

Holy Rosary Church

February 22, 2009
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Stand up and walk”

The prophet Isaiah in the name of God tells the people: “Forget the events of the past”... (exile, exodus, long desert journey) ...”I am doing something new”. How can people forget the utter upheaval of their lives? The prophet reports God’s complaint, “You burden me with your sins, and weary me with your crimes”. Israel forgets they are God’s own beloved people, formed in the divine image and sent to announce God’s praise. God no longer remembers their sins; nor should they. The message is good for us also: we are to dwell not on our dismal failures but rather on the boundless graciousness of God, who heals our memories and frees us for love in each new moment. The Gospel highlights how difficult it is to give and receive forgiveness. The man paralyzed in body and spirit needs the help of four friends to bring him to Jesus. Sometimes obstacles may seem insurmountable, but the faith of others can carry us at such times. Jesus tells the paralyzed man “Your sins are forgiven.” These words cause controversy around Jesus: “Who can forgive sins but God?” Jesus answers, “To prove to you that I have power to forgive sins, looking at the paralytic he says ‘Stand up and walk’ and the man is instantly healed. Forgiveness is not something that we can conjure up by the strength of our will. Rather, it is God’s endless mercy at work through Jesus that enables us to receive this divine gift, which then impels us to extend it to others. Let God’s healing power transform us into ambassadors of healing and reconciliation. What a brave goal for the upcoming season of lent!



Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 25 marks the beginning of Lent, a time of spiritual renewal by prayer, reflection and self control. Masses in our church will be at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm. It is a day of fast and abstinence.

Lenten Devotion: weekday mass at 8 am in the chapel. Everyone is welcome. The Rosary and the Stations of the Cross are prayed in Vietnamese before mass.

St Joseph’s Table

A fund raiser for charity



The St. Joseph’s Table is more than a celebration in memory of a past event. It is the contemporary expression of our deep belief and experience that God continues to shower his rain and his blessings upon us and all his people. God intercedes through St. Joseph, our Blessed Mother Mary, and our saints. The free lunch is a sign of our gratitude to God and our desire to share our blessings with the community and visitors. Free will offerings are appreciated, and together with the proceeds from the cookie sales, make up a parish fund raiser for charity. The cookies are first blessed by the dedication, generosity, and love of our volunteers and generous donors. We are very grateful to all parishioners, friends, and the hundreds of visitors who help to make our St. Joseph’s Table a huge success. Your generous support and the admirable dedication of our volunteers enable Holy Rosary to continue our works of charity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Bishop’s Emergency Assistance Fund. Please use the envelopes in your boxed set.



Making Biscottis

Left to right: Virginia Gioia, Rosalie George, Rose Guastello, Dorothy Spino, Junior Bradley, Vivian Gentile



Our total January gas bill was \$2,127.00. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

CHÚA NHẬT THỨ VII THƯỜNG NIÊN

Isaiah 43:18-25; 1 Cor. 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

“Hãy trỗi dậy mà đi”

Ngày ấy, khi Chúa Giêsu trở về Capernaum thì một đám đông người tụ tập đông đảo trước cửa nhà nơi Người đang ở. Bốn người khiêng đến cho Chúa Giêsu một kẻ bất toại, nhưng vì dân chúng quá đông nên họ không thể đến gần Người được. Do đó họ dỡ mái nhà một lỗ to, rồi thòng người bất toại xuống trước mặt Chúa Giêsu. Chúa Giêsu cảm động về lòng tin của họ và Người nói với người bất toại rằng, “Tội con đã được tha”. Lúc ấy, có một ít luật sĩ ngồi đó, họ bàn tán dèm pha về lời Chúa phán. Họ biết chỉ có Thiên Chúa mới có quyền tha tội. Chúa Giêsu trả lời họ rằng “Để chứng tỏ quyền năng Ta có quyền tha tội, Người nói với người bất toại “Hãy trỗi dậy mà đi”. Lập tức anh ta đứng dậy và đi trước mặt mọi người. Mọi người sửng sốt và ngợi khen Thiên Chúa rằng “Chúng tôi chưa từng thấy như thế bao giờ”. Ngày nay, Chúa Giêsu còn tiếp tục chữa lành bệnh tật qua Giáo hội và chúng ta. Chúng ta được mời gọi làm sứ giả để chữa lành bệnh tật.

Thứ Tư Lễ Tro Ngày 25 tháng 2: Thánh lễ vào lúc 11:30 sáng và 6:30 chiều. Mùa Chay bắt đầu, là mùa đổi mới bằng lời cầu nguyện, suy gẫm và hãm mình đền tội. Đây là ngày ăn chay kiêng thịt và hãm mình.

The St. Joseph Table Is now International



Nu Pham - Sang Howell - Lo Bui



Gems from Paul Brothers and Sisters, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are

in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ...Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation”. (2 Cor.1:3-7). NRSV

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21	
4PM	Carmelline Petrus by Louisa Busetti
Sunday, February 22	
8AM	Special Intentions
11AM	Phinia & Michaelangelo Mancuso by Family
Monday, February 23	
8AM	Rose Gargotta by sister Fannie
Tuesday, 24	
8AM	For Special Favor Received
Wednesday, February 25 ASH WEDNESDAY	
11:30AM	For all parishioners and friends
6:30PM	For all parishioners and friends
Thursday, February 26	
8AM	For all Homebound Parishioners
Friday, February 27	
8AM	Petere Anthony Serrone by Thelma Wingerter
Saturday, February 28	
4PM	Sal Distefano by daughter
Sunday, February 29	
8AM	Jimmie, Mike, Jake & Tony Gargotta by sister Fannie
11AM	Beatrice Vera Chalifoux by Annette & Lou Nozicka

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

March 7 & 8

LECTORS

4PM: D.Armato
8AM: R.Circo
11AM: M.Valenti

ALTAR SERVERS

Brian Bui
Triston & Fantasia Ta
Yen & Long Bui

EUCHARIST & WINE MINISTERS

4PM: M.Bui—P.Hempstead—L.Roccafortie
8AM: T. Gumina—L.Stasi—Q.Tran
11AM: R.Venable—M. Danna—A.Depetre

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collections:	\$3081.00
Other Income:	\$ 728.00
TOTAL:	\$3809.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 25: Ash Wednesday: Mass Services will be at 11:30 am and at 6:30 P.M.

March 18 & 19: Feast of St. Joseph’s Table: Blessing of the Table Wednesday, March 18 at 4 pm. Viewing of the Table and sale of cookies and cannoli from 4 to 8 pm. Feast of St. Joseph is Thursday, March 19: Mass service at 10 AM. Free lunch served 12 noon to 6 pm in the Scalabrini Hall. Viewing of Table and sale of cannoli and cookies from 9 am to 6 pm.

March 27, Friday: All you can eat boiled shrimp dinner: serving from 4 to 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 dollar paid in advance for adults; \$17 paid at the door. Children tickets are \$8.00