peter was doing his usual thing, except the fish were not available nor receptive to Peter’s ways of catching them. This emptiness allowed him in turn to be available for the reception of both good fishing advice and a Super Bowl of fish. Jesus was in his teaching mode — advertising his new way of looking at one’s self, one’s neighbors, and one’s world. As any good teacher does, Jesus is going to employ a visual aid. He presents Peter with a vision — a Super Something by which he will catch Peter’s attention and spirit. As with Isaiah, Peter’s response is

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**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Anthony Annan, brother of Brother Joseph Annan, C.S.C.
- For Laurretta and James Burke.
- For Dorah Owusuwaa, grandmother of Sister Evelyn Ntiamoah, C.S.C.
- For Jack Edelman, great-uncle of Chris [‘09] and Bridget [‘13] Kearney.
- For William Rosaletti, son of Norma Rosaletti [birthday]
- For Joseph Nugent
- For Ward Hill, father of Mark Hill [‘72]
- For Theresa Gardner.
- For Sam Bellitto.
- For Bishop John D’Arcy.
- For Doretta Vlana.
- For Nancy Cok, grandmother of Mr. Michael Eardley, C.S.C.
- For Dennis Long, brother of Marie Forsythe.
- For Evelyn Prechtel.
- For John Gale, long-time teacher and administrator, father of Thomas [‘66] and Larry [‘74], father-in-law of Tiho Teisl and Bill Porter [‘84], grandfather of Jacqui [‘10], Nicole [‘12], and Michelle [‘15] Porter, and James [‘93], Michael [‘95], and Stephen [‘00] Teisl.
- For Larry Kensinger [‘58]
- For Jean Collura
- For Thomas Connelly, grandfather of Mackenzie [‘15] and Michaela [‘16] Connelly.
- For Ann Ward.
- For Joseph Mazzurco.
- For Louis Frey.

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For an end to violence in our society.
- For those who struggle with family relationships.
- For all those looking for employment.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For all caregivers.
- For a special intention.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.

**GOD’S CHILD:**

Children are able to trust and praise God without doubts or reservations. As we get older, many of us find this more and more difficult to do. Ask God to give you childlike faith, removing any barriers to having a closer walk with him. Get in touch with this childlike quality in yourself so that you can be more expressive.

**ANSWERING THE CALL:**

It's impossible to overemphasize the importance of biblical "call narratives" — they're at the heart of what it means to be a follower of God. The original Scripture readers would have gone beyond the actual narrative, and applied the individual aspects of each call to themselves, helping them understand their own personal calls. Whether the call, like Isaiah's, is to a specific ministry [Isaiah 6:1-8], or, like Simon's, a generic call to be another Christ [Luke 5:1-11], all calls contain the same basic elements.



First, the person called is overcome with unworthiness. Isaiah, encountering the Lord, exclaims: "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips." Simon, after the miraculous catch, falls at the feet of Jesus and says: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Left to our own devices, no one is capable of carrying out the task to which she or he is called.

Second, God or Jesus steps in, and either removes or ignores the unworthiness. One of God's seraph angels touches Isaiah's lips with a burning coal and tells him: "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Jesus assures Simon: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." God or Jesus supplies what the person called lacks.

Third, whoever is called makes a free, immediate decision to respond to the call. There's no force of fear involved — no one hesitates. Isaiah's response to God's question — "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" — is an instant, generous: "Here I am, send me!" In a parallel way, Simon and his fishing partners "brought their boats to the shore, left everything and followed him" — no excuses, no delays.

One need only read the last verses of Jeremiah 20 to discover how deeply some of God's "volunteers" eventually regret their decision to freely give themselves over to God's plan. Yet once that OK is given, it changes everything — one acquires a completely new value system. Isaiah's life now revolves around proclaiming God's word. Simon and his co-workers have relegated boats and fish to the background of their lives, and are now focusing on people — they've done a 180 degree turn in what they formerly thought important.

That's why we must listen carefully to what Paul, in his first letter to the Church at Corinth, regards as "first importance" for people who follow Jesus. In one of our faith's earliest *kerygmas*, the Apostle passes on a tradition which he himself received when he first converted to the faith of Jesus — "that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared" [1 Corinthians 15:1-11]. No matter where we are, what we do, or who we are, a Christian's life revolves around the conviction that the risen Jesus is here — living and working among us.

