

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2011

Today Jesus tells his disciples that we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. We are, you and me, To be so trusted with the message that Jesus came to convey, the message he was crucified for preaching –this is an honor and an awesome responsibility. We don't come to Mass just for comfort or inspiration or enlightenment. We come for what we need to comfort others, inspire others, enlighten others. How do we do this? Let us pray together for God's grace.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Feb. 7, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Andrew F. Saffran

TUES: Nicola Litta & Family

WED: Loretta Rosenberger

THURS: Russell Bull

FRI: Sister Magdalen Joseph, OSF

SAT: Ann Marie Manz

Saturday Feb. 5, 2011

4:30 PM. Mass of the People

6:00 PM. Lorraine Cardiges

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011

7:30 AM John L. Martin

9:00 AM Herbert J. Hand, Jr.

10:30 AM Suzanne M. Ament

Noon: Margaret Mary Geckle

Nursing Home: (Mon.) Martin Scheve

Nursing Home: (Tues.): Concetta F. Eicholtz

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Feb. 13, 2011

First: Sir 15:15-20 Before us are life and death; whichever we chose shall be given to us.

Second: 1 Cor: 2: 6-10 God's wisdom, not that of the rulers of this age

Gospel: Matt 5: 13-16. A sensible, sometimes difficult, way to live.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Mary's Hands – If you knit or crochet or would like to learn or want to become part of this new Ministry at IHM call Pat Novak at 410-321-1438

Collections for the Weekend of Jan. 30, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	7690.00
Loose	\$	1386.61
Children	\$	66.98
Total	\$	9143.59
Less Cathedaticum	\$	1371.53
Available for Parish	\$	7772.06
Poor Box	\$	95.70

RESPECT LIFE Jan. 28 Statement of Archbishop Edwin F.O'Brien on the Federal Court's Decision Affecting Baltimore Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers: This court ruling is a clear victory both for pregnant women in need of assistance and for First Amendment principles we treasure in a free society. In my homily at my Mass of Installation in Oct. 2007, I challenged our Church and the citizens of our city and state when I said, "Abortion need not be an 'answer' in this Archdiocese." I begged women in crisis pregnancies to let us help them affirm life. An integral part of our response to a woman seeking help carrying her baby to term is the support provided by crisis pregnancy centers. In Baltimore, these centers assist thousands of women every year who are trying to embrace the gift of life in their unborn children. And this ruling allows the important and compassionate work of these pro-life pregnancy centers to continue without interference from Baltimore City which sought to target these centers because they are pro-life. The ruling also upholds the constitutional rights under the first amendment that protect private citizens such as those who work and volunteer in pregnancy centers from having to convey a government-mandated message. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty at 410-665-8645.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS FEB. 13th

The Archbishop will preside at a special Mass to celebrate marriage at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 13, 2011. No registration is required to attend the Mass and reception. All are welcome. Contact: Lauri Przybysz at 410-547-5420 or Email: lprzybysz@archbalt.org

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the church altar flowers on a particular weekend please call the parish office at 410-668-7935 and speak with Donna.

Please Remember God's Poor by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend.

FAITH FORMATION AT IHM

TEAM CLOW is now being formed. Members of **TEAM CLOW** will assist with the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A meeting for all youth in grades 5 – 8 who are interested in participating in this ministry will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation Office. Contact Amie Post for more information at 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

FASTING FOR LENT? GIVING UP CHOCOLATE OR TV? CHOOSE TO FEAST TOO! ON YOUR FAITH!!!

Join a small group for six weeks during Lent to participate in *Lenten Longings* to read Scripture and share your faith. Groups will be meeting once a week. One group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Susan Meyd at 410-828-1953. Should you prefer another day and time please contact Amie Post to be connected with a group that suits your schedule. 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

All young people in grades 6 – 8 are invited to attend the **MS Youth Ministry Dance on Friday, February 11, 7:30 – 10 p.m. in the IHM Gym**. Admission is \$5 and donation of a non – perishable food item for our parish food pantry.

Grades 6 -8 mark your calendars now for **MARCH MADNESS!!!** All night Laser tag, laser maze, urban golf, movies, pizza, snacks, fun and fun at Redzone in Timonium MD. Begins at 11 p.m. on Friday, March 11 and ends at 6 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. Space is limited so sign up early. Cost is \$30. Flyers are in the back of Church.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION? DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS NOT BAPTIZED BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE CATHOLIC OR AN OLDER CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FIRST EUCHARIST? The R.C.I.A. is the process whereby people become members of the Catholic Church. Invited are those who have never been baptized, who were baptized in another denomination, as well as adults who were baptized Catholic but who have not received further faith formation or sacraments such as Eucharist or Confirmation. An inquiry session will be held on **Tuesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 2 of the School.** Come and learn about the RCIA process at IHM. Please contact Amie for more information or questions 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will offer a group **CONFIRMATION** on March 6, at 2pm at the Basilica of the Assumption. If you are an adult (over 18), have never been confirmed and are interested in receiving this sacrament, please contact Fr. Mike (410-668-7935) or Mrs. Amie Post at the Faith Formation office (410-661-3820).

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GIVE YOURSELF TO GOD (MATTHEW 6:24)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2011 Archbishop's Appeal.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Give Yourself to God." When we give ourselves to God, God fills us with His grace and love. Jesus taught that God will never forget us. All that we have and all that we are is given to us by God. In thanksgiving for all that God gives to us, please give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH:

Next Sunday, February 13th - 2011 is our day to collect food for the pantry.

Following are the items most needed for the pantry:

Cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, jell-o, canned fruit, Pasta, canned meat, pasta sauce, cake mix and icing Warm drinks

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 60 families were helped last month with food, rent, BGE bills, and bus tokens

Please check the expiration dates on your food since four bags of food were discarded

Our pantry is very low please help If you are away the week of the food drive you can bring your donation another weekend.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – 2010

In order to save on postage costs, no statements of offertory envelope contributions for 2010 will be mailed out unless requested. If you wish to receive your statement, please cut off the slip below, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Envelope #: _____

Note: Taxpayers who make multiple contributions of \$250.00 or more to the same charity during the year only need one acknowledgement reflecting the total amount for the year.