

# The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 14, 2010

My friends, sometimes what we hear in the Gospel sounds strange to our modern ears. Today we will hear words from Jesus that probably sounded strange 2,000 years ago. "Blessed are the poor and woe to the rich" has always sounded strange. Let's ask God to help us receive and understand – and put into practice – this strange teaching.

### Masses of the Week

#### Beginning Feb. 15, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Mary C. Butt

**TUES:** Albert L. McDermott

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17, 2010

**WED:** Armando Areilla

10:00 Jay Bernarding, Sr.

Noon James D. Nolan

7:00 Dolores S. Phelps

**THURS:** Marie Sunderland Dorothy Rescigno

**FRI:** Robert I. Mavis

**SAT:** Michael Connor

#### Saturday, Feb 20, 2010

**4:30 PM.** Anita Evitts

**6:00 PM.** Billy Ashton

#### Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010

**7:30 AM** Theresa Mrozinski John & Theresa Shaffer-Tartal

**9:00 AM** People of the parish

**10:30 AM** Sean Walsh

**Noon:** Mary Erdman Rosario Escarcha (SI)

**N.H.** – indicates Nursing Home

**S.I.** – indicates Special Intention

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS for Feb. 21, 2010

**First:** Joel 2:12-18 Return to me with your whole heart.

**Second:** 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Now is the acceptable time.

**Gospel:** Matt 6:1-6, 16-18 Give alms, pray and fast

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM **Prayer Chain:** Call Ann Connolly 410-661-6947, Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410-665-8193

**Please Remember those less fortunate by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend.**

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER** - Due to multiple snows we were unable to adequately plan for the annual Mardi Gras Dinner. It has been cancelled for this year.

#### Collections for the Weekend of Feb. 7, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$	1219.00
Loose	\$	0
Children	\$	0.25
Second Collection	\$	570.00 Maintenance
Total	\$	1789.25
Less Cathedralium	\$	268.38
Available for Parish	\$	1520.87
Poor Box	\$	6.45

Mass Attendance for Feb. 6 – 7 totaled 66 people.

As you can see the inclement weather has an impact on our collections. When possible please compensate this loss in the next few weeks. Electronic Giving is an option for your contributions.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** – is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account, or it can be charged to your credit card. Your contributions to the collection can be weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Sign-up forms are available at the parish office, in the pamphlet rack in the back of Church or can be downloaded from the parish website.

**Holy Name Mass** – Holy Name Meeting, Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

**RESPECT LIFE** The President released his FY 2011 budget which contains provisions that will force Americans to pay for abortions in the US and promote abortion abroad. It contains a new policy allowing public funding for abortion in the District of Columbia since this Congress overturned the Dornan amendment which had previously banned this funding. This budget also continues funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) which promotes abortion worldwide and has worked with Chinese officials to enforce their one-child family planning policy by promoting forced abortions and sterilizations. If approved, this budget will provide millions of dollars of taxpayer funds to the UNFPA with no reporting or accounting requirements. In addition, the proposed budget provides funding of \$327,356,000 to Planned Parenthood's abortion business. *Please contact your member of the House of Representatives and urge him to oppose this budget because of its abortion funding. Call either John Sarbanes (3rd District) at 410 832-8890 or Dutch Ruppertsberger (2nd District) at 410-628-2701.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** THE NEXT IHM PARISH **BLOOD DRIVE** WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 – 7 PM IN CARTWRIGHT HALL.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle Schoolers are invited to drop-in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday afternoons 3:15 – 5:15 in Room 2 for prayer, scripture and fun. Snacks are served! Next drop-in is tomorrow, Monday, February 22. EVERYONE in grades 6 -8 is invited!!!

Middle School March Madness – Friday, March 5, 11 p.m. - Saturday, March 6, 6:30 a.m. Join us at REDZONE on Greenspring Avenue in Timonium MD for a night of LASER TAG, Urban Golf, Laser Maze, Pizza, snacks, movies, games, sleep(???) and MORE FUN than you could ever imagine!!! For youth in grades 6-8, cost is \$35/person. Bring a sleeping bag and snack to share. For more information and permission forms see [www.immaculateheartofmary.com](http://www.immaculateheartofmary.com) -youth ministry. Chaperones are needed! Contact Amie Post for more information or to volunteer [apost@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com) or 410-661-3820.

Please Note Date Change: **Confirmation Preparation Program** for registered 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet again on, Sunday, February 14, 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. or Tuesday, February 16, 7 – 9 p.m. The session will be held in Cartwright Hall. Sponsors are invited to attend this session.

Don't forget to RSVP to [apost@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

## FAITH FORMATION

Adult **volunteers** are needed for all aspects of **Faith Formation Ministries**: Sunday morning sessions, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), RCIA, High School and Middle School Youth Ministry, Bible studies and Vacation Bible Camp. Are you called to share your gifts and talents in a new way? Contact Amie to learn more about one time and ongoing volunteer opportunities! 410-661-3820 or [apost@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

Are there school aged children (age 5 and older) in your family who have an incomplete or interrupted faith formation background? Are you interested in helping them prepare to receive **Baptism or First Eucharist** (older than Grade 2)? Please come to an information meeting to learn how to proceed in helping your child know God's love more deeply through the sacraments of **Baptism or First Eucharist**. Sunday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. or Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in Room 2 of the School. Questions? Contact Amie Post 410-661-3820 ext. 229 or [apost@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

**LENTEN SMALL GROUP** - Are you looking for an enriching spiritual activity for Lent? Please consider joining our small group for the next session of "Why Catholic? Journey Through the Catechism." This session will continue with the focus on Prayer. The group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm for six consecutive weeks. If you are interested, please contact Susan Meyd at 410-828-1953 or Bernie Hackett at (410) 882-2352.

## LENT 2010

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17** – Our Mass Schedule is: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM. There is a Prayer Service at 6:30 AM with distribution of Ashes.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are days of Fast and Abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are also days of Abstinence from Meat. Fast Days are observed by those who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 and those bound by this rule take only one full meal and two smaller meals.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday Morning after the 8:00 am Mass and at 7:30 pm on Friday evening during Lent.

**RECONCILIATION** - "The Light is ON For You" - This Lent, Catholic Churches across the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be open for Confessions each **Wednesday 7 PM to 8:00 PM on Feb.24, March 3, 10, 17, 24**

Confession will also be on Wednesday mornings immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass; Saturday afternoons with the exception of Holy Saturday at 3:45 PM and on Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3 PM in Church.

**OUR DAILY BREAD** - Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for tolerating the cold and the donation of 74 casseroles, dry goods, and \$77.00 cash donated for our daily bread on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Presidents Day

**Immaculate Heart of Mary School** is accepting Registration for Grades Pre-K - 8th. Please call the school office: 410-668-8466.

**Twinkle, twinkle, little star – Vacation Bible Camp isn't far...** lots of help is what we need, as through the galaxy we speed, to plan a fun-filled week we'll meet, your presence would be such a treat!!!! Want to make this year the best ever???? Come to a planning meeting on Sunday, March 14 – 11:30 a.m. in Room 2. Mark your calendar now for IHM Vacation Bible Camp! We **blast off** Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 1! Watch the bulletin for complete registration information and details in the coming weeks!