As we hear in the gospels, the historical Jesus' ministry revolved around showing people how God was present, working effectively in their lives. But after his own death and resurrection, Jesus' followers were convinced that he also was alive and working in their midst.

Though Paul provides us with two different lists of people to whom the risen Jesus appeared, his most important point comes with the statement: "Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me."

If we daily respond to God and Jesus' call in our lives, we should also be able to reflect on the times and places in which the risen Jesus has appeared to us.

—taken from the writings of Father Roger Karban, which appear on the internet

self-inflicted shame and negativity. Peter does say his truth — "I am a sinful man." Jesus does not deny that; actually following Jesus will reveal even more of that self-truth to Peter. The wonderful reality is that while Peter will be finding out just how true his statement is, he will have a vision constantly of the personal love which Jesus has for him — and for all others like him.

With such a super-abundant catch of fish, Peter is caught himself. He was available to the call of Jesus because Jesus came into his boat — came through his door. As a result of Jesus' action, there was an equal and opposite reaction — Peter sees his poverty made rich. And when Peter saw this, he had no other choice but to respond to Jesus' invitation — he followed, leaving his nets, boats and everything except wanting more.

In watching or reading advertisements, one thing is always present — they make sure that you know that you have a need. That need may be medical, financial, social, or for security. After the advertiser convinces you of your need, the product is presented as the only need-filling solution. We may never have even thought about that need, but they can convince us that we have it.

Jesus is beginning to collect his team of advertising agents. And even today, the liturgy and the Gospels continue calling us by helping us sense a deeper need than commercials can touch. The emptiness of Peter's nets is a worthy symbol. He certainly had to face the fact of his not having — not being the fisherman he wanted to be, or thought he was.

Commercial advertisers offer us products which will touch slightly this zero-point, this nothingness which hums quietly all the time and now-and-then shouts out. Jesus embraced our humanity by being one of us, born with us, come fishing with us. He embraces Peter's emptiness and fills it. But this filling was only temporary — Peter will want more, want to be more, want to have more. That human-humming is a gift of the Creator which allows our availability to the more of God's love. The most difficult thing about our being human is living as a human. Jesus came to save us — not only from damnation and not from being human, but from being sucked in by all the false advertisers of this world who want us to run and hide from our being human and embraced by God. Peter was freed from the negativity of being a poor fisherman, and given the mission of continuing the divine embrace to all his brothers and sisters.

We may have enjoyed watching the Super Bowl — and perhaps enjoyed even more the commercials. Perhaps, you even counted how many needs these advertisers tried to convince you that you had and have. We can give the best ones our highest rating and begin laughing at how gullible they think we are — and they're right. —taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

**WHY GO TO CHURCH?**

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday — "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the *Letters to the Editor* column — much to the delight of the editor.

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this — they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

**A MOVING CONVERSATION:**

The tony *New Yorker* magazine ran a wonderful cartoon of a psychiatrist and his patient. The caption has him saying to her: “Madam, please do not get angry. I’m only trying to save you money. You should feel guilty.” The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that instead of becoming penitents many of us become patients.

The Lake of Galilee possesses a picture postcard beauty. If you were to rent an Air Chance helicopter, you would see a pear-shaped body of water about thirteen miles long and eight miles wide. It enjoys almost a tropical climate. In the time of the Christ, there were ten prosperous towns situated around the lake. Almost all of those people made their living from the waters in front of them. Thus, one gets an idea of how rich the lake was in fish.

This point makes it difficult to understand how the professional fisherman Peter and his companions had come up empty the night before [Luke 5:1-11] — all they had caught were bad colds, a pair of old sneakers, some empty bottles, and crabs dead from advanced old age.

Some years ago I swam in the Lake of Galilee. I watched Jewish teens water-skiing on its surface. I wondered if they ever recalled that a fellow Jew had once walked on the same waters without skis.

Early morning Peter and his people were cleaning their nets on the shore. At the same time, Jesus was well into His long workday. He was preaching to huge crowds on the beach. Because of Cana and several other miracles, He had become a reluctant celebrity. The village synagogues were no longer large enough to hold the people anxious to hear Him — so, He preached on the beaches.

The Teacher was not bound to old methods — He was willing to try new ways of reaching people. If the mountain would not come to Jesus, Jesus would go to the mountain. We should be as enterprising as He. The mob was so eager to hear Him, they were pushing Him into the lake for an unwanted swim. Jesus had to be an awesome preacher. When was the last time you fought for ringside seats to hear a preacher?

