



**2nd Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2011**



**Welcome to
St. Helena Church**



**St. Helena Church is a
Tithing & Evangelizing Parish
Mission Statement**

We, the Parish of St. Helena, are rooted in Jesus Christ and nourished by Eucharist. We are aware of our present diversity and the changes that enrich us. We strive with all that God has given us to live and to share the Gospel of love by creating a welcoming and united community. We seek to integrate actively people of all ages, races, and cultures into every area of life.

Masses for the Week Mar. 20th to 27th

SATURDAY, March 19, 2011

4:30PM Danielle Maguire (15th Birthday)

SUNDAY, March 20, 2011 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Bette Mae & Len Herb
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Efraim deRamos
12:30PM Marilin Tejieda Pena

MONDAY, March 21, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Charles Flanagan

TUESDAY, March 22, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Raymond J. Malley

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Dominique & Marie Nguyen

THURSDAY, March 24, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Mary E. Geib

FRIDAY, March 25, 2011 Annunciation of the Lord

6:30AM Benjamin C. Greenwood
8:00AM Stephen J. Pokorny, Sr.

SATURDAY, March 26, 2011

8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa
4:30PM Marie Troegler

SUNDAY, March 27, 2011 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Marta Pham Thi Ninh
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Sarah J. Lehmann
12:30PM Horacio Batero

***Please remember in your prayers
the deceased members of our
parish, families, friends and
benefactor.***

Our Church is a center for spiritual growth, where positive attitudes are developed, where good people become better, where hurts are healed, where lessons are learned, where friendships are developed, where marriages restless find peace, where love is alive, where God is understood, where the Holy Spirit leads, and where Jesus Christ is Lord. Together, let us spread the message of the Gospel to our neighbors.

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Tina Hosgood
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Koveseck	Bernie Black	Rita Voras
Rita Klienknecht	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Grace Sweeney	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
Joseph Voras	Rosa Di Nicola	Roberta Pohl
Geraldo Acevedo	Tom Petroski	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

MONDAY (21)

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY (22)

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY (23)

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY (24)

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY (25)

Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Lk 1:26-38

Heb 10:4-10

SATURDAY (26)

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Matthew 17:1 - 9

Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

Reflection: (Reflection by Jude Siciliano, OP, used with permission)

Mountains come in all sizes - from tall ones, like the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada to smaller ones in Vermont, North Carolina, West Virginia and upper New York State. But all are majestic. Standing on the top can invigorate a person with the clean air, strong wind and spectacular view. It can also be a religious encounter as experienced by Peter, James and John in today's gospel reading. It is important to remember that this event takes place right after Jesus' first prediction of his passion. The disciples had just heard they must be willing to follow Jesus to Jerusalem and that, they too would suffer. Peter wants to stay on the mountain - who wouldn't? But sooner or later we need to come back down to earth and face the reality and crosses of life. We need to live out our discipleship in the trenches of an inhospitable world. But the last sentence gives us the hope that we experienced on the mountain - the Son of man will be raised from the dead - and so will those who follow him.



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood!

Save this Date for **St. Helena's Annual Blood Drive** Sunday, April 3, 2011

9:00am to 3:00pm St. Helena School Hall

Please sign up through Sr. Sophie after Mass. Our Goal is 60 participants Eat lots of red meat to build up your iron levels.

The Actual Donation Process

Registration



Our staff and volunteers will sign you in and go over basic eligibility and donation information. You will read information about donating blood, and will be asked to show a donor card, driver's license, or other form(s) of ID.

Mini-Physical



You will answer some questions during a private and confidential interview about your health history and places you have traveled. We will check your temperature, pulse, blood pressure and hemoglobin level present in a sample of blood.

The Donation



The actual donation takes about 8-10 minutes, during which you will be seated comfortably. The process is safe and sterile. Red Cross staff and volunteers will be available if you have any questions. Certain donation types, such as platelets, red cells or plasma, can take up to two hours.

Refreshment



After donating, you should have a snack and something to drink in the refreshments area. You can leave the site after 10-15 minutes and continue with your normal daily activities. Enjoy the feeling of accomplishment knowing that you have helped save lives.

Important Dates/Information for St. Helena School

March 21st - 25th	Annual Book Fair
March 25th	DJ Party - Top Pizza sellers
March 28th	First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00pm Room 4

Called to Conversion and Holiness



The Sacrament of Confession Let's put this behind us...

