

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men.
You, O God, are my refuge.

A Beacon from the Deacon

Catholics often ask the question: How do we count the forty days of Lent? The season of Lent commemorates the period of forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert, which Our Lord undertook prior to beginning his public life on earth. Lent celebrates this part of Jesus' life, as we are called to fast, pray, and shared sacrifice.

In the Gospels, the term "forty days" was not designed to be taken literally. It was meant to be a "long time" that one spent on something. And to some degree, the Church has always taken some liberties with this time frame also.

In the sixth century, Church Fathers decided to initiate the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. There was, however, a problem. Earlier tradition had Lent counted as six full weeks. There are four days between Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent. That makes it 46 days. The solution? Sundays in Lent were no longer counted as part of Lent for purposes of fasting, abstinence, and penance. Six weeks times seven days equals 42, minus the six Sundays equals 36, with Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday after Ash Wednesday getting us to forty.

In 1969, Pope Paul VI formally set the three holiest days of the year aside as the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The first Sunday of Lent, like Ash Wednesday, have texts and rites marking it as the start of Lent, so for some, the 40 days are now seen as that span from the First Sunday until the start of the Triduum Liturgy itself.

Regardless of how we count it, the commemoration of Lent represents a prayerful return to the Lord of Love who gives us all that we have. It is a wonderful season. The Triduum in turn provides a remarkable crescendo to Easter, reminding us that God loved us so much that He sent His own son into the world to live, die, and rise so that we could do the same. Please prayerfully reflect on that awesome reality, and join us in as many celebrations as you can during this Holy Week.



TRIDUUM & EASTER: There will be NO morning Mass or Communion Service on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday. We will instead offer Liturgy of the Hours on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 8:15AM; and at 9AM on Holy Saturday morning.

Following the liturgy on Holy Thursday, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Kaufman Room. Adoration will close with night prayer at 11:45.

On Good Friday, we will host the Ecumenical Service here from NOON to 3PM; Stations of the Cross will be at 5PM and the Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the cross will be at 7PM.

The Easter Vigil will begin with the paschal fire and the blessing of the Easter Candle at 9PM on Saturday evening. Our beautiful Easter morning Masses will be held at the usual at 8AM and 10:30 AM.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Thank you so much for participating in this wonderful Lenten program. You may leave your Rice Bowls in the container in the narthex by the Rice Bowl display. **The Outreach and Finance Committees will sponsor the last soup supper on Mar. 19th at 6PM. All are asked to bring soup or bread to share.**



BRING YOUR BELLS TO MASS! All are invited to bring bells to Mass on Holy Thursday, March 20th, at 7PM and again to the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 22nd, at 9PM. They will be rung during the Gloria at both Masses.

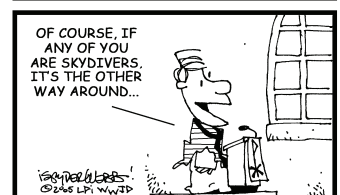
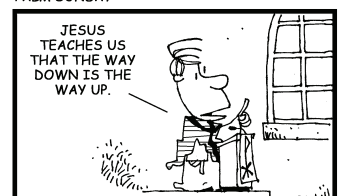
ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE BEGINS ON MARCH 30: After much discussion at the Liturgy Committee meeting, all agreed that making announcements at the close of Mass is a disruption to the flow of the Liturgy. Beginning on the Second Sunday of Easter, March 30th, the Lector at each Mass will make any pre-approved brief but necessary announcements before Mass begins. We hope that this transition will improve our beautiful liturgies at St. Hubert.

CATHOLIC SONGWRITER DONNA CORI GIBSON! She has been called the Celine Deon of Catholic contemporary music. She is heard on Catholic Radio and TV stations, and is a frequent guest on EWTN's *Life on the Rock*. Donna is a talented singer and prolific songwriter whose music is focused on prayer and scripture. **Donna will be singing at St. Hubert Church on Sunday, April 6th!** The FREE concert will benefit our parish youth programs.

So mark your calendar! This is a family event for all ages!

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING PARTY: *Save the date!* The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a wine and cheese tasting party on Saturday, April 5th, after Mass. All benefits will go to the scholarship fund. Watch for more information!