Quickly the Nazarene jumped into the high bow of Peter’s large boat drawn up on the sand. He had to have been in wonderful physical shape. There was very little chance that He was overweight. And you were thinking of not exercising today or not beginning that long overdue diet, were you? The bow became His pulpit. Once His instruction was finished, Jesus ordered Peter to cast off — He was about to give him a payback catch. Even for Jesus there was no such thing as a free meal. We can thus assume that He will likewise return us dividends whenever we freely cooperate with Him.

Before the miracle catch, Peter addressed the Christ as “Master” — a title used often for rabbis. To Peter, Jesus was but an interesting rabbi, but nothing more. But then the nets were dragged into the boat overflowing with fish. At that point, Luke stresses Peter was no longer on his feet, but on his knees. And this time he called Jesus “Lord”. It was not that Peter was an incisive theologian. Rather, like all his fellow Jews, he believed that anyone who possessed control over the waters also possessed divinity. Such a man had to be the Messiah.

Notice too what Peter says — “I am a sinful man”. The *Wall Street Journal* carried an article that posed the question: “When was the last time you had a good conversation about sin?” Most of us would have to reply that we no longer have such discussions. We have become sinless. If so, one should not



lovely than we imagine, and at the same time more sinful than we suppose, can be helpful — both for our self-understanding, and for how we understand God’s love and grace in our lives.

Aristotle used to say that “two contraries cannot exist within the same subject.” He’s right metaphysically, but two contraries do exist inside of us morally. We’re both good and bad, generous and selfish, big-hearted and petty, gracious and bitter, forgiving and resentful, hospitable and cold, full of grace and full of sin — all the time. Moreover, we’re dangerously blind to both — too unaware of our loveliness as well as our nastiness.

To recognize this is both humbling and freeing. In essence, we’re “loved sinners.” Both goodness and sin constitute our real identity. Not to recognize the truth of either leaves us either unhealthily depressed or dangerously inflated, too hard on ourselves or too easy on ourselves. The truth will set us free, and the truth about ourselves is that we’re both better and worse than we picture ourselves to be.

Robert Funk once formulated three dictums on grace that capture this well:

- Grace always wounds from behind, at the point where we think we are least vulnerable.
- Grace is harder than we think — we moralize judgment in order to take the edge off it.
- Grace is more indulgent than we think; but it is never indulgent at the point where we think it might be indulgent.

—taken from the writings of Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., which appear on the internet

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday:** Genesis 1:1-19, Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Genesis 1:20-2:4, Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-18

**Thursday:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Luke 9:22-25

**Friday:** Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Isaiah 58:9-14, Luke 5:27-32

**1<sup>st</sup> Week in Lent:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

**MEN’S RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

The annual Men’s retreat is scheduled for **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. Come and share in this evening of prayer and reflection sponsored by Our Lady Chapel and the Gilmour Men’s Club. The retreat is open to all gentlemen of the Chapel and Gilmour Communities. The retreat begins with **Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 5:30 PM** followed by **dinner and discussion in the Tudor House**, concluding around 8:30 PM. Reserve your spot today by contacting Our Lady Chapel at 440-473-3560, by stopping by the Chapel Office or signing the “sign-up” sheet located on the easel in the narthex of the chapel. We hope to see you at this wonderful spiritual opportunity for the men of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy. Contact **Mike Heryak [216-741-6598]** or **[jm711@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jm711@sbcglobal.net)** with any questions, or call **Patty at the Chapel Office [440-473-3560]**.



**ON BEING LOVED SINNERS:**

We're strange creatures — more lovely than we think, and more sinful than we imagine — too hard and too easy on ourselves all at the same time. Human nature is a curious mix. On the one hand, we're better than we think, and this beauty and goodness doesn't just come because, deep down, we're made in the image and likeness of God, or because, as Plato and Aristotle say, we're metaphysically good. That's true, but our loveliness is also less abstract. We're beautiful too — at least most of the time — in our human and moral qualities.