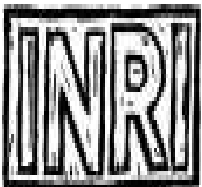
The expression, "Let's put this behind us," has become a part of our language over the past few years. It can certainly be a reflection of the acknowledgment of an offense on the part of one person, and sincere forgiveness on the part of another. However, it can also be a way of ignoring and bypassing an offense and the hurt it has caused.

When we look at the Cross, we see what Jesus did out of great love for us so that we could put our sins "behind us." However, He does not insult us, or our intelligence, by pretending that our sins do not exist.

The Cross certainly reminds us of their reality. In the Sacrament of Confession, we humbly acknowledge the reality of our personal sins, not so that they can be masked or ignored, but so that they may be truly forgiven for what they are. *Then*, we can put them behind us! *You are invited to read Cardinal Rigali's Pastoral Letter that can be found on the home page of the Archdiocese – www.archphila.org*

Turn to Me Về với ta Vuelve a Mí

St. Helena Parish Garden of Gethsemane



Sign reading "INRI ~ King of the Jews"

Mark 15:25-26 "And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.'" It was customary for the charge to be placed on a sign above the head of one being crucified. This was done so that all would know why they were being crucified. Ironically, the inscription above Jesus proclaimed the Gospel truth.

Spear

John 19: 34 "... but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance, and immediately there came out blood and water.' The Romans planned to break Jesus' legs, which was a method of hastening the death during a crucifixion. Just before they did so, they realized he was already dead and that there was no reason to break his legs. To make sure he was dead, a soldier stabbed him in the side.



St. Helena Parish is a Tithing Parish since Jan. 19, 2003. God has provided for us in wonderful ways and we are committed to "making a return to the Lord for all His goodness to us." All we are and have is due to God's goodness.

Stewardship Report



3/15/09.....	\$6526.00
3/14/10.....	\$4852.00
3/13/11.....	\$6268.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	280	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1,162.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4,073.00	Drop Off Collection	\$1,029.50

Fuel Collection.....	\$3,897.65
Operation Rice Bowl.....	\$1,015.65
Ash Wednesday.....	\$1,729.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$4.00



Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Once you see the glory of God, it is much easier to see the things which are not God, although they sometimes pretend, for they are only illusions, but are not even that in the Light of God's presence. At the Transfiguration of our Lord, God the Father commands Jesus' disciples to ignore what they have seen and instead to listen to His beloved Son. And His beloved Son commands them to not even speak of what they have seen and experienced until they have rest of the story that is to come as they head to Calvary's cross. In many ways, the Transfiguration is the ultimate affirmation. Who of us wouldn't be more than a little flattered if we were suddenly seen in the presence of great figures from the scriptures? And who of us would not hunger for the voice of God, saying, "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased"?

I would like to thank the St. Joseph the Worker Group for their dedication and hard work to our parish. During the past storms, some of the tiles from the main roof of the Upper Church fell onto the flat roof, made a hole and created a major leak that went into the sacristy of both churches. This was a major cost to the parish. Thankfully, the St. Joseph Group spent last Saturday fixing the flat roof. We are so fortunate to have this group in our parish which keeps our maintenance repairs to a minimal. *Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for this special group in our parish and for the hard work they do for our parish.*

I remind you to take advantage of the *special program entitled "Lifting Up Our Hearts"* which will introduce you to the new Roman Missal and the changes that will begin Advent 2011 in our Mass. This program is offered on Saturday mornings during the 6 weeks of Lent from 11:00am to 12:00Noon in the Rectory basement meeting room. *I also invite you to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. English will take place at 12:30pm in the Chapel, Spanish will take place at 7:00pm in the Chapel, and Vietnamese will take place at 7:00pm in the Lower Church.*

Please keep our parish children who are preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion in your prayers as well as their families during this special time in their lives.

I would also like to thank you for your generosity to our second collections over that past weeks. I know that times are hard and I really appreciate all you do to help with these special collections.

Finally, I ask that you keep all those affected by the *earthquake and tsunami, especially those in Japan*, Hawaii and the west coast of the US. Thanks for reading and have a good week and holy Lent.

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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