



Parent Newsletter (Sunday)

Our Lady Queen of Angels Church
Children's Faith Formation

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1st Sunday of Lent (c)

Thoughts on the gospel and Lent:

- * Overall, Luke's message is the same as Matthew's and Mark's for this Sunday: Jesus' time in the desert becomes the model for our 40 days of retreat during Lent. So too does the resolve of Jesus, against the temptation of Satan, become the model for our own resolve to do penance during this season
- * Lent is taken from the word "lengthen", since days grow longer in the spring
- * The 40 days of Lent are a time Christians spiritually make the pilgrimage with Christ to the cross
- * We remember His words: "*If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me*" (Matt. 16:24)
- * The goal of Lent is to stay focused on the cross ahead and to personally understand Jesus' supreme sacrifice of love

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
into the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.
He ate nothing during those days,
and when they were over he was hungry.
Luke 4:1-2



Question of the week: How are you going to spend these 40 days?



5TH & 6TH GRADE PARENT & CHILD FAITH SHARING SESSION

Please do not miss the Parent-Child Faith Sharing Session we are having this **Sunday, February 21st**.

These sessions offer you the opportunity to share your faith with your child and other families with children the same age. They are always very well attended, fun and informative. The topic for this one is, "Lent, how will we be spending it as a family?"



Please invite Grandparents, Godparents, Aunts, Uncles, etc. to join us.

If you have children older than 6th Grade; siblings of your 5th or 6th grader, please invite them to join us. Drop younger siblings off at their regular class or in childcare as usual.

We will begin at 9:45 AM with a Continental Breakfast.
Please note: these sessions are taking place in the old Sanctuary on our new property (formerly St. Mark's), and take the place of their regular class.

FIRST RECONCILIATION THANK-YOUS

Thank you, Susan, Marguerite, Jana, Susie and Christine for working so hard to prepare our 105 children for this Sacrament. I know how much time you spent making sure they were well prepared and would have the best experience possible. Your hard work paid off! The priests were very pleased with how well prepared they were. Great job!!

Thank you, also, to Frs. Kerry, Joseph, Dave and Sean Condon for your dedication and helping the children be at ease.



Important Dates:

Feb. 21	Class and Parent and Child Faith Sharing Session, grades 5 & 6 , 9:55 a.m., across the street
Feb. 27 Sat.	Parish Movie Night, 6:15 p.m., <i>Ben Hur</i>
Feb. 28	Class & Outreach Sunday, grades 3 & 4, 8:30 Mass
March 7	Class & 2nd grade/year Parents' (only) mandatory meeting on Eucharist, 9:55, across the street on our new property
March 12 Friday	Children's Stations of the Cross, 7:15 p.m., after the Fish Bake
March 14	Class & Spring Homebound visits, grades 3 & 4, 11:15 a.m.
March 15 Monday	Children's Lenten Penance Service, 3:45 p.m.



LENTEN PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Please mark your calendars for our next Movie Night which is going to take place on Saturday, February 27th at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. We will be showing two versions of *Ben Hur*, the adult version with



Charleston Heston, and a child's version.

We will once again offer hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, etc.



3rd & 4TH GRADE OUTREACH SUNDAY

Outreach Sunday for our 3rd & 4th Grades is February 28th at the 8:30 Mass. Please bring non-perishable food items and/or personal hygiene items. Any donation is appreciated but the following items have been requested: diapers, wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, soap, small shampoos and conditioner, canned tuna, dry beans, rice, canned meats, oatmeal, baby cereal, etc. We know you will be as generous as always, especially in light of the growing number of needy in Orange County.



CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Children's Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, March 12th, after the Fish Bake. We need 14 **readers**, a Cross Bearer, and 2 Candle Bearers. If your child would like to be a part of this please call. There will be a

rehearsal at 6:15 p.m.

This is a very beautiful, ancient prayer tradition of the Catholic Church and I hope you will share the experience with your children.

2ND GRADE/YEAR PARENT MEETING

ON EUCHARIST



The **mandatory** Parent Meeting on Eucharist is Sunday, March 7th, 9:55-10:55 a.m., across the street on our new property. This

is a very important meeting that will provide you with a lot of information about the Sacrament and the how's and what's of the celebration of this Sacrament at OLQA.

CHILDREN'S LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE GRADES 2 & UP



The Children's Penance Service is scheduled for March 15th, 3:45 pm. This is a very important thing to do during Lent and a special way to prepare for Easter. We will be sending home a flyer with a reminder of the

"how-to's" for you to review with your child.

2ND GRADE FIRST RECONCILIATION



If your child was unable to make his/her 1st Reconciliation with the rest of the 2nd Graders, this must be done as soon as possible. The options for this are the Children's Lenten Penance Service on March 15th, 3:45 p.m. or at the Parish's regularly scheduled Confession times (Wed. & Thurs., 6:00 pm, Saturdays, 9:00a.m.). We will have their butterfly nametag available.

Please call us if you have any questions.

LENT DEVOTIONALS

There are several different family devotionals on the table in the SRE Library. Please come in and help yourself to a devotional for your family.

LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT



Catholic Relief Services runs missions throughout the world and is helping the poor of many countries with medical/dental assistance, clothing, food, water, seeds and classes on how to farm, educational materials and classrooms, etc.

Almsgiving is a part of our Christian lives, always, but especially during the Lenten Season. Please discuss this concept with your child and have him/her donate his/her own money to the *Operation Rice Bowl* collection box. If your child was absent when the collection boxes were handed out please ask the catechist for one. The boxes are to be returned by **March 28th** and the donations will be going to Haiti.

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH BAKES



Our famous and well-attended *Lenten Fish Bakes* will begin on Friday, February 26th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. This is a great OLQA tradition and a wonderful time to share a meal as community.

Bring the whole family!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE



Each week of Lent a different group in the Parish presents the Stations. The schedule this year is:

February 26-Music Ministry, *Amazing Grace* (see attached flyer)

March 5-the Shadow Stations presented by our teens

March 12-presented by our children

March 19-LIFT

March 26-RCIA

These are all beautifully done, appropriate for all ages, and take place at 7:15 p.m., after the Fish Bakes.

Amazing Grace

The story of the Lord's journey to Calvary
told through the music of the American Spiritual

by
Michael Upward & Barbara Brennan

Calvary
Steal Away
Take My Mother Home
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Chil'
He Nevuh Said a Mumbalin' Word
Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Tryin' to Get Home
Were You There Amazing Grace

Friday, February 26, 2010

7:15 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Angels
Parish Ensemble and Choir
Michael Upward, Patricia Lamb, directors
Betty Winkler, Storyteller Richard Adkins, violin

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