Most of the time, in fact, we are quite generous — often to a fault. As well, most of the time, too, despite appearances, we're warm and hospitable. The same is true in terms of the desire and scope of our embrace — both of our minds and our hearts. Inside of everyone, easily triggered by the slightest touch of love or affirmation, lies a big heart, a grand soul — a *Magna Anima* — that's just itching to show itself. Mostly the problem isn't with our goodness, but with our frustration in trying to live out that goodness in the world. Too often we look cold and self-centered when we're only hurt and wounded.

We don't always look good, but we are. Mostly, we're frustrated precisely because we cannot — for reasons of circumstance, wound, and sensitivity — pour out our goodness as we would like, nor can we embrace the world and those around us with the warmth that's in us. We go through life looking for a warm place to show who we are, and mostly don't find it. We're not so much bad as frustrated. We're more lovely than we dare imagine.

That's the half of it. There's another side — we're sinners, too, more so than we think. An old Protestant dictum about human nature, based upon St. Paul, puts it accurately — "It's not a question of are you a sinner? It's only a question of what is your sin?" We're all sinners, and, just as we possess a big heart and a grand soul, we also possess a petty one — a *pusilla anima*. Inside us, too, congenitally, there's selfishness, jealousy, and a pettiness of heart and mind that is never far from the surface.

Moreover, generally, we are blind to our real faults. As Jesus says — "we too easily see the speck on our neighbor's eye, and miss the plank in our own." There's a real contradiction here — where we think we're sinners is usually not the place where others struggle the most with us, and where our real faults lie. Conversely, it's in those areas where we think we're virtuous and righteous that, most often, our real sin lies, and where others struggle with us.

For example, we have always put a lot of emphasis on the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment — sexual ethics — and haven't been nearly as self-scrutinizing in regards to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment — that deals with bitterness, judgments, anger, and hatred — or with the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments — that have to do with jealousy. It's not that sexual ethics are unimportant, but our failures here are easier to see and harder to rationalize. The same isn't true for bitterness and anger — especially righteous anger — nor jealousy. We can more easily rationalize these, and not notice that jealousy is the only sin that God felt it necessary to prohibit in two commandments. We're worse than we imagine, and mostly blind to our real faults.

So where does that leave us? In better and worse shape than we think! Recognizing that we're more



wonder why the world is in the state it is?

Why not examine your conscience against this benchmark? In the home, Christianity is kindness. In business, it's honesty. In society, it's courtesy. In work, it's fairness. To the unfortunate, it's sympathy. To the weak, it's help. To the evil, it's resistance.

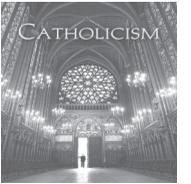
When a preacher speaks about sin, do you shrug and conclude that he is speaking about someone else? If affirmative, I respectfully suggest you reflect on *The New Yorker* cartoon. Perhaps you should feel guilty. Are you Fulton Sheen's penitent or patient?

When was the last time you were at confession?

—taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooley which appear on the internet

**CATHOLICISM — A JOURNEY DEEP INTO FAITH:**

*Catholicism* is a series of presentations/videos that has received rave reviews by all who have seen them. **Our series will meet next on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM** when we will discuss the **a vast company of witnesses — the communion of saints**. We will continue to view various parts of the series on a monthly basis. **Each video will be followed by a group discussion and question period.** *Catholicism* presents a strong ecclesial dimension of the Catholic Faith — God's revelation through Jesus Christ and His Church. **You do not have to see previous parts in order to join in this experience — each presentation is unique onto itself.** The series has been put together by Father Robert Barron, a priest in the archdiocese of Chicago. Each presentation centers on what Catholics believe and why, so all Catholics can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. *Catholicism* has received rave reviews by all who have seen it. **Light refreshments will be served at each of our sessions.** Please plan on joining us. Contact the chapel office if you have any questions.

**COUPLE'S RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE:**

Our first annual Couple's Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Come and share in this evening of prayer and reflection sponsored by Our Lady Chapel. Most married couples with a family do not take enough time for themselves — their lives are focused on their children. Do yourself a favor, and take time for this evening together. The retreat is open to all married couples of the Chapel and Gilmour Communities. The retreat will begin with **Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 5:00 PM** followed by **dinner and discussion in the Tudor House**, concluding no later than 9:00 PM. **Cost for the evening is \$40 a couple.** [Please know that ability to pay for the retreat is not a condition for attendance]. The evening of reflection will begin around 7:15. If you can't make it for Mass or even for dinner, come anyway when you can. It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel which in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**

**THE RISK:**

No person ever achieved worthwhile success who did not, at one time or other, find themselves with at least one foot hanging well over the brink of failure.

