

# Holy Rosary Church

**February 26, 2006**

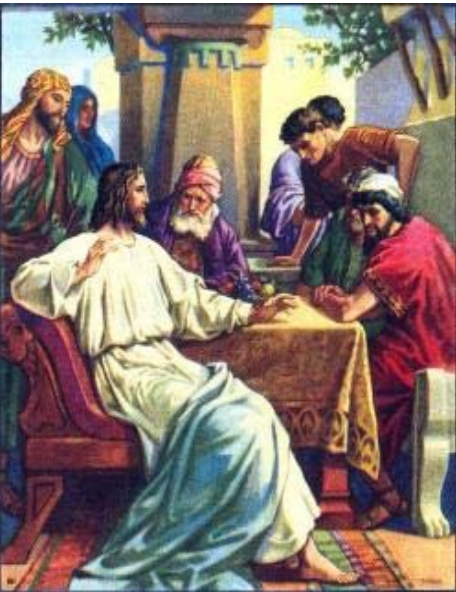
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Hos 2:16-22; 2 Cor 3:1-6; Mark 2:18-22*

### Fast or feast?

Fasting has a long history. In the Old Testament and among Jews today, there is only one obligatory fast day, the Day of Atonement, but there were devotional fasts undertaken by the Pharisees, the disciples of John the Baptist and other Jewish groups. In the month of Ramadan observant Muslims do not eat or drink during the daylight hours. Through the centuries Christians have observed various kinds of fasts during Lent and at other times of the year.

In today's gospel the Pharisees questioned Jesus why he and his disciples were not



fasting, as they were and John's disciples. Jesus' answer surprised and puzzled the Pharisees: "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" Jesus in his ministry is proclaiming a new

"wedding", a renewed covenant, between God and his people, so this is a time for joy, feasting and celebration. The imagery of God as the bridegroom of Israel is stated so beautifully in today's reading from the prophet Hosea. Israel's covenant relationship with Yahweh is given a personal dimension of love and intimacy through the motif of bride and groom.

Jesus is aware that there will be a time of fasting for him and for his disciples, but it is not now.

At times we too resent people's celebrations and happiness, especially when we go through a difficult time. The reasons for celebrations and feasting do not come at the same time for all people. We must be aware and alert of our time for celebration and our time of testing, and be ready and able to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn.



**Ash Wednesday mass services are at 11:30 am and at 6:30 pm.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a period of 40 days of prayer, self giving and self control, which reaches its climax and goal in the solemn celebrations of Jesus' death and resurrection in Holy Week. Lent is defined as a "time of grace and reconciliation". It is a time of prayer, of remembrance, of community service. There are private devotions that we can practice during lent. One of the traditional Lenten observances is fasting, which is recommended not primarily to feel good or to lose weight but to exercise self-control and express our solidarity with the thousands of people who suffer hunger and die of starvation every day.

Lent is not so much about us and our pious practices; it is about Christ and our relationship to God and to other persons. The most important task of the Lenten season is to link up with Jesus and with the saving significance of his death and resurrection. It is expressed in the beautiful word of the song, "We remember, we celebrate, we believe." We remember, (bible reflection), we celebrate, (personal participation at mass on Sunday, and on weekdays once or twice a week); we believe, (by our way of life we show that Christ's love has changed our life). There is no better way to show our belief than to offer our service to the needy, the elderly, the sick, the lonely and "lost sheep".

**Ash Wednesday is a day of fast (age 18-59) and abstinence (no meat).**



**Weekday mass during lent will continue to be at 8:00 a.m.**

**St. Joseph Table...**Join us in the Scalabrini Hall 9—2 Monday to Friday to help bake our famous cookies. Thank you to everyone who have donated ingredients and money. Monetary donations are still needed.



**St. Pius X High School Spaghetti Dinner**  
March 5; 11 am—5 pm  
Adults \$6; Kids under 3 eat free with an adult ticket.  
Dine in or carry-out.

