

Church of Saint Ursula

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m. (Folk Music)

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Folk Music) and
12 noon

DAILY MASSES:

7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

7:30 a.m. only (July, August, September)

9:00 a.m. on Saturday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Consult the bulletin of the Sunday before the Holy Day for the specific times of Holy Day Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. or at one of the weekend Masses. Parents are to contact the Parish House to make arrangements. Instructions for the parents prior to Baptism is obligatory.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.; other times by request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The couple must meet with a priest or deacon, at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date, before making specific plans. Pre-Cana instruction is required.

HOME VISITS: We are always ready to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick in the homes of sick parishioners and bring them Holy Communion.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to St. Ursula's and encourage you to participate in the parish. Please register at the Parish House, through the bulletin or on-line as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon (Oct.-June)

TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH:

Joseph Lechowicz and Kathleen Blake

PARISH OFFICE: Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Parish Office is closed on Sundays, holidays and holy days.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades 1 – 8):

Office: 183 Rich Ave., 699-7964 (Tues. – Fri.)
Mona Parkinson, C.R.E., Director

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

Mona Parkinson, C.R.E., Director

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY:

Luncheon Meetings - March and October
Lorraine Castagnoli, Chairperson

FOLK CHOIRS:

Rehearsals - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Deacon Thomas J. Abbamont, Director
Rehearsals - Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.
Sr. Veronica Wood, O.S.F., Director

SEASONED SENIORS:

Third Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Deacon Thomas J. Abbamont

ITALIAN CLUB:

Second Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Emidio Licursi, President

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2010

Welcome to St. Ursula's: With Joyful Hearts We Welcome You Into Our House of Prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 15TH

7:30 -

9:00 - Deceased Members of the
Schevera and Cenitch Families

TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH

7:30 -

9:00 - Therese Stevenson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH

7:30 -

9:00 - Paul Ressler

THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH

7:30 -

9:00 - Anthony Tiso

FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH

7:30 - Giuseppe Giordano

9:00 - Vito and Michael Branca

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00 - Giuseppe & Maria Marcoccia

5:15 - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

8:00 - George Gherardi (1ST Anniv.)

10:00 - Lina Pardo (1ST Anniv.)

12:00 - Miguel DeJesus & Alice Dos Santos



SUNDAY SCRIPTURES THEME:

WHAT DOES A NEW CREATION LOOK LIKE?

The movement of Lent is a journey to Easter, when we will renew our baptismal promises and pledge once more to live a life that renounces the power and attraction of evil and commit ourselves more fully to living life in union with the Trinity. Today's readings offer us some images of what it means to be a new creation.

Joshua 5:9a,10-12 After years in the desert, the people of God entered the promised land.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation.

Luke 15:1-3,11-32 The story of the prodigal son.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 15-21, 2010

Mon. Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tues. Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16

Wed. **St. Patrick** Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thurs. **St. Cyril of Jerusalem** Exodus 32:7-14;
John 5:31-47

Fri. **St. Joseph** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16;
Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a

Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Sun. Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

will be burning this week
in memory of:

- I - In Thanksgiving
- II - Vito Branca and
Leonardo Caruso



THE BREAD AND WINE
offered for Eucharist this week
are in prayer to:

St. Patrick and St. Joseph



STEWARDSHIP

March 6/7, 2010

First Collection: \$1628.00

Second Collection: \$773.00

(Utilities Fund)

Attendance: 411



ST. URSULA'S PRAYS FOR:

Aiden Lopez, Thomas Loye, Thomas and Marie Potenzo, Stella Cornacchia, Adrienne Parisi, Juliette Miranda, Gloria Pietraniello, Kathleen Kelly, Paul Cote, Taylor Miranda, our parish homebound, the residents of our local nursing homes, and the prayer requests on Mary's altar.

VOCATION VIEW. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, as a priest or religious, please call Fr. Luke Sweeney at (914)968-1340 (Priesthood), Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212)371-1000 x2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914)968-6200 x8269 (Diaconate).

Happy and Blessed
St. Patrick & St. Joseph Days
to all!

Thank you for your sacrifice!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SLANT
ON SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 are you "manna" to the exile in your midst?

Psalms 34 How many have tasted and seen your goodness because you donate to our local food pantry?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 In terms of social justice, how have you been an ambassador for Christ?

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 If you haven't worked for peace and justice, you are welcomed back to do so!

RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

During Lent, it is good to think about Jesus' words, "Amen I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." If we do nothing to work for the protection of these least ones, we do nothing for Jesus. COLFS Newsletter, San Diego, 11/07

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- Thurs.** R.E. Gr. 4&5 - 3:15 - 4:45 PM
R.E. Gr. 6,7,8 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Cub Scout Mtg. - 6:30 - 8:00 PM - CA
- Fri.** Seasoned Seniors - Stations/Mtg. - 12:30 PM - CH/CA
Troop 40 Mtg. - 6:30 - 8:30 PM - CA
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM
- Sat.** Set up for Easter Breakfast - CA
- Sun.** R.E. Gr. K,1,2,3 - 8:50 - 10:15 AM
Easter Bunny Breakfast - 11:00 AM - CA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation..." (Second Reading). Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you renew your marriage/holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 16-18. For more information, please call 877-NYS-WWME.

for your amusement/reflection

Reasons I Love My Mother

- My** mother taught me the circle of life.
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
- My** mother taught me about envy.
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- My** mother taught me about anticipation.
"Just wait until we get home."
- My** mother taught me about receiving.
"You are going to get it when you get home!"



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 - PALM SUNDAY

4:30 - 5:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
5:15PM - SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALM AND MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - PALM SUNDAY
MASSES AT 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 - 7:30 PM



THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER
2:00 - 3:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
8:00 PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL 11:00 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER
2:00 - 3:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
3:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
8:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER
10:00 - 11:00 AM - CONFESSIONS
8:00 PM - THE VIGIL MASS OF EASTER



SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 NOON

POINT TO PONDER

Over the arches of the triple doorway of the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions. One is a beautifully carved wreath of roses, and beneath it the words, "All that pleases is but for a moment." Another is a sculptured Cross with these words below: "All that troubles is but for a moment." And over the central doorway these words are inscribed..."That only is important which is eternal."

**LENTEN PRAYER WITH
HENRI J. M. NOUWEN
Fourth Sunday of Lent
God's Hidden Presence**

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news"
(Mark 1:15)*

For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, much in our fleeting lives is not passing but lasting, not dying but coming to life, not temporary but eternal. Amid the fragility of our lives, we have wonderful reason to hope. Some call this hidden reality "grace," others "God's life in us," others still "the kingdom of God among us."

In many ways that is what is meant by the term *the spiritual life* - the nurturing of the eternal amid the temporal, the lasting within the passing, God's presence in the human family. It is the life of the divine Spirit within us.

Become aware of this mysterious presence and life turns around. You sense joy even as others nurse complaints, you experience peace while the world conspires in war, and you find hope even when headlines broadcast despair. You discover a deep love even while the air around you seems pervaded by hatred.

Jesus, help me to discover your deep love in all I think and say and do today so that..

2010 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

The 2010 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal is in its final stages in our parish. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. At all Masses, you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. As children of Christ, we are called to serve others out of gratitude to our most generous God. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2010 Appeal. Thank you.

Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl - The Prodigal Son

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

Have you decided when you are going to make your Lenten confession?