

CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

✦ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✦ FEBRUARY 7, 2010 ✦

“Put out into the deep waters...”

Peter had spent an entire night fishing—casting and pulling, casting and pulling—and his reward was calloused hands and sore shoulders. With no catch of fish, the effort to wash the nets must have been a long and frustrated one. Then there was Jesus.

An exhausted Peter is cajoled into setting out in the boat once again, this time into the deep waters where more than fish awaited him. Despite the enormous catch of fish, it was not those deep waters that Christ had in mind; rather, Christ wanted Peter to put out into the depth of his soul and catch something there. After the miracle, Peter dropped to his knees and professed himself a sinner. This was the beginning of Peter’s vocation that would make him the first pope and a martyr of the faith.

Putting out into the deep of the soul is precisely what Christ cajoles us to do through the sacrament of reconciliation, or, confession. Like Peter, we may work hard for a very long time to order our lives correctly and make good choices but apart from Christ we come up empty. With Christ guiding the ship of life, the deep waters are attainable.

As we come upon Lent it is a good time to reconsider the sacrament of confession and the meaning of the deep waters of the soul. How easy it is to look at the world, including ourselves in it, and believe that iniquity has the last word. Sin is so common that the world at large has forgotten that there even is such a thing. Christ’s message to Peter, “Do not be afraid,” and to us is that God’s mercy is the true meaning of history, that forgiveness is the last word.

To set out into the deep of the soul is a terrifying proposition. That is why it must be done with the

invitation of Christ, within the sphere of his kingdom. Only in the presence of the merciful Christ can we find a miraculous catch within the soul. This is what we call the examination of conscience. In the examination one should be searching for the causes of sins. In a confession we should be more concerned about confessing the cause of our actions than about an exact quantity. “I missed morning prayers four times” is not as good a confession as “I missed morning prayer because I was out all night and could not get out of bed in the morning.” The second is an example of putting out into the deep. That type of confession will open the soul so widely that the grace of Christ’s forgiveness will penetrate deeply and bring the kind of transformation that occurred in Peter.



It is the Holy Spirit who makes contrition possible. If anyone has sorrow for sin it is because the grace of the Spirit is working within him. So why then should we have to go to confession if we already possess grace when we are sorrowful? For the same reason that Peter knelt before Jesus. Peter was moved by the Spirit to repent but without the word of the bodily Jesus in front of him, he would have walked away in shame. The Spirit always moves us toward the body of Christ where salvation is found. That is confession! Moved by the Spirit interiorly, we must go before the bodily presence of Christ, in other words the sacrament, and receive the words of absolution. Then we can get up and follow him in the Eucharist as Peter followed him in the ministry.

Confession is not just our own private encounter with Jesus, it is building up the body of Christ by making his mercy and rule the last word in our lives. Do not be afraid to set out into the deep waters and lower your nets for a catch. *Fr. Warren, OMV*

... and lower your nets for a catch” (Luke 5:4)

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**Mass Intentions
for the Week**



Sunday, February 7, 2010

7:00 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Spirit
 8:30 a.m. † Mary Ponce & Ramona Martinez
 10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
 12:00 p.m. † Joseph Wimber
 5:10 p.m. † Sadie Rompot

Monday, February 8, 2010

7:00 a.m. † Ruth Hoffman
 11:30 a.m. For Georges & Annie Charnet

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

7:00 a.m. For Priscilla Lichty
 11:30 a.m. † Sadie Rompot

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7:00 a.m. For Joseph Schmid
 11:30 a.m. For Beckett Shannon

Thursday, February 11, 2010

7:00 a.m. † Alice Steinke
 11:30 a.m. For Yves and Angeles Charnet

Friday, February 12, 2010

7:00 a.m. † Sadie Rompot
 11:30 a.m. For Christine Wagner

Saturday, February 13, 2009

8:00 a.m. For Ellen Kennedy (H.B.)
 4:00 p.m. † John Frances Raleigh

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Rigo Armas, Alma Garnet, Ida Johnson,
 Michael La Torra, Rose Moyer

PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Don Guitierrez, U.S. National Guard, Afghanistan
 Riley Hesterman, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan,
 Daniel Pierson, U.S. Army, Afghanistan

Please help us keep our sick list and prayer for service men and women list current. If you know of someone who's situation has changed, please call the office. Thanks!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Annual Budget	740,000.00
Needed Weekly	14,230.00
Jan 31, 2010	13,307.50
Jan. 31, 2010—Catholic Relief Serv. (Haiti)	6,650.50
Annual Budget/Sandwich Line	90,000.00
Needed Weekly	1,350.00
Jan. 31, 2010 Sandwich Line	1,296.00
Jan. 31, 2010 Candles	393.00

HOLY GHOST NEWS

Weekend Guest Speaker

This weekend, we welcome Sr. Mary Gertrude, O.P., Principal of St. Vincent de Paul grade school, who will speak at all Sunday Masses.

Parish Photo Directory

Sign up continues for photo appointments in a "self-serve" fashion before or after Mass in the vestibule. For more information, call Olin Mills at **1-800-866-2263** or contact Olan Mills rep, Colleen, on her cell phone at **720-353-3313**. Photos will be taken in early March.

