

M A S S S C H E D U L E**Monday 3/1 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Daniel 9:4-10
 Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13
 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday 3/2 7:30am Fr. Idomele

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
 Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday 3/3 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Jeremiah 18:18-20
 Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16
 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday 3/4 7:30am Fr. Idomele

Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm 1:1-4, 6
 Luke 16:19-31

Friday 3/5 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28
 Psalm 105:16-21
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday 3/6 7:30am Fr. Spellman
4:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
 Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 3/7**Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00am Fr. Idomele
10:00am Fr. Spellman
12:30pm Fr. Spellman

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
 Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Luke 9:28-36

CDs of Sunday Masses are available in the Church
 Office on Tuesday of each week.

In need of our prayers...

Ethel Allen, Genevieve Alexander, Susan Augustine, Arleen Bouscher, Iola Brown, Rebecca Braithwaite, McCoy Brown, Inez Cameron, Nicholas Dudley, Bettye Epps, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Ellender Julian, Irene Johnson, David Little, Ruth Revis, Edna Valdry, James Smith, Eva Smith, Phyllis Troupe, Elsie Weston, West "Ted" Williams, Thad Wiltz, Donald Aubrey, Phyllis Pope, Jose Gonzalez, Ruben Palamaris, Elrena Dandy and Ruth Howard (Sisters of Tina Floyd), Ophelia Walker, Sheryl Cooper-McGinest, Naomi Sealey, Berenice Scott, Eva Anderson, Lucy Byrd, Zelandia Fero, Taylor Brown, Jordan Brown, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khoury), Joshua Bolden, Warren Knox Jr., Edwin Thomas Sr., Barbara Ellis, Clyde Mitchell, Lloyd Moses, Oscar Antonio Romero, Thurman Johnson, Edna Bendy, Debra Stewart, Gary Elliott, Mario Toledo, Kelly Matthews, Angie Dupre, Shirley Miller, Emily Lewis, Basil Lewis, Mrs. Oliska Batiste, Tyrone Batiste, Santiago Zayas, Florentino Pulido, Genevieve Tobin, those seeking employment, and those struggling to make ends meet during these tough times.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, March 1, 2010 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Spanish Renew
 7:00pm Worship Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 7:00pm RCIA
 7:00pm Substance Abuse
 7:00pm Spanish Intercessory
 7:00pm Fr. Gus Bible Study

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 6:30pm MSC
 7:00pm Mariano Ministry
 7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class
 7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Thursday, March 4, 2010 12:30pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Confirmation
 7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, March 5, 2010 6:00pm Fish Fry
 6:30pm BDYC
 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Baptism Class

Saturday, March 6, 2010 9:30am Religious Formation
 9:30am Spanish Bible Study
 11:00am Census
 12:00pm Girl Scouts
 12:00pm Baptism

Sunday, March 7, 2010 9:00am Religious Formation
 2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

According to records maintained by the Catholic Church, **1960 was the last year that the Catholic Church in the United States was able to produce enough native-born priests to serve its parishes.** From 1960 to the mid-1980's, America received many priests from **Europe**, primarily from **Ireland**, and, since the time of Pope John Paul II, from **Poland**. Since the mid-1980's our seminaries have been filled with men who were born in the **Asian countries** of **Vietnam, the Philippines, Korea**, and from the **Latin American countries** of **Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Columbia**. In addition, during the past 25 years many priests have moved to the United States from countries such as **India, Nigeria and Uganda** in order to serve the Catholics of America.

All of this has contributed to a cultural richness that was not experienced in our American church prior to 1960, but it has also raised the question of: **"Why do we not have more young men from our own families and communities responding to the call to the priesthood?"** Of course there are many answers to this question, including the challenge of celibacy, the fear of making a life-long commitment to a vocation, and the concern of not having the material wealth that one might have in a more lucrative occupation. *But we must continue to encourage our young men and women to open their hearts to the call from the Holy Spirit, regardless of what one might be giving up in order to say "YES!" to the Lord.*

In last Sunday's newspaper, on the front page of the Sports section, there was an article about a young man named **Grant Desme** who is a star professional baseball player, who is well on his way to the fame and fortune promised by the Major Leagues. However, **at age 23**, he has decided to retire from baseball and **in August he will be entering the seminary to study for the priesthood!** Many people without a strong faith in Jesus are shaking their heads and wondering if Grant is making the biggest mistake of his life. However, those of us who have a strong faith in Our Lord know that Grant is responding to a **Higher Calling**; one that far exceeds the cheers and dollars that could be part of his future if he concentrates on hitting and fielding.

We are blessed to have so many priests here from other countries, but we need to recognize that not all of the countries that are sending priests to the United States have an excess of priests. **Mexico** and many other Latin American countries have a greater shortage of priests than America does and **India**, while it has a large number of Catholic priests, is still a country that is less than 2% Catholic (with the vast majority being Hindu). Many **African countries** have many men being ordained to the priesthood, but many of these countries are still over 50% Muslim. Do we need to continue draining these countries of the priests who have such gifts for evangelization when we have many young men in our families who are also called by God to serve and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel right here at home?

