

# Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2010

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.

Baptism: Minium of 3 wks in advance

Marriage: Minium of 4 months in adv.

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Rev. Richard E. Dawson - Pastor

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM

Holydays Vigil 6:30PM

### Communion Services

Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri. 8:30AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

1st. Fridays Noon - 3PM

### Parish Website

[www.stmargaretcatholicchurch.org](http://www.stmargaretcatholicchurch.org)

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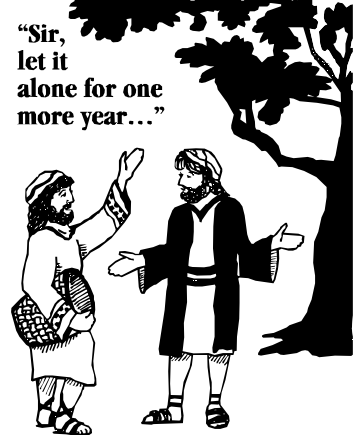
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"..He [Jesus] told them this parable: 'There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it, and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.' .."



### Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Please spread the word and bring others with you. We will be beginning our 4th week which means there are only 2 more! Posters to advertise the meals are available for YOUR help to let others know we are doing this once again. There is a lot of competition out there! Please take at least one and display it somewhere!! We could also use your help with baked goods for dessert!! Please contact Dick Seluga or Joyce Heelan for this need.

### Catholic Days at the Capitol

Please remember that this is coming Tuesday & Wednesday will be the annual visit to our Capitol in Tallahassee by Catholics from around the state. This is a time to speak to the legislators about policies being debated and laws being enacted! Please pray for all the participants during this time frame and join us for Mass if you can on Wed. Evening.

### Scripture Readings for Today!

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I - Exodus 3: 1-8,13-15  
II - 1 Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12  
III - Luke 13: 1-9

### Parish Stewardship Results

02/28/10

General Fund Collection: \$ 1,192.00

CSA 2010 to Date: \$ 10,560.00

### Next Weekend's Scripture Readings

#### 4th Sun. of Lent

I - Joshua 3: 9a,10-12  
II - 2 Cor. 5: 17-21  
III - Luke 15: 1-3,11-32

### The Parish Prays For:

Protection from any natural Disaster/harm  
Our Military - Protection & safe return  
The Elderly - strength and full health  
Cure for all with cancer  
Peace & Joy for all in the Nursing Home  
Healing of Parish Family from past tragedy  
Protection from all flu strains

Al & Hedi Bunz - return to full health  
Maureen & Danny Curry - healing  
Real Desjardin - healing of surgery  
Mike Fisanick - find an organ to transplant  
Nancy Gillmore - healing of knee surg.  
Joyce Heelan - recov./improv. of sight  
Jack Lachenmayer Fam. - consolation  
Micky Lawlor - relief from hip pain  
Wilma Masters - healing of hip surgery  
Cathy Murphy - healing  
Bishop Ricard - full healing from stroke  
Diane Russell - pain relief/full healing  
Carlos Santos - comfort from grief  
Jan Scholl - full healing from surgery  
Dick Seluga - healing of recent surgery.  
Anna Sieracki - return to health  
Myrtle Simmons - full recovery  
Curtis Strahan - healing from knee surg.  
Vosika Family - consolation at loss  
A Colleague of Alice Hall with cancer  
Christa Wesley - healing from cancer  
Clyde Creel - healing from cancer

### Wed. Dinner & Fellowship

This coming Wed., Mar. 10th, will be our usual 2nd week Covered Dish meal. Join us for fellowship and bring someone to share. Come for Mass and Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm. and plan to stay and join us.

Please support our Brunch Fund Raisers on the 2nd Sunday of the Month!! The monies raised are applied to help eradicate our Hall Mortgage - and it is working!!

If you would **like to help with a Ministry** in the Parish, please let Rose DesJardins, Jane Dinkins or Tal Hopper know! We are always looking for more help!!

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

The ladies meet on Tuesday mornings for this project. And another quilt has been requested and several more are being made to get "a little ahead"! If you can come and would like to help (even if you can't sew), please let Rose Desjardins, Joyce Heelan, or Nancy Jones know. You don't need to know how to sew in order to help!! All willing hands can be used!! [Note: There already have been several more requests for one of these Quilts!]

### Update On Your Prayers

Dick Seluga is doing better and every day the pain is slowly subsiding; Real Desjardins, is still having problems with his stomach; Nancy Gillmore, is still struggling with pain in her leg following the surgery; and Diane Russell, is still in more pain than can be tolerated by most people !! Please keep them all in your prayers for swift and full healings!!