—Napoleon Hill

**LIVING THE MESSAGE:**

The scripture readings for this 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time are all about vocation — the vocations of Isaiah, Paul and the Apostles. Each one of us has a vocation — a calling from the Lord. Each one of us is commissioned to be an Apostle of Christ in the world. Each one of us has been given the task of proclaiming the Good News.

The first step in this mission of ours is to be sure that we understand it — that we know what our mission is, and to be sure that we comprehend the content of the message that we are being asked to communicate with others. This means, in short, that we have to start by Evangelizing ourselves. Many of us have been confirmed — or are in the process of being confirmed. As part of preparation, those preparing for confirmation are always given a complete overview of Catholic doctrine so we might comprehend as well as they can what Confirmation really entails. It is vitally important that we get an outline of the teaching of the Church because this will form the basis of our understanding of the role of the Church in our lives and the task that is set before us.

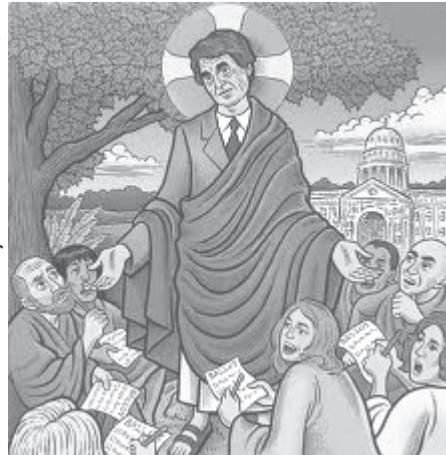
In recent years, the Catholic Church has done more than ever to explain its teaching to the world. Under the direction of Pope John Paul II, a new Catechism was put together so that every Catholic could be aware of the full teaching of the Church. And Pope Benedict XVI has drawn up an excellent version of this Catechism for young people — and the “not so young” — called *YouCat*. Each of us should have a copy of this book.

The job now is for all of us to familiarize ourselves with the content of these Catechisms — and, of course, with the Gospels themselves. The first person each of us has to evangelize is ourselves. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves so that we fully understand Christ’s message of salvation. It is only by being so equipped that we can carry out our God-given duty to proclaim the Gospel of love to those around us.

There are many ways that we can become informed about our faith. First by coming to Mass and listening to the readings and homilies; secondly by reading the Gospel in some quiet moments at home; then we could read these Catechisms that have been prepared for us. We can also attend the various programs that each parish — including Our Lady Chapel — prepare for us. There are a number of such programs already in place for this up-coming Lenten Season.

One other important way that we can learn more about our faith is by talking about it in our own families or among our friends. And yet, this is the area that most of us have difficulty with. We might come to Mass, and we might from time to time read a bit about the faith, but not many of us are very good at talking about it. All too often we shy away from discussing religious topics. This is a shame because not talking about our faith means that we end up quite unable to debate religious issues at all. Our faith becomes more and more of a private matter, and this renders us incapable of carrying out our mission as a herald of the Gospel.

In Luke’s Gospel [5:1-11], we are told the story of Jesus in the fishing boat on the lake of Gennesaret, and the miraculous catch of fish. Luke uses this incident to tell us how Jesus called the first



We need to serve God in every aspect of our lives.

But there is a hidden question here — a question which we have probably all thought about at one time or another — “Am I good enough?” The readings for this 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time answer that question. Isaiah was not good enough at first [Isaiah 6:1-8]. Then an angel touched Isaiah’s mouth with the ember from the fire — he was made clean.

In his letter to the Church at Corinth [1 Corinthians 15:1-11], Paul reminds us that he started off by persecuting Christians — he was mean. He would round up men, women, and children, and bring them to the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem. He watched and approved as an innocent and meek Stephen was stoned to death by a mob. Paul was a spectator at the lynching, but he cheered on the mob and left excited to find the mob’s next victims. But despite all this Jesus transformed Paul into an apostle — “I am who I am through the Grace of God.”

In Luke’s Gospel, Peter wants Jesus to leave him because he is so aware of his own sin [Luke 5:1-11]. Jesus basically says: “No way. I have work for you — you will be catching people.”

