

First Sunday of Lent**Readings and Mass Intentions for the Week****Monday, February 22**

1 Peter 5:1-4 • Matthew 16:13-19
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 23

Isaiah 55:10-11 • Matthew 6:7-15
8:00 a.m. † Rumoldo Fernandez

Wednesday, February 24

Jonah 3:1-10 • Luke 11:29-32
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 25

Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 or 4:17 • Matthew 7:7-12
8:00 a.m.

Friday, February 26

Ezekiel 18:21-28 • Matthew 5:20-26
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 27

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 • Matthew 5:43-48
9:00 a.m. • Special Int. for Lucia Helena Dussol
5:30p.m.

Sunday, February 28

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17—4:1 • Luke 9:28-36
9:00 a.m. • Parishioners

✠ **PRAYER REQUESTS** ✠**We pray for those who are ill . . .**

Gregory Clews, Ryan Devine, Kimberly Brinkman, Cameron Mellor, Brenda Soltoff, Mathilda Trackewicz, Barbette Denning, Gerry Miller, Richard Shotter and Fischer Brown

We pray for those who have died . . .

Marjorie Buxton and Brother David Eddy, C.F.X.

Please call the parish office if you wish to have someone added to our prayer list. Requests will be listed in the bulletin for four weeks. Thank you.

**Prayer Requests****PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED**

Please contact the Parish Office.

SICK CALLS

Contact the Parish Office for visits or Communion calls to shut-ins, sick, hospitalized and in cases of serious illness or death.

7 CAR WASH - 21680 Thomas Jefferson Drive

As you get your car washed, help the poor and needy. We receive 10% of what CTR parishioners pay. We regularly donate this income to LINK, S.O.M.E. and the Women's Shelter in Leesburg. As you pay at the carwash, tell them you are from CTR so we receive their donation.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The bulletin deadline is Thursday prior to the week (10 days before) you wish to have your announcement in the bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

MOVING?

If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping us a note.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

If you are in need of transportation to a medical appointment or for treatment or would like to be a volunteer to drive, Please contact Jeanne Spofford, at 703-444-1065 or candjspofo@comcast.net (with as much advance notice as possible).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples must make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage. All are required to attend a marriage preparation course (registration required) held the first Tuesday of each month. Please call the office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Guadalupe Chapel.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is ordinarily celebrated within a faith community. Please call the office to register for a preparation class and to arrange for a time for the celebration.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Adults interested in becoming a Catholic or who have an unbaptized child (9 or older), please call the Parish Office and speak to Jay Cuasay, DRE at 703-430-0811 ext. 12.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome you to our Parish Community and invite you to call or register in person at the Parish Office.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any boy or girl **4th grade and up** that is interested in serving, please call Herb DuVall 703-421-3461 or Gail Dowling 703-421-7499.

MASS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

A sign language interpreter is available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the 5:30 pm Mass.

DAY CARE

For working parents of CTR. If you need a day care provider or would like your name added to our list of providers, call Janet Williamson 703-444-1552.

CO-OP NURSERY

A co-op nursery is available on Sundays at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call Lizette Andreyko to join the group or for additional information at 703-404-9428.

BIENVENIDO A CRISTO REDENTOR

PERSONAS DE CONTACTO EN LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL PARA SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL

Rvdo. C. Donald Howard SA	Párroco
Rvdo. Lino Rico	Asistente Pastoral
Juan Sanabria	Secretario
Cristina Orellana	Secretaria
Amelia Silva	Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa en Español

REGISTRACIÓN

Todos los feligreses están invitados a registrarse en la parroquia. Para registrarse pueden llamar a la oficina parroquial o visitarnos.

NÚMEROS INFORMATIVOS Y HORAS DE OFICINA

703-430-0811

Lunes a Viernes de 9:00 am a 4:00 pm.

Para escuchar la información en español cuando conteste la máquina de mensajes, por favor marca el signo del asterisco (*) seguido por el número 1. La línea de emergencia de la Parroquia debe ser reservada para aquellos casos de enfermedades crónicas o muerte y necesitan la presencia del sacerdote. Para comunicarse con Amelia Silva en el Departamento de Educación Religiosa en las horas de 9 am-4 pm de Lunes a Viernes pueden apretar la extensión 29 para dejar mensaje en la maquina contestadora.