Covenant of Love

**3rd Friday of Each Month
7—9 p.m. in the Church hall**

The Covenant of Love Marriage Group meets the **third Friday of each month (note next meeting on Sat., Feb. 20)**. For more information, e-mail their core team at colholyghost@comcast.net or visit www.covenantoflove.org.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima
Information Night**

Join Fr. Tom, Fr. Jeremy and Deacon Vern for a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, **June 17-24, 2010**. An information meeting will be held on **Monday, February 22, 7-8:30 p.m.** in the Church hall. Please RSVP to Fr. Jeremy at 303-292-1556, ext. 21 or e-mail to jpaulin@omvusa.org.

***It's Blood Pressure Check Sunday
in the Church hall
after Sunday morning Masses.***

***Call the Parish Office for your year-end
Contribution Statements.***

Congratulations!

Wedding

Jeter Thomas & Meaghan Riordan
 Witnessed by Rev. Thomas Carzon, OMV
 On Saturday, February 6, 2010

Baptisms

**Alixandra Dorothy Kerber
Abigail Rose Ketchel**
 Celebrated by Rev. Jeremy Paulin, OMV
 On Sunday, January 10, 2010

ARCHDIOCESAN ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Respect Life Holy Hour

All are invited to join Deacon Matthew Book as he leads the next Respect Life Holy Hour **this Sunday, February 7th, 3 p.m.** at Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Colfax and Logan in Denver.

North Metro Catholic Valentine's Dance

The North Metro Catholic Singles Group presents a Valentine's Dance on **Saturday, February 13th, 7 to 11 p.m.** at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish Center in Northglenn. Call 303-457-8289 or 303-371-371-7923 or e-mail kaf3236@yahoo.com.

Denver Teacher Residency Program

The Denver Teacher Residency seeks career changers and recent college graduates from various professional and academic backgrounds who want to learn to become elementary school teachers (K-6) for Denver Public Schools. The program offers a year-long residency experience to learn alongside a DPS teacher. DTR Residents also work towards a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Denver. In exchange for a five-year commitment to DPS (one year being the residency), Residents earn a teaching certificate, secure a teaching position from DPS (after the Residency year) and receive full reimbursement for the cost of tuition to obtain the Masters Degree.

The next information session is **Tuesday, February 9th**. Call 720-423-1239, e-mail info@denverteacherresidency.org or visit www.denverteacherresidency.org.

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS



GENERAL INTENTION: **Scholars.** That scholars and intellectuals, by sincere search for the truth, may come to know the one true God.

MISSION INTENTION: **The Church's Missionary Identity.** That the Church, aware of its missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim his gospel to all peoples.

PARISH STAFF

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00,

8:30 a.m.

10 a.m. Latin Choral Mass

12:00 noon,

5:10 p.m. Contemporary Choir

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Monday—Friday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday—3:30 p.m.

Sunday—1/2 hour before each Mass (except 7 a.m.)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ROSARY after the 7:00 & 11:30 a.m. daily Masses

YOUNG ADULTS

mountainsandhills@gmail.com

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS OR SPECIAL EVENTS

Please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Fri 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE

Mon—Fri 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday, February 7th, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday, February 8th, St. Jerome Emiliani,

St. Josephine Bakhita

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9th

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10th, St. Scholastica

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes,

World Day for the Sick

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 12th, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 13th

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 14th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

St. Valentine's Day

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



An Armchair Retreat

Too busy to go on retreat? Spend this Lent learning how to pray with the Word of God and experience spiritual direction. A commitment to 30 minutes of prayer each day and a once-a-week meeting with a spiritual director is the only requirement. - ***Begins with a group meeting Feb. 14th***

“When Helping You Is Hurting Me: Escaping the Messiah Trap”

Join this comprehensive day-long workshop if you’re a caregiver, health professional or work in a caring ministry and need help in allowing God to lead your ministry and work.

Cathie Macaulay, MA, will lead participants on **Saturday morning, March 13th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Cost is \$50 (early registration before February 28th, cost is \$40) and lunch is on your own.

**Call—303-298-1498 or
visit www.lantericenter.org**

Catholic Charities Launches New Youth Program: Christ in the City

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Denver is launching a new program this summer for college-age students seeking to answer the call of Christ by serving the “least among us.”

Participants will serve from **June 5th–June 19th**. Space is limited!

For information, contact Yvonne Noggle at 303-742-0828, ext. 1048 or e-mail your interest to ynoggle@ccdenver.org or visit the Catholic Charities website, www.CCDenver.org/Christ.

**Sunday, February 7, 2010
10 a.m. Mass**

Mass—A. Rihovsky: Missa Loretta

**Offertory—D. McK. Williams: In The Year
That King Uzziah Died**

Communion—P. Doyle: Non Nobis Domine

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH MASSES @ 7 & 11:30 A.M. 12:30 & 5:10 P.M.

Ashes will be distributed during all Masses on Ash Wednesday. Confessions after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

**FRIDAYS IN LENT
@ HOLY GHOST
Beginning Friday, Feb. 19
Stations of the Cross
every Fri. @ 12 Noon (after Mass)**

**Friday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Vespers,
Followed by a Soup Supper
in the Church hall**

LENTEN GUIDELINES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

- Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
- Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

Along with prayer and fasting, almsgiving is an integral part of our Lenten observance. Thus, Lent is not an endurance contest or a striving for self-perfection. Rather, it is an opening of our lives to God in humble recognition of our sin and gratitude for his merciful love, and it is an opening of our hearts to our neighbor—to see and serve Christ in each one.