During this time of Lent, let us say a special prayer of thanksgiving for Grant Desme, all of the men who will enter the seminary this fall and all of the young women who are entering the convent this year. **And let us also pray for an openness in our hearts so that we all may say "YES!" to the call of the Lord!**

May the Lord continue to bless us always and in all ways, Father *Paul*

HNOJ School News

Come on out and support our Boys Basketball Team as they compete in the CYO Tournament. Please contact the school for dates, places and times.

Gratitude is Golden

A warm thank you to Holy Name parishioners who have responded to Holy Name of Jesus School's Annual Fund Appeal for 2009/2010.

As the Annual Fund Appeal draws to a close, kindly get in touch with the school if you have not received your appeal forms in the mail. Thank you to all our donors and may God continue to richly bless you. You are making a difference in the lives of our students through your kind contribution.

Black History Month 2010
"An Unlimited Celebration;
Church, Family, Community, and Culture"
Sunday, February 28th

There will be arts and crafts for the kids in the parish hall today after the 10am mass sponsored by the Girl Scouts. The Sunday Soul Food Dinners continue after the 8am and 10am masses. Cost is \$7.00 and includes dinner, dessert and beverage. Healthier alternatives are available!

Free Income Taxes

Call today to make your appointment.
Two locations

1. 900 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
(Crenshaw & Olympic)
(323) 937-3718
2. 3727 W. 6th Street Suit 300
(Harvard & 6th)
(213) 365-7400 ext. 214

Healthy Living...

February is American Heart Month

Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are our nation's No. 1 killer. To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases, since 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February "American Heart Month."

About Heart Disease

There are different types of heart disease, but the kind you need to worry about most is coronary heart disease. Your heart has arteries that bring blood to the heart muscle. These are your coronary arteries. Over time, fatty deposits called plaque can build up in the wall of these arteries, reducing the blood supply. In some people — but not everyone — this can cause chest pain called angina. Over time, a plaque can rupture, and a piece could lodge in an artery or a blood clot could form. This can block blood flow to the heart muscle, causing part of it to start to die. This is a heart attack, and it is an emergency — get to the hospital right away. The quicker you get treatment, the more of your heart muscle might be saved.

These are the warning signs of a heart attack:

- Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

The most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort for both men and women. But women are somewhat more likely than men to have some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1 or your emergency response number.

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call EMS for rapid transport to the emergency room.

For more information, log onto www.americanheart.org



DID YOU KNOW?**Sign Up for Wireless Amber Alerts**

The first three hours after a child is abducted are the most critical to recovery efforts. Wireless AMBER Alerts, an initiative of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the wireless industry, have the potential to reach more than 242 million wireless subscribers with information to help bring abducted children home quickly and safely. You can sign up to receive free text message alerts in one of three easy ways: 1. Text AMBER followed by a space and five-digit ZIP code to AMBER (26237); 2. Visit www.wirelessamberalerts.org; or 3. Register on your wireless carrier's Web site.

**SHARMAINE HAYLOCK, CHAIRPERSON
HOLY NAME CHURCH SAFEGUARD
THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE**

Office of Religious Education

- Please keep our Confirmation Classes in Prayer.
- The Rite of Acceptance for RCIA Candidate Christine Haylock and Salvador Alvarado - please keep them in your prayers.
- The next RCIA Class is Tuesday, March 2. The class is entitled "Sacrament of Penance" and the Presenter is Fr. Allan Roberts.

For more information, please contact Cathy Brown at (323) 734-8888 ext 2.

LAMARATHON.

It is time to get ready for the 2010 Los Angeles Marathon; on a new date and a new route, "from the stadium to the sea" held on Sunday, March 21st. The 2010 LA Bike tour will not be held on the day of the marathon. It has been postponed until a later date. There's also a 5K Run on Saturday, March 20th that ends in the middle of the Marathon Expo at Dodger Stadium! For registration and more information go to www.lamarathon.com and sign up!

For Sale: Brand New 2009 in the box, never been open, Goodman Gas Furnace 95% AFUE performance. The heat exchange has a 10 year warranty as well as all the functional parts. Replacement is free. Please get in touch with Ardis at 323-298-7766.

Men's Annual Retreat –First Call

This is the First Call for sign-up for our annual parish Men's Retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on April 16, 2010. All Men of the Parish are invited. Call now- don't miss this chance for spiritual renewal with your fellow parishioners. Phone your reservation to Clyde Sparrow at 323-770-4708 or 213-392-1916.

Stewardship Report***Stewardship: A Definition from Scripture***

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

-Matthew 10:8

Current Year:

February 21, 2010 = \$ 9,630.00

Two Previous Years:

February 15, 2009 = \$ 9,124.00

February 17, 2008 = \$ 7,411.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A few friendly housekeeping reminders...

- Please do not tape any flyers, posters, etc. on the walls or doors of the church.
- Children under the age of 13 will have to be accompanied by an adult when going to the restroom...
- No teenagers can accompany a younger child to the restroom unless they are over the age of 18...
- The crying room is for parents with babies only. All others will be asked to leave...
- Children must sit with their parents at all times during the mass services...
- Ushers will escort unsupervised children to their parents...
- When arriving late for mass, you will be requested to remain in the church lobby until directed by an usher...
- Turn cell phones and pagers off when entering church...
- No gum, food or drinks in the church!!!!