MISAS DOMINICALES

Nuestra Parroquia de Cristo Redentor celebra dos misas Dominicales: la primera misa Dominical se esta celebrando todos los sábados a las 7:00 pm y la segunda misa Dominical a las 12:00 del mediodía del día Domingo. La misa es una celebración comunitaria. Por tanto participan miembros de los distintos grupos y movimientos de la comunidad católica, por tal motivo tratamos de no privatizarla con gestos que son propios de cada grupo o movimiento eclesial.

MISAS MEMORIALES

La santa misa se puede celebrar en caso de muerte. Para arreglar una misa funeral pueden llamar a la oficina parroquial. Para arreglar una misa por difunto, que falleció en otro país, pueden llamar a la oficina. Intenciones comunitarias tienen que llegar unos 15 minutos antes de empezar la misa.

El Sacramento de Reconciliación se celebra todos los Sábados de 4:00 pm a 5:00 pm.

SACRAMENTO DE UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

Por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para solicitar la sumministrazione de los Sacramentos de Confesión o Unción de Enfermos ya sea en la casa o hospital.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

La pareja interesada en celebrar el Sacramento del Matrimonio, necesita realizar un curso de preparación, por tal motivo debe contactarse con el Sacerdote por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de su matrimonio. Todos están llamados a participar de la formación matrimonial (pre-cana o convalidación). Por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial.

SACRAMENTO DE BAUTIZOS

Las charlas pre-Bautismales se ofrecen el tercer Sábado de cada mes. Si desea bautizar a su niño entre las edades de recién nacido a 7 años pueden llamar a la oficina Parroquial de Lunes a Viernes y contactarse con Cristina Orellana o Juan Sanabria al 703-430-0811.

¿SE MOLESTA POR LA BEBIDA DE OTRA PERSONA?

Si alguien allegado a Ud, familiar, amigo, compañero de trabajo o vecino, tiene o ha tenido problemas con la bebida, visite un grupo de AL-ANON y Alateen encontrara respuestas, apoyo y ayuda. Respetamos su anonimato. Reuniones en las Iglesia: Cristo Redentor Jueves 8-9.30. Info.703-406-0791 o 703-216-8319.

CIUDADANÍA AMERICANA

Para las personas que piensan solicitar la ciudadanía americana, el Hogar Hispano, programa de Caridades Católicas, va a realizar un taller de ciudadanía aquí en la iglesia Cristo Redentor el sábado, 6 de marzo, entre las 10am y la 1pm. Hogar Hispano tiene voluntarios entrenados y abogados que le ayudan en completar la solicitud, formulario N-400, por el costo de \$60. Para informarse llame al Hogar Hispano al 703-534-9805 ext. 250 o recoge un volante en la mesa al entrada de la iglesia.

SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACIÓN (CONFESIÓN)

Sunday Offering - \$33,729.50
Catholic Herald - \$1,363.00
Debt Reduction - \$9,505.50

OPERATION RICE BOWL

During Lent, CTR will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are located on the credenza in the Commons Area. This program inspires Catholics to *pray, fast, learn* and *give* as we increase our understanding of our global community.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements for 2009 have been mailed to parishioners that contributed over \$250. These statements are supplied as a courtesy to help with your taxes. Listed on your statement is a summary for all funds above \$250.00 contributed for 2009. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 703-430-0811.

CHOIR NEWS

Children's Choir (Gr.2-6) will meet on Monday, February 22nd at 5:30 pm in the music room. The Coro will practice on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. The English Adult Choirs meet to practice on Thursday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. *Please call Diane Kingsbury at 703-430-0811, ext. 23 to inquire about our Music Ministry.*

DOMINICAN RETREAT HOUSE

Lenten Retreat for Women

Celebrate Lent this year with a retreat. Join us the weekend of February 26-28 at the Dominican Retreat in McLean. Fr. Patrick McMahan will be the retreat director. For more information, please call Terry Riviere at 703-922-2951 or the Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243.

LINK FOOD DELIVERY IN MARCH

Each year CTR volunteers generously give of their time and talent to help others in need of Food. Volunteers are needed in the month of **March** to deliver food to the homes of LINK food recipients in the Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn areas. Food is packed by volunteers and picked up at the LINK Food Pantry on Dranesville Road. Deliveries are normally made in the evenings or on Saturday. Sign up will be at all the Masses this weekend, February 21st and next weekend, Feb 28th, in Atonement Hall. Please contact Diane Sieb at 703-948-0092 for more information or if you would like to help.

