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*A Catholic Community*

*Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.*  
— St. Francis of Assisi

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### **MONDAY-SATURDAY**

8:30 AM Chapel

### **FRIDAY**

9:00 AM The Villages

### **SATURDAY**

5:00 PM Chapel \*

### **SUNDAY**

8:15 AM The Villages (*The Villages Pkwy*)

8:30 AM Chapel \*

9:00 AM Gathering Space \*

9:30 AM Mt. Hamilton Grange (*2840 Aborn Road*)

10:00 AM Dove Hill School (*1460 Colt Way*)

10:30 AM Chapel \*

11:00 AM Gathering Space \*

12:30 PM Chapel\*

6:00 PM Chapel – Youth Mass

\* *Children's Liturgy of the Word is held.*

## OUR VALUES

*Spiritual Growth*

*Shared Responsibility*

*Participation*

*Hospitality*

*Diversity*

*Social Justice*

### **Vietnamese Bilingual Mass**

First Sunday of the Month

4:00 pm

### **Igbo Mass**

Second Sunday of the Month

12:30 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Saturday in the Chapel Narthex

4:15-4:45 PM

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**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT****MARCH 7, 2010****REFLECTIONS****Good News!****March 7**

Moses approaching the burning bush is one of the most famous images in the Bible. Artists have tried to show what the bush looked like. Part of the attraction, no doubt, is the challenge to imagine and then portray the "special effects"—this bush burned but did not burn up.

That got enough of Moses' attention for him to take a closer look. Did he have to stare at the bush a while to realize it wasn't consumed? Did it dawn on him slowly—this is terribly different? Did his adrenaline surge? Here is something he could see but couldn't make sense of. Would Moses be able to draw a picture of what he saw? Maybe he wouldn't try. This story moved even deeper.

Moses heard his name called. Who knows me? "Here I am," Moses responds. Is he ready to come closer to this bush, to this Voice? He is told, NO, stay there now. This place is not just about a strange vision, it is holy ground. Take off your shoes.

On this holy ground, God disarms Moses and opens his fears. Will God relieve his physical, visceral, deepening dread? God next describes the misery of his people. The Voice pushes Moses further: God will stop their slavery and take them to their own land. This is an incredible claim. These people have been in Egypt 400 years.

The burning is inside Moses now.

God promises much. How can Moses grasp all this?

There's more: Go tell the people.

What? How can I do that? Could Moses dare not hope? Can Moses dare do what God asks? The Voice again—I will be with you.

Moses is filled by God, by what God tells him. But he's not consumed, not burned up.

Dan Finucane, [sundaybulletins@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletins@liguori.org)

Next Sunday's Readings  
4th Sunday of Lent

**Reading I:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**STEWARDSHIP**

February 28

Checks &amp; Envelopes \$ 12,690.00

Loose Change \$ 3,389.00

Total Week Offertory \$ 16,079.00

Envelopes Used 462

Feb. Month-to-Date \$ 66,185.00

Feb. '10 Budget \$ 68,403.00

Building Fund this week \$ 429.00

**Weekly Offertory Envelope:** Weekly Offertory envelope contributions support the monthly operating expenses of the parish.

*If you are interested in donating on-line, please visit [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)*

*Thank you in advance for your generous giving.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Generations of Faith**  
**1 DAY ONLY**

Thursday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

Sunday, March 14, 3-6pm

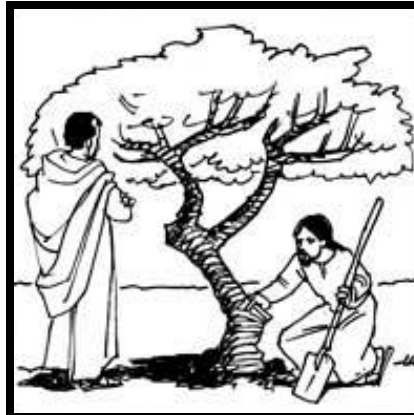
Gathering Space

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 28

**Easter Sunday**

April 4

**March 7, 2010****3rd Sunday of Lent**

*"Leave it, sir, this one year while I dig around it. If it bears fruit, well and good."* Luke 13:9

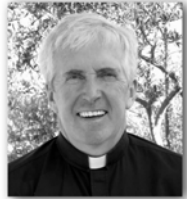
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**FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 6	8:30am	Jim Toole
Saturday, March 6	5:00pm	Joe Kilkenny+
Sunday, March 7	8:30am	Ruth Catherine Byard+
	9:00am	Madeline Phung Nguyen+ & Sam Boot+
	9:30am	Special Intention
	10:00am	Llacer Family
	10:30am	Vallorino Testa+ & Eduardo Testa+
	11:00am	Florida Gonzalez +
	12:30pm	Alejandra Taylo Espiritu +
	6:00pm	Conchita Cruz+
Monday, March 8	8:30am	Pete Magsuci+
Tuesday, March 9	8:30am	Sam Pasion Jr.+
Wednesday, March 10	8:30am	Josephine Comando+
Thursday, March 11	8:30am	Harry Marley+
Friday, March 12	8:30am	Joseph Jernigen+



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...**

**ADA**

We thank you for responding to the Bishop's Annual Diocesan Appeal. As of this writing, we have received pledges of \$160,000 towards our goal of \$187,000. We thank all 507 people/families who have pledged. We are now in sight of reaching our goal. We will continue to appeal for pledges so that we will have a cushion to counteract any attrition in paying off the pledges that may take place.