And Jesus says to you and to me: “Stop hiding behind your human failures. How dare you say that I cannot send you? I am God. I have work for you to do. I will cleanse you. I will send you.”

We have work to do. We have been sent by the same God who sent Isaiah, who empowered Paul, who made Peter a fisher of men. We need to stop limiting ourselves to the here and now. We need to do the work of God. Every part of creation has its own truth and goodness and beauty — including the summit of creation, human beings. The problem is that many of us refuse to recognize the dependence of creation on God. Creation without the Creator fades into nothingness. People who attempt to live separated from God condemn themselves to meaningless lives. When Jesus said: “Blessed are those who mourn,” He was not referring to those who have lost loved ones — He was referring to those who mourn the waste of life that could be eternal, that could be spiritual, that is meant for God. So you hear about a girl or guy who has given up, is controlled by addiction, is abused by society, and you feel so bad for her or him. You want to do something to help — even if you can do no more than pray every day. You are doing a lot. Blessed are you who mourn.

We are called — we are sent — to lead people to meaning, to lead people to God. Whatever it is that we do in life — from something as major as marriage and parenting, to something as minor as finishing a school worksheet — we do it in service to God. Every action of our lives has purpose — not just for ourselves, but as beacons of hope for those who are seeking the Lord. We are the light that is meant to be set on hilltops so all can see. We are the Light of the World. We pray today for the courage to respond to the Lord’s summons with every action of our lives.

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, which appear on the internet.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Baskets will be passed during the “Preparation Rite” and will be brought to the altar as part of the Offerings to help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, your donations to Our Lady Chapel will be acknowledged so that you have a record for the IRS.

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**A PROVERB:**

When the world pushes you to your knees, you are in the perfect position to pray.

**TO SERVE THE KING:**

The scene is set. Isaiah remembers exactly when it was — the year that King Uzziah died [Isaiah 6:1-8]. He remembers what he saw — God on a throne seated in the Temple. He has royal robes on. The train of his garment is so large that it filled the Temple. There were angels there. Seraphim called out: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts. The heaven is filled with his Glory.” They were so loud that the walls shook — the massive metal door of the Temple shook. And the smoke from the incense filled the House of God.

And then the questions from God Himself. “Whom shall we send? Who will go for us?”

“Here I am,” Isaiah says. “Here I am. Send me.”

“Here we all are,” we call. “Send us.” And through the grace of our Baptism brought to completion by our confirmation, we have been sent out by God Himself. Whatever it is that we do, we are to do it in the service of God. What does this mean? What does it mean to say that we are called to serve God in every way possible?

Let’s answer this question from the perspective of marriage — some of you are married; others are hoping some day to marry. Here’s what serving God means — it means that it is not good enough just to be husbands. You must be the best husband possible — emptying yourself for your wife, serving God by serving your wife. Put her first. Women should always come first. They are God’s gift to men. They are the sacred vessels of life. Love her, and love God by loving her.

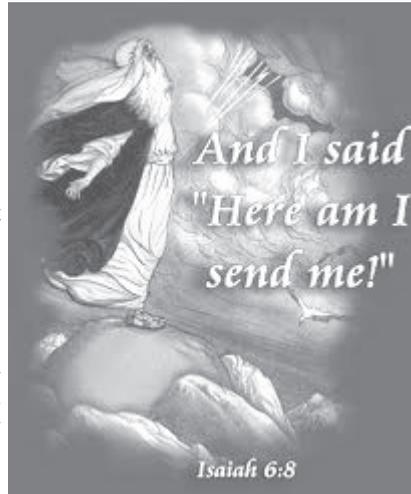
For you women, don’t just be wives. Be the best wife the world has ever seen. Give yourself not just to your husband, but to your God. Serve God by serving your husband.

Some of you are parents — or are hoping some day to become parents. It is not enough to give birth, and to sustain the life of a child. You have been called to serve God through your children. Be the best parent possible. Give your life for your children. And in this way serve God who created your children with you and your spouse, endowing them the unique reflection of his love.

We are called to serve the King of Kings. We don’t just perform a job — we are called to serve the Lord. If we are priests, we must be the best priests possible, using our particular gifts for Him. If we are auto mechanics, we must be the best mechanic possible, serving God by taking caring of people’s cars, and keeping them safe. Some of you are doctors, and lawyers, and nurses, and school teachers — or whatever profession you are called to. We don’t just need doctors and nurses and school teachers, and lawyers and accountants — we need the best doctors and nurses and school teachers, and so forth. Whatever we do in life, we must do it the best possible way because we are doing it in service to the Lord.