**CHÚA NHẬT THỨ TÁM THƯỜNG NIÊN**

*Hosea 2:16-22; 2Corinthians 3:1-6; Mark2:18-22*

**“Ăn chay hay là ăn mừng”**

Chúa Giêsu thường được ví như là đấng tiên tri



đem đến cho mọi người những ý tưởng mới lạ không hợp với những quan niệm cổ xưa. Những nhà tiên tri Do thái cũng nêu ra những tục lệ cổ

truyền để chia rẽ dân chúng với Thiên Chúa. Phúc âm hôm nay kể lại việc dân chúng hỏi Chúa Giêsu tại sao Chúa và các môn đệ của Người không ăn chay, trong khi đó các môn đệ Pharisêu lại ăn chay. Chúa Giêsu giải thích sự hiện diện của Người và nhiệm vụ truyền giáo của Người là thông báo một tiệc cưới giữa Thiên Chúa và dân Thiên Chúa và đây là lúc để ăn mừng chứ không phải ăn chay. Thời gian ăn chay sẽ đến sau và Người cùng các môn đệ sẽ ăn chay lúc đó. Chúa Giêsu so sánh lời dạy của Người với thí dụ rượu nho mới phải đổ vào bình mới. Một nhân sinh quan mới và một nhận thức mới, cần phải có để có thể hấp thụ lời Chúa

**Thứ Tư Lễ Tro:** Thánh lễ ngày Thứ Tư Lễ Tro 1 tháng 3 sẽ vào lúc 11 giờ 30 sáng và 6 giờ 30 chiều. Lễ Tro là ngày ăn chay và hãm mình đền tội



**Thánh lễ ngày thường trong mùa chay sẽ vào lúc 8 giờ sáng**



**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
BOILED SPICED SHRIMP DINNER**

Friday, March 31 4:00—7:00—Scalabrini Hall;  
\$17.00 per person. Purchase your tickets at the rectory between 9 and 2:30 p.m.

**\*\*\*\*\* MASS INTENTIONS \*\*\*\*\***

<b>Saturday, February 25</b>	4PM	In Memory of Jim Ciarlelli, Jr by M/M/ Carmelo Guastello
<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	8AM	Anthony Licata by wife Jackie
	11AM	Conjetta LaCapra & Lily Barelli by granddaughter Concetta LaCapra
<b>Monday, February 27</b>	8:00 AM	All Souls
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b>	8:00 AM	All the Sick of the Parish
<b>Wednesday, March 1</b>		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	11:30 AM	All Parishioners
	6:30PM	All Souls
<b>Thursday, March 2</b>	8:00 AM	Rose Gargotta by sister Fannie Ferrantelli
<b>Friday, March 3</b>	8:00AM	In honor of Jesus, Mary & Joseph by Vivian Gentile
<b>Saturday, March 4</b>	4PM	Salvatore & Marianne & Frank Badami by Family
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	8AM	Jimmie, Mike, Jake & Tony Gargotta by sister Fannie Ferrantelli
	11AM	Jennie Terranella by daughter Frances

**WEEKLY  
COLLECTION**

**February 19, 2005**

Collections: \$2750.00  
Other Income: \$1020.00  
**TOTAL: \$3770.00**

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES  
February 25 & 26**

**LECTORS**

4PM: Mary Ann Monteleone  
8AM: Shelley Armato  
11AM: Amie Denny

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

4PM: Lonnie Roccaforte  
8AM: Lucy Stasi  
11AM: Deva Flahive

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4PM: Stephanie & Brian Bui  
8AM:  
11AM: Yen & Long Bui

**SECOND COLLECTION**—Next weekend March 4-5 the **BISHOP'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND.** Whether we have—or have not—God has gifted us all with the strength to care for one another. Your generosity and compassion helps individuals and families in our diocese who are in need of food or assistance with utilities or shelter. Envelopes are available.

**PLEASE NOTE**—**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT 8:00 A.M.** We are eliminating the summer and winter schedule.

**Upcoming Events**

**\*\*Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet** will host the 12th Annual St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner on March 5, 12:00—6:30. St. Joseph Medical Center in the Community Center for Health & Education