

## Holy Rosary Church

March 26, 2006

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

#### “God loved us so much...”

Today's first reading describes the lowest point in ancient Israel's covenant relationship with God. The text concerns the events leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple in 587 B.C. by the Babylonians.

Even though ancient Israel was unfaithful to the covenant, God remained faithful to his people and to his covenant with them.

The gospel reports the famous words of St. John, 3:16, “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life”. The role of Jesus in this climactic display of God's covenant love is expressed by Jesus' acceptance “to be lifted up on the cross”, to be exalted and glorified so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead to enjoy eternal life with his heavenly Father, we too have been given the opportunity to share in his eternal life through the mercy of God. This opportunity is a gift from God, and we gain access to it through faith: “For by grace you have been saved through faith.” For St. Paul faith and works go together. Paul's view is that if we grasp who we have become through the paschal mystery, then we will naturally and eagerly want to do what is good and right.

During the season of lent and Easter as we relive the story of our salvation, the story of God's love and of Jesus' obedience to his Father, we have a great opportunity to express our love and gratitude to God and to Jesus by being the messengers and the carriers of God's love to others.



David Roberts painting of the Destruction of Jerusalem

## St. Joseph's Table Celebration

I hope that no meteorologist lost his/her job for last weekend's weather forecast. The 80% and 90% chance of rain, snow and ice for Saturday and Sunday never materialized in our area. I am sure that there was more than meteorological science involved; our prayers to St. Joseph not to spoil our celebration prepared in his honor with much devotion and love for several weeks did help. During the week I invited people to pray for good weather, and personally I prayed before St. Joseph's statue and I reminded him that the whole weekend celebration was to honor him for providing abundant rain and a rich harvest to our ancestors in Sicily who had suffered a long and severe drought. I pray to him to show us his power and control over the rain and snow". And He did. No rain and snow was seen in our area on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. My trust in St. Joseph has increased 100% and I am sure the same for many of you. We can appeal to St. Joseph in our needs and He will help us.

#### Feast report

Last Sunday 450 people attended the St. Joseph's Mass, the largest attendance ever. After mass over 500 people jammed the Scalabrini Hall and many could not enter and left. Those who stayed had a great time, the St. Joseph's Table was beautiful, the pasta Milanese, the salad, the cookies were super.

The outdoor heated tent was a great idea and we are grateful for Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brancato and family for providing it. We need a larger tent next year with a hot table to serve food in order to share the heavy load in the kitchen. Any other suggestions to improve service is welcomed.

We are grateful to three families who accepted to bring their children to represent the Holy Family, Nicki Ragusa (Blessed Mother), Joe Stasi (St. Joseph), Victor Brancato (Jesus).

The gross income from the feast should be

around \$21,000. The expenses were high; a complete report will be given later.

A big thank you to the organizers, the many volunteers of the baking crew, then Scouts who set up the Table, helped all day Sunday, those who prepared and decorated the Table, the cooks, the servers all helpers and all those who participated and patronized our celebration. Special thanks to Anna Badami,

Minnie Tristianio and their niece Virginia May who collected \$1000.00 from her friends in Chicago to make the total amount of donations collected over \$7,000.00. They deserve a medal.

May St. Joseph continue to bless us and our families and make us grateful for our blessings and for our willingness to share them with the needy and poor.



**CHÚA NHẬT THỨ TƯ MÙA CHAY**

2 Chronicles 36:14-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21



**“Thiên Chúa thương yêu chúng ta vô vàn”**

Phúc âm hôm nay trích tin mừng nổi tiếng của thánh Gioan 3:16, “Thiên Chúa đã thương yêu nhân loại vô cùng, đã ban Con Một để chuộc tội cho thiên hạ, để những ai tin vào Người sẽ

không bị hủy diệt nhưng được sống đời đời”. Chúa Giêsu được sống đời đời vì sự chết và sống lại của Người và Người cũng cho chúng ta được sống đời đời nếu chúng ta biết tin vào Người

Trong mùa chay và Phục Sinh này, chúng ta hãy cải thiện đời sống và đón mừng ơn cứu chuộc và tình yêu bao la của Thiên Chúa đã dành cho chúng ta. Mùa Chay và Phục Sinh cũng là dịp cho chúng ta bày tỏ tình yêu và biết ơn của chúng ta với Thiên Chúa bằng cách đem tình thương của Chúa đến với mọi người

**Cám ơn**

Lễ Thánh Giuse đã thành công vô cùng tốt đẹp; số người tham dự thánh lễ và bàn tiệc Thánh Giuse rất đông. Xin cám ơn toàn thể anh chị em đã tham dự ngày lễ và đóng góp cùng cầu nguyện cho thời tiết đẹp. Xin thánh Giuse chúc lành cho gia đình anh chị em

**Món tôm hấp ăn thả dàng**



Thứ sáu 31/3, giáo xứ sẽ tổ chức làm món tôm hấp tại hội trường từ 4 giờ đến 7 giờ tối. Ăn thả dàng tôm hấp, bắp, khoai và nước ngọt với giá \$ 17 người lớn và \$ 8 con nít. Xin anh chị em đến ăn ủng hộ cho giáo xứ. Hãy đem bạn bè cùng đến để thưởng thức

**Candidates for Baptism—Easter Vigil**



**Carmon Decker Bonanno  
Jiovanna Woodruff**

**Seder Meal:** We plan to provide some food for the celebration; we need to know how many will participate.

**Please call with your reservations by March 31.**



The parish secretary will be out of the office Monday April 3 through Wednesday, April 5.

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

<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	4PM For the Souls of Maria & Joseph Chat Bai Bien by Bui Family
<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	8AM Ed Conrick by Family 11AM Anthony Sirna by Carl & Josephine Privitera
<b>Monday, March 27</b>	8AM Mary by Ranu
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	8AM John the Baptist & Mary by Mr. Thuan
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b>	8AM In thanksgiving by Mrs. Quen
<b>Thursday, March 29</b>	8AM In honor of st. Joseph by Mrs. Quen
<b>Friday, March 30</b>	8AM For all the sick of the parish
<b>Saturday, March 31</b>	4PM St. Mary Margaret & Sr. Fatima by Anna Badami & Minnie Tristiano Matthew Becchina by wife Josephine & Family
<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	8AM Michael LaSalle by M/M John LaSalle 11AM Deceased members of the Scarcello Family by Christine Scarcella and S. R. Scarcello

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**March 19, 2005**

Collections: \$3084.00  
Other Income: \$1654.00  
**TOTAL: \$4738.00**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**April 1 & April 2**

**LECTORS**

4PM: Pat Hempstead  
8AM: Margaret Mancuso  
11AM: Maria Valenti

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

4PM: Lonnie Roccaforte  
8AM: Lucy Stasi  
11AM: Linda Venable

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**



**SECOND COLLECTION**  
PLEASE BE GENEROUS

Friday, March 31  
4:00—7:00  
Scalabrini Hall;  
\$17.00 per person.  
Tickets will be on sale after each mass this weekend or you can purchase your tickets at the rectory between 9 and 2:30.

Meeting 7PM in the chapel to plan for the Shrimp Dinner  
Everyone is Welcome.



**SHRIMP BOIL**

Shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes—prepared in a mildly seasoned pot.  
Dessert and one drink ticket included.

**ALL YOU CARE TO EAT**