Right now many of us are students. Some find study easier than others. That doesn’t make any difference. You must be the best student you can be, developing your own talents. Your teachers are telling you that you have to work hard to succeed in the world. But that is only a part of the story — you must work hard, not just to succeed in the world, but to serve the Lord.

We only have one shot at life. We only get one life. We need to make the very best of our lives.



Apostles — “From now on it is people you will catch” says Jesus; and they left their nets and followed him. This incident is entirely typical of Jesus — he uses the catch of fish as an example of the new role he was to give his Apostles — that of catching others for salvation.

You will notice that Simon Peter says at first: “Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.” This is a very instinctive reaction that most of us would have when faced with such a call. Isn’t it true that most — if not all — of us feel distinctly unworthy of our task of being Apostles in the world today?

But Jesus replies with some of his most frequently repeated words — “Do not be afraid.” He then gives them their role of being fishers of other people, and the Apostles leave everything and follow him.

It should be just the same with us. We might feel daunted or afraid at the awesomeness of the task placed before us of bringing the Good News of salvation to others, but Christ tells us not to be afraid. He does not use these words merely to pacify us or to get us to do something that we are reluctant about. No, he tells us not to be afraid because he has already filled us with his Spirit, and He has strengthened us so that we are as equipped as we need to be to carry out his wishes in the world.

It is only the Evil One who wants us to feel unworthy, or unable to proclaim the Gospel of Love — no one else.

God invites us to be his Apostles because he knows that we are perfectly capable of explaining the faith to those around us; he knows that we are fit for this job, and that we have all the necessary skills and can do it well. Not only this, but God knows that by performing this mission we will experience many blessings, and will experience an outpouring of grace in our lives. And, moreover, it will be something that builds up the world.

So, take courage; ignore the voice of the Evil One; and fearlessly bring the message that the world longs to hear — the message that so many have not yet heard.

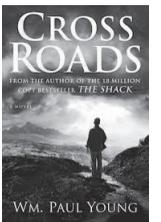
Read and study the Scriptures and the Catechism, talk about aspects of the faith in your homes and with your friends, and in these ways equip yourself for your role as Evangelists in the world of today.

As with those Apostles 2000 years ago, becoming a messenger of Christ will surely bring untold good upon you and on the world you inhabit.

—taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister, S.D.S., which appear on the internet.

**BOOK DISCUSSION:**

Come join us for our next Book Discussion which will take place on **Tuesday, February 26th beginning at 7:00 PM** in the Lennon Board Room. William Paul Young’s book, *Cross Roads*, tells the story of a driven man who falls into a coma and experiences relational entanglements that allow him to revisit choices he made during his life. “Because each human being is a story, we resonate with story,” said Paul Young. “I am thrilled that *Cross Roads* has coalesced as another unique and deeply moving human story, complete with humor and suffering, beauty and brokenness, and grace filling up the spaces in-between.” Young does a masterful job in showing the tenacious love and loyalty of an ever-patient Savior, even amidst the very real heartache of loss and the brokenness of our worlds — both inner and outer. Join us for a wonderful Lenten discussion to help us on our journey to the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].

**THE BIG PICTURE:**

Faith believes, hope prays, and charity begs in order to give to others. Humility of heart forms the prayer, confidence speaks it, and perseverance triumphs over God Himself.

— St. Peter Julian Eymard

**GOD'S WEATHER REPORT:**

They have a saying in Hawaii [and in about two dozen other places I've visited], "If you don't like the weather — give it five minutes". It's supposed to remind us that the weather is always changing. Weather is a funny thing. It controls our days; it can dictate our activities and, even, our lives. Some days are cloudless and sunny [time to get out of the house]. Other days are overcast and cold [where is that snooze button?]. Still other days have you huddled inside as hail, snow or intense heat almost trap you [what's on TV?].

Seasons change. Climates change. Do you? Are you changing? Are you resisting? Is God at work on you? In you? How are you responding?

There will be moments in your life where you really can't see God. You will feel alone, abandoned, anxious or uncertain. Don't worry; it's in those times that God is closest to you. The darkness is just the shade of God's hand. He's right there; you need only trust [Isaiah 41:13].