We will also continue our efforts to broaden the base of support for this appeal. Now, the ADA Committee and I thank you for your support. We also thank you for your prayers.

**Crab Feast**

We also thank you for supporting the First Annual Crab Feast. We will give you the results in another bulletin. We had a great time, not only enjoying the food but also the sharing with each other and the entertainment and dancing afterwards. We thank the following people who made it happen: **Our Cooks**, *John Cortese, Jim Castle, and Vince Sunseri*, **Our Committee**, *Fernando Saraya, Kathy Lohman, and Minh Tran*, **Our Volunteers**, *Patricia Cuadros and Boy Scout Troop 251*, **Our ticket sellers** after Mass, our raffle ticket sellers, those who donated raffle prizes, the DJ and his wonderful music, and last but not least, ELVIS!!

The event was wonderful. We hope you are able to join us next year.

Blessings,

Fr. Gene

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(P)ASTORAL COORDINATORS**

**WEEKLY MASSES**

**MONDAY-SATURDAY DAILY MASS**

(E) Rusty Kilkenny  
(W) Lina Casanova  
(P) Ester DeGuzman

**SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M. CHAPEL**

(W) Rick Caton  
(P) Ederlyn Suriaga and Rudy Garcia

**SUNDAY, 8:15 A.M. VILLAGES**

(W) Cindy Juleson  
(P) Skip Dugger

**8:30 A.M. CHAPEL**

(E) Mario Dizon and Victor Espino  
(W) Tina Graham  
(P) Virginia Dutton

**9:00 A.M. GATHERING SPACE**

(E) Joe Cabrido  
(W) Marnie & Butch Francisco,  
Rich Friedrich, and Stan & Colleen Alger  
(P) Diane Haaser

**9:30 A.M. GRANGE HALL**

(E) Alan Covington  
(W) Jerry Ososkie and Dan Sagisi  
(P) Nancy & Steve Schwalen

**10:00 A.M. DOVE HILL SCHOOL**

(E) Cora Lu  
(W) Julie Parayno  
(P) Remy Mercado

**10:30 A.M. CHAPEL**

(E) Lerma Simpson and Bev Brown  
(W) Cris & Frank Salamanca  
(P) Joe & Beth Millares

**11:00 A.M. GATHERING SPACE**

(E) Julio & Jesusa Moral  
(W) Hunter & Gina Elkins

**12:30 P.M. CHAPEL**

(E) Sharon Hurley  
(W) Fernando & Gloria Saraya  
(P) Peter Vu

**6:00 P.M. CHAPEL**

(E) Ben Cruz  
(W) Michael Back and Angela Cortese,  
(P) Lito Vasquez

**MONTHLY MASSES**

**4:00 P.M. VIETNAMESE MASS**

(E) My Hanh Nguyen and Hai Au Phan -Vu  
(W) David Phan and Theresa Nguyen  
(P) Nhat Nguyen and Hung Le

**12:30 P.M. IGBO COMMUNITY**

(E) Aidan Ogamba  
(W) Sunny Offorjebe  
(P) Celine Ogamba and Gudluck Ukwuije

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



**St Francis of Assisi Parish**  
1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
**Sunday, March 14**  
Gathering Space Hall, 3pm-6pm



Come and Celebrate with us  
Delicious traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner with Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Carrots, Irish Soda Bread, Dessert, Tea & Coffee

Adults: \$15                      Children (10 and under): \$6  
*(kids meal includes Corn Dog, Chips, and Punch)*



*Guinness ON TAP and wine available*  
*Entertainment includes Live Music and Irish Dancing*  
*Tickets on sale after Mass or in the Parish Office during regular business hours.*



**"I am the Vine, You are the Branches"**

This was the theme to this year's high school Confirmation Retreat that took place last weekend (Feb. 26-28). The Retreat offered the candidates a time to reflect on themselves, to examine their faith more closely, to nurture their relationship with God and to celebrate their commitment to branching out to help others just as Jesus has done for each of us.

As the Confirmation candidates and peer and adult leaders loaded up two Royal Coach buses Friday afternoon; the wet and soggy weather didn't hinder the anticipation and eagerness of the group, well over 100 participants! The ride up to Camp MayMac, located in Felton, is nestled up in nature's beauty, surrounded by trees, wide open camping spaces and plenty of outdoor activities.

Despite the unpredictable weather of sunshine and scattered rain, the two-and-a-half day Retreat was filled with group activities that ranged from Ice Breakers and "small group" discussions to prayers and music; reflection and sharing; journaling and craft activities. We had individual Reconciliation and guided meditation. The candidates created lifelong friendships with themselves, their home groups, complete strangers, and a deeper relationship to God.