U. S. CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Hogar Immigrant Services, a program of Catholic Charities, presents an opportunity for Legal Permanent Resident immigrants (greencard holders) to apply for U.S. Citizenship at its workshop on Saturday, March 6th here at Christ the Redeemer from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Assistance provided to complete immigration form N-400, Application for Naturalization, for a fee of \$60. Please call 703-534-9805 ext. 250 for more information. Volunteers needed, no experience or foreign language skills necessary. Training will take place the day of.

LENTEN EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION

Wednesday evening at Christ the Redeemer is a good opportunity for the Lenten Season. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:00 PM in the Chapel followed by the opportunity for confession. Lent is a time by prayer, fasting, and penance to seek Reconciliation with God. Plan Wednesdays as a time of personal, family, and community Lenten prayer.

2010 LENT-EASTER SCHEDULE

MASS/RECONCILIATION/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday Mornings	8:00AM
Wednesday Evenings	7:00PM
Saturday Mornings	9:00AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – Feb. 27, Mar. 6, & 13	4:00-5:00PM
Saturday – March 20 & 27	3:00-5:00PM
Parish Reconciliation Svc. - Monday, March 22 at 7:00PM	

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY – March 28

Saturday	5:30PM
	7:00PM <i>Spanish</i>
Sunday	7:30AM
	9:00AM
	10:30AM
	12:00PM <i>Spanish</i>
	5:30PM

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1 (No morning Mass)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00PM <i>Bilingual</i>
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GOOD FRIDAY – April 2 (No morning Mass)

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
	3:00PM
	7:00PM
	8:30PM <i>Spanish</i>

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3 (No morning Mass)

Easter Food Blessing	10:00AM
Great Vigil of Easter	8:00PM <i>Bilingual</i>

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4 (No evening Mass)

Easter	7:30AM
	9:00AM
	10:30AM
	12:00PM <i>Spanish</i>
	2:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26
 7:00PM in English and at 8:00PM in Spanish.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

CHARITY IS *FaITH* IN ACTION

We are very grateful to the many parishioners that have responded to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Our parish goal is \$140,000.00. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider Bishop Loverde's request and give generously to assist the work of our diocese. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in our Diocese to show concern for one another. Pledge envelopes are located on the credenza in the Commons Area. Please fill one out and place it in a collection basket or hand it to one of the ushers. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **2009-2010**

RE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CLASS TIMES

Sunday, Feb 21: *Classes Meet Today*

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- High School Classes and
One Faith, One Lord

Monday, Feb. 22: *Classes Meet Today*

4:30 pm to 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- Grades 7 & 8
(*One Faith, One Lord* only at 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, Feb 23: *Classes Meet Today*

Wednesday, Feb 24: *Classes Meet Today*

Thursday, Feb. 25: *Classes Meet Today*

4:30 pm to 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- K-6 (English)

Saturday, Feb. 27: *Classes Meet Today*

9:00 to 10:00 am

- K-6 (Spanish)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP IS NEEDED

With Adult Faith Formation...

Would you like to help an adult or family with members interested in becoming Catholic? Come enrich your adult faith life by joining a Christian Initiation Team as a faith sharer or sponsor.

With Family Sacramental Preparation...

Would you like to help as an assistant during sacramental preparation meetings with parents during the year?

English/Spanish speakers are especially needed.

Please Call Jay Cuasay, DRE at 703-430-0811 ext. 12 or email at jay.ctr@gmail.com.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

ROSARY GROUPS - AN INVITATION

In English - Wed. evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. For more information, please call Carol Catulle at 703-430-6490.

In Vietnamese -Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For more information, please call Hoa Ngo at 703-430-7461.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION 2010

Assignment #1- #3 have been given out

Please use the Lenten and Easter Season to focus your child and family on the Great Mystery of our sacramental celebration. This is also an ideal time to complete Assignments #1- #3 which have been given out at the three Parent Confirmation Meetings.

(Next meeting is WED. APR. 14th at 7:30 PM)

If you missed a Parent Meeting or Assignment for your child, please contact Jay Cuasay, DRE at 703-430-0811 ext. 12 or jay.ctr@gmail.com.

INITIATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you want to know more about becoming a Catholic by celebrating Baptism, Confirmation or First Eucharist, as an adult or if you have a child over the age of 9, please contact Jay Cuasay, DRE at 703-430-0811 ext. 12 or jay.ctr@gmail.com. We meet most Wednesday evenings in Room #2 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

ATTN: PARENTS OF FIRST SACRAMENT CHILDREN

Our Second Mandatory Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Eucharist will be held on Tuesday, February 23. We will meet from 7:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. in Atonement Hall. Please arrive on time as we plan to begin promptly. There will be only one opportunity to make up this meeting. The make-up date is Thursday, February 25. This meeting will also be held from 7:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. in Atonement Hall. Your cooperation in preparing your child for Sacraments is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Harvesta Greene Williams, DRE

GRADES 9-12

WORKCAMP 2010

The Diocese of Arlington's Work Camp 2010 will be held in Winchester, VA from June 26th through July 2nd. All High School students are eligible to attend. For more information or to join the group, please contact Sue Hinko at 703-435-1343.

IT'S ABOUT THOSE DIRTY FACES

Despite the admonition of the gospel for Ash Wednesday, people find it a mark of distinction to show their ashes proudly. In the gospel Jesus admonishes his disciples to wash their faces and groom their hair, when they are fasting. Earlier in the same discourse about praying, believers are reminded to go into their room in secret before their heavenly Father who knows us best in the secret recesses of our hearts.

As a child of Philadelphia Catholicism we were reminded in grade school by the good Sisters that this was some kind of profession of our Catholicism in the faces of our protestant neighbors! I've learned a bit more in the many years since about conversion as a matter of the heart and the inner action of God in each of our lives.

CLEAN, NEAT SYMBOL

Liturgical symbols are central to our Catholic celebrations of seasons and our prayer life. Ash Wednesday's marking of believers with blessed ashes on the forehead is a focusing moment in our gathering at the beginning of Lent. As usual with liturgical symbols the blessing and signing with ashes is more than first appears. A hint to the symbols is not only the ashes but the marking with the sign of the Cross.

Lent refocuses our spiritual attention on the essentials of our faith life. The Cross stands tall in front of the other symbols and actions. It is through the Cross that life is given and the Cross becomes our way of life. Conversion of heart is to turn away from sin and death and walk in the way of the Cross. It is to pass from death to life in Christ. The apostle Paul tells us: "God forbid that we should glory save in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ by whom [we] are crucified to the world and the world to us." (Galatians 6:14)

The way to discover the Cross is central to Lent. It is not an apologetic to our Catholicism. In the early Church this discovery was made by "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving," all ways of emptying ourselves before God. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians writes eloquently of the self-emptying of Christ that we might have life. In Greek this is called "kenosis", or emptying. The Fathers and theologians write about how Jesus laid aside his divinity to take on our humanity. He emptied himself so that he could be raised up by the Father and we with him. The Cross is the ultimate sign of that emptying that we might be filled up with new life in Christ.

All of this Christ mystery is signed in the marking of the faithful with the blessed ashes in the sign of the Cross. The symbol is not neat and clean, but rather invites us to move beyond it and to explore the various levels of meaning and reality.

To understand the Cross one must move to the end of the Lenten journey and the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Holy Thursday reminds us that ashes lead to the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread and the outpouring of wine. Jesus before his death points to his own death and rising by sharing his presence with the believing community.

At the same Eucharist John's gospel gives us yet another symbolic action to explain this movement from death to life. John writes about the washing of the feet and notes carefully that Jesus took off his robes before washing feet. This points to that self-emptying by the Lord. Further the Apostles are reminded that they must do what the Lord and Master has done, i.e., empty themselves in service of others.

EASTER MYSTERY

Good Friday presses us to see the Cross as victory over sin and death. John's Gospel speaks of that same reality, where Jesus reigns victorious from the Cross.

Holy Saturday, the Great Vigil of Easter, is baptismal, when the elect go down into the waters and come out alive in Christ Jesus. The way to Easter life is to go down into the waters and die in Christ, only to be lifted up in him by the Father to resurrection. This is the culmination of the path to discipleship.

Ashes at the beginning of Lent are about death to life in Christ. They are about conversion of heart and following the Lord. Ashes are like bread broken and wine poured out. The accompanying prayers when the ashes are given speak of their meaning. "Be converted and believe in the Gospel", we hear. An alternate form explains more clearly: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." The way to gospel life is to pass through death to life. Lent calls us to find that new life in Jesus' Easter mystery.

Ashes are neither about outward signs nor showing our piety to everyone. They are an invitation to the breadth and depth of the mystery of Christ in our lives.