At other times, you will know God's there, but forget to include Him in your daily life, because everything is "okay". Don't forget Him [1 Thessalonians 5:16-19]. He desires to be on your mind and included during your "good days" as much as in times of despair or fear.

And, still, in other times, you will really feel God's presence — like you can actually feel His hands around you, molding you, crushing you, forming you, stretching you — like clay [Isaiah 64:7]. You might not experience these moments that often. It's not that God isn't working in other times, but that in times like these — He really allows you to see His handiwork, you, in the midst of His handiwork, creation. Thank God for these times, and enjoy them; it means that He is preparing you and has chosen you for very specific purposes [Ephesians 2:10].

These periods might change over weeks, months or, even, years. Then again, you might experience all three in the span of a few days. Which one are you in right now? God's love for you is constant and consistent.

Moses obviously had some really personal moments with God. He spent forty days with Him atop the mountain. He witnessed God's power and miracles through his own hands. But what about those other days? What about the random "Tuesdays" or "Thursdays" when he was wandering in the desert — do you think He ever struggled to see God's presence in his daily life? Absolutely, he struggled.

Peter was stretched by God. God looked him in the eye every day, for a few years. Do you think he was more stretched, or challenged more to "believe" while Jesus was walking beside him, or after He had ascended into Heaven and he was left in charge? Was it more difficult to follow Jesus on earth or Jesus "in Heaven"?

What did Mary feel growing up? Did she feel God's hands around her? What did she feel with God's presence within her? Was she feeling abandoned, stretched or blessed by God as she watched what happened to her Son? None of the above? All three?

You are no less precious to God than the great heroes and heroines of the Scriptures and of the Church history. His love for you is just as great as His love for them. Did God love Mary? Absolutely. Did He, therefore, make her life easy? Absolutely not. Did God love Peter? Yes. Did He keep Peter



from hardship, doubt, failure or worry? No. So, what can we learn from all of this? It's like Jesus says in Matthew's gospel: "God makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" [Matthew 5:45].

Good times will come your way. Bad times will come your way. His will for you doesn't change. His desires for you don't change. God's love for you doesn't change. Does yours for Him?

The answer to that question is what can [and does] separate us — not just from one another, but from God. God doesn't change, so that we have to.

If you don't like the way your life is going — give GOD five minutes — pray. —The Bible Geek

**LIFE TEEN:**

**Life Teen Youth Group meets EVERY SUNDAY at 11:30 AM. All who are in grades 9--12 are invited to join us and get to know what the Life Teen is all about.** The meetings will take place in the **Lennon Board Room** following the **10:00 AM Mass**. [Of course, we stop to get our donuts first]. Life Teen is open to **all high school aged young people**. Come and try us out. We have a great deal of fun together and we grow in our faith at the same time. **Come even if you are unable to make the Mass.** Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:**

**Our Middle School Youth Group — THE EDGE — meets next on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM. If you haven't come in a while, or if you have never "tried us out", this would be a good time to join us. All who are in grades 6-8 are invited to join us.** Come and find out what the **EDGE** is all about. If you have not joined us before, that's OK. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming.** We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. Our **EDGE** Youth Group has a Faith-Service-Social component, and we need your help. Join in on an exciting happening. **Call the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560.** Come to learn what the **EDGE** is all about. Join us for a fun filled faith experience. All are welcome. If you cannot make our meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, plan on joining us on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUPPORT OUR LIFETEEN PROJECT — FEBRUARY 16-17:**

Our Teens have undertaken a project to keep the pantry filled with wholesome foods at the Ronald McDonald House. As you know, the Ronald McDonald House is the residential facility in University Circle for families with children in the hospital, or who reside at Ronald McDonald House while their child is receiving outpatient treatment. Very often, a family can miss meals because of the hospital schedule. We will keep the pantry filled with foods that will enable them to "have a meal on the run" when they return. **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of the month, we will collect food items for the pantry, which our teens will then take down to Ronald McDonald House and place in their pantry.** Here is what we need: **Cereal, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Mayonnaise, Canned tuna and chicken, Paper Plates** [no Styrofoam, please], **and Paper Bowls.** **We do not need commercial size products — just the regular sizes that you buy for your family.** Just place the items in the narthex of the chapel — right by the "registration table", and we will take them from there. We hope you will join us in this wonderful outreach to families who are going through tough times.