PALM SUNDAY





YOUTH MINISTRY: Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in and supported the 2008 St. Hubert Youth Food Fast Retreat! Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups will be back on their normal schedules beginning Sunday, March 30th.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED! Every parishioner deserves the opportunity to be a part of the Liturgy of the Altar. Yes, I am inviting every parishioner who is 10 years of age or older; this includes all adults no matter your age, to be a part of the Altar Server ministry. We are in need of servers for all Masses and ask that you prayerfully consider this life-changing ministry. You can call Larry Jesmer at 341-3296 or the parish office at 221-5383 to schedule an appointment. Thank you and may God bless you!

K of C ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will hold their aluminum can drive throughout the month of March. Please leave donations by the little house.



MASS INTENTIONS: Sat., March 15th at 5PM for Hal Moore RIP; Mon., March 17th at 8:15 AM for Pat Lundemo (healing); Tues., March 18th at 8:15 AM for John Quaresma RIP; Wed., March 19th at 10:30 AM for Joyce Nichols (healing);

PRAYER CORNER: Judy Allen, Agnes Alvord, Gail Barros, Jane Brennan, Dick Bruya, Ed Buck, Gene Buzard, John Camilleri, Marie Celebre, Paul D'Avanzo, Vicki Frawley, Maria Elena Guerrero, Teresita Guerrero, Sue Hackinen, Marcia Halligan, Kaitlin Holloway, Eldon Hawny, Patrick Holeman, Lori Holman O'Brien, Gerrick & Kara Holt, Arden Horgan, Gail Iverson, Dean Jasper, Larry Jesmer, Katerina Kirby, Virginia Liebscher, Greg Likens, Vern Long, Patrick McCann, Roberto Medina, Jerry Moffat, Tom Moore, Lenore Morris, Menodora Newbauer, Denise & Tony Preisinger, Erica Rabit, Frank Radick, Laurie Richardson, Betty Schultz, Elizabeth Setlow, Andy Shea, James Smith, Dan Smith, Larry Taylor, Joann Watkins, Pat Zarecki

MASS SCHEDULE



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!



Holy Thursday, March 20 @ 7:00 PM

Lector: Lu Surface
EM: Al & Mary Ellen Jones
Greeters: Lora & Mike Babik
Altar S.: J. Jesmer, J. Smith, Marilyn Harden, Peter Shea

Good Friday, March 21 @ 7:00 PM

Lector: Marye Kieling, Dick McGrath, Iris Morrow
Greeters: Lora & Mike Babik
Altar S.: Jeanine Jesmer, Joan Smith

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 22 @ 9:00 PM

Lector: Bartlett, Truitt, M. Kelly, D. Schoeler, D. Nowak
EM: Steve & Elizabeth Guss
Greeters: John & Janice Joynt
Altar S.: D. & J. Antetomaso, J. Smith, J. Jesmer

Easter Sunday, March 23 @ 8:00 AM

Lector: Iris Morrow
EM: Bobbi Robinson, Mary Lukinich, M. Todd
Greeters: Pat O'Neill & Stefano Carosi
Altar S.: Peter & Matthew Shea, Annie Poolman

Sunday, March 23 @ 10:30 AM

Lector: Judy Scehovic
EM: Christine & Jim Roshak, Maureen Smith
Greeters: John O'Brien, Wm. Trudeau
Altar S.: Dustin Varney, S. Ackerman, Madison Boyd

Ordinary Collection Building Fund Collection

March 9, 2008	March 9, 2007
\$3,993.00	\$1,161.00
Total for this month	Total for this month
\$11,265.00	\$1,496.00

Events Calendar: March 17-March 23
MASSES: 8:15 AM Mon., Tues.
10:30 AM Wednesday
Liturgy of the Hours: 8:15 AM Thurs., Fri.
9:00 AM Saturday

Tuesday 6:00 PM Junior Youth Group
Wednesday ... 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM Soup Supper, Read Hall
7:00 PM Lenten Prayer, Church
Thursday 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass
Friday 12-3PM Ecumenical Service at St. Hubert
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Passion of the Lord
Saturday..... 9:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00 AM Mass
9:15 AM NO RE
10:30 AM Mass
11:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt following Mass
NO Adult Forum & NO Jr./Sr. Youth Group