Just as the weather first greeted them with the cold rain, the Retreat ended with abundant sunshine from the clear blue sky to the radiant smiles from every individual that shared the weekend's experience. Together with faith and a new found hope in God, the candidates have grown and branched out with more determination and courage, with a keen sense of giving and sharing, and a deeper understanding of growing in one's own love for God and in manifesting that love towards others.

**New Staff Member**

Please welcome Julie Parayno the most recent staff member of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She is part time High School Confirmation and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, who together with Nelson Gonzales form the Youth Ministry Team here at the Parish.

Julie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism with concentration in Radio and TV Journalism from San Jose State University. She has had corporate experience working in Public Relations, Marketing and Communication Programs. She is currently the Worship Coordinator of the Dove Hill Community and a member of the parish Leadership Council. She now also in her final year at the Institute for Leadership in Ministry (ILM) program. Her organizational, motivational and leadership skills, combined with her involvement with so many areas of ministry in the parish will be a great contribution to the Youth Ministries of the parish.

**Stephen Ministry**

**"Decisions?"** What should I do with my life? What does God want me to do? How can I know? A Stephen Minister can serve as a listening ear while you explore these questions. If you are interested in a Stephen Minister, contact us today at 223-1770 x345 or [stephenministry@sfoasj.org](mailto:stephenministry@sfoasj.org). See our Parish website for more about this caring ministry.

**Quote of the Week**

*The function of silence in the life of the privileged is to be able to hear the voices of the oppressed and change things.*  
Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

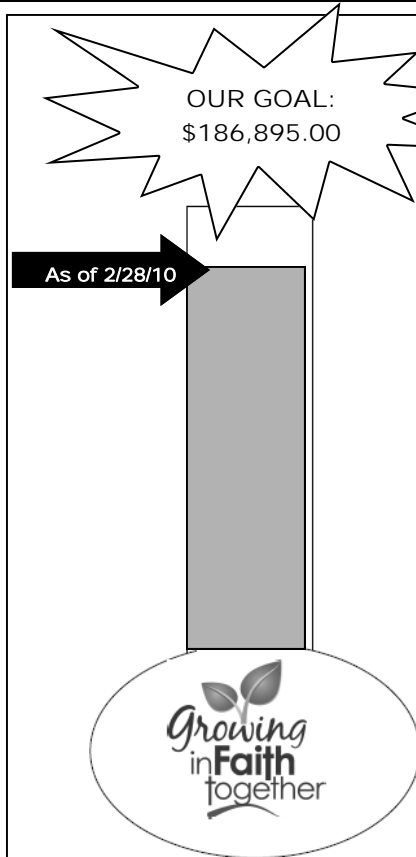
Grief Support Group



We will be re-establishing our Grief Support Group. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and are interested in attending our gatherings, please contact Fr. Loi at 223-1770 x328 for more information.

Cancer Support Prayer Group

For all those in our parish who are dealing with cancer in their lives, those newly diagnosed, currently under treatment, in remission or those who are friends or family members who pray and care for someone with cancer. The cancer support prayer group meets every **Thursday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm** in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome, no sign-up necessary just drop in. Call Joyce Harper 499-5194 with questions.



2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<b>Total to date</b>	\$ 160,382.00
<b>Percent to total goal</b>	86%
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 316.00
<b>Active Families</b>	1522
<b>Contributors to date</b>	507
<b>Percent of Participants</b>	33%

*If you have not submitted your pledge yet, please feel free to add them to the collection basket next week.*

*Even the smallest donations make a difference.*

**Thank you in advance for your generous giving.**

Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Garden  
Members of the Thursday a.m. Marian Intercessory Prayer Group will walk the Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Garden after the 8:30 a.m. Mass each Thursday during Lent (except Holy Thursday). Related prayers will be recited at each station. Everyone is invited to join us. In case of rain, we will use the stations inside the chapel. Questions? Call Mary 528-0831



St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

**The First Miracle** Ask your child, "What was Jesus' first miracle?" The answer is: *He turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee.* To illustrate the story, the children were truly amazed as we poured

water into a pitcher with some sweeten kool-aid on the bottom of it. As we pour the pitcher with the kool-aid out into a cup, they saw the colored kool-aid pour out, their faces were classic. We made sure that we told them how it was done.

**St. Patrick Parties.** Yes, time for another party! We will be learning and celebrating St. Patrick. We can kick up our heels, drink, and feast. The traditional Irish dish is Corned Beef and cabbage. *Good Luck getting your child to eat that!* We are going to concentrate on green foods. Look for a sign-up list in your child's class on Friday, March 5. The **Tuesday and Thursday class party is Tuesday, March 16 at 11:00 am. The Monday, Wednesday, and Friday class party will be Friday, March 19 at 11:00 am.**

Space is available for the remainder of the 2010 school year. We have also started accepting registration for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have a preschool aged child who meets our requirements please contact us at 223-1770 x309. Space is limited, so please make sure to contact us soon.

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