### Just a Reminder!

Mrs. Cathy Hahr - Pro Life Coordinator of St. Margaret's would like to thank everyone who has collected and sent their cancelled stamps to her! The Franciscan Mission can use these to help their work! So thanks for your consideration and please continue to send them to her,

### Catholic Days at the Capitol

In two weeks, on **March 9-10th**, the FCC will once again sponsor "Catholic Days" at our Capitol in Tallahassee. Under the direction of the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC), Catholics come from around the state to engage lawmakers on issues of human life and dignity. Participants attend a legislative briefing before meeting with the elected

officials. A luncheon is held for Capitol Days participants, Florida's Bishops and Legislators. Participants are also invited to attend the Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit with Archbishop John C. Favalora as the homilist. Registration forms are now available at the FCC Website (listed above). For more information, you may contact our Diocesan Coordinator Deacon Mark Schneider by calling (850) 907-9386. As the host Diocese, it is unfortunate that we usually have the LEAST number of participants EACH YEAR!! Diocese in the southern part of our State have bus loads come and participate!! Please try to come and participate and help make our Bishop proud - especially in this time of his illness and inability to attend himself!!

[Note: **Please remember that Fr. Rick will be attending this important event as the Bishop's appointed Leison to the Ladies of the Diocese in Council.** ]

### Adult Faith Formation Classes

Fr. Rick will bring it up at the next Council Meeting to see what they believe would be the response from the Parish Family.

### Someone's Help is Needed

Because we have had a donation to "St. Vincent dePaul", this money must be used to help those in need! This could be: food, clothing, an overnight stay, rent, mortgage, utilities, etc. In order to do this properly, we need the assistance of someone who will be willing to manage the funds and take the requests! With the principle that we always "begin at home", others can be helped as their needs are varified and if there is enough monies in that fund to help. Will you

help in this work??? Please let Jane Dinkins know if you can!!!

#### New Sound System

Working with his distributor to find a solution to the problems, it was discovered that we had been sold some bad equipment. Being cautious in replacing it, he will continue with this till it is solved! Please try to still be patient during this process. Keep in prayer this whole process.

#### CSA - 2010

Your support of the Annual Catholic Sharing Appeal is critical to the mission of the parish and Diocese. **Please don't forget to pick up your Pledge Form after Mass** and make your gift today. Otherwise, we will have to put them in the mail and spend the extra money for the stamps that can be used in other needed areas! As you can see from the front page, we are starting to make progress on our parish goal of \$18,952.50!! Please keep up the great work and we WILL end the mortgage by this time next year!!!

#### Grace Awakening

East Baptist Church in DeFuniak Springs is once again having their Annual Florida Panhandle Women's Retreat on **Sat., March 13th** beginning at 9AM and ending by 4PM. It is open to women of every faith and will be lead by Mrs. Judy Reamer. Attendance Fee is \$30 per person prior to Feb. 20th and \$35 after that. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Rick know at once!

#### It is back!

Next Sunday being the second Sunday of the month, there will be a full cooked

breakfast in the Hall following Mass. All monies donated will be applied to the Hall Building Mortgage!! Please try to attend and be generous with your donation for the food!!

#### Retreat at Ft. Mitchell Shrine

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center, Ft. Mitchell, AL. is offering a retreat the weekend of **Mar. 12-14th** entitled: "Dance of the Celtic Spirit." Go and celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick with Carmel Boyle as she invites you to pray with Celtic themes through song, reflection and gentle movement. Led by the spirit of song, you will encounter the spirituality of the ancient Celts who were conscious of the immanence of God. The retreat will begin at 6PM on Friday and conclude on Sunday with lunch. For more information or to register, call: 334-855-4474.

#### Latest Report on Bishop

All we know for now is that he is out of the hospital. He consented to enter a Rehab. Facility in order to get the needed therapeutic help he needs to eventually return to his job & life as our Bishop. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a full recovery!

#### Resting in God's Presence

A program on "Centering Prayers" will be offered by Fr. William Meninger, OCSO, at the St. Mary Parish Life Center, 165 Coral Dr., SW, Ft. Walton Beach on Sat., March 13th. Check in and continental breakfast starts at 9AM; program begins at 9:30AM and will conclude at 3PM. Lunch will be provided. Donations by participants will help cover the costs. Pre-Registration is required. For more information, contact the Parish Life

Center by calling: 850-226-4712 or call Deacon Dan McAuliff by calling either 862-3673 or 582-1877.

#### "Take A Chance"

Every year as a fund raiser for the Diocesan Level of the Council of Catholic Women, raffle tickets are offered on 4 special theme baskets: Wine & Cheese; Kitchen Delights; Special Garden; and Death by Chocolate. Tickets are now available to take a chance on any or all of these baskets! Cost: either \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. The winners will be announced at our DCCW Convention the weekend of April 23-25th. If not at the convention, the winners will be contacted to pick up their baskets! Consider stopping and taking a chance or two. All proceeds will be used to help foster the work of the Ladies groups around the Diocese!

#### Prayer Quilt Ministry

This coming week, the combined Prayer Quilt Ministry members of both Blessed Trinity and St. Margaret's will join together and begin working on a Prayer Quilt to be sent to our Bishop. As usual, it will be blessed during a Mass at St. Margaret's and then brought to Blessed Trinity so that ALL OF YOU can stop back in the Hall and offer a special prayer for him while tying a knot in one of the strings sewn through it! Please be prepared for tis request soon. YOUR prayers will be greatly needed and truly appreciated!!

