

**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

In his Message for Lent 2011, Pope Benedict XVI comments on each of the Lenten Sunday gospels. For this second Sunday of Lent, he says the following:

The Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord puts before our eyes the glory of Christ, which anticipates the resurrection and announces the divinization of man. The Christian community becomes aware that Jesus leads it, like the Apostles Peter, James and John "up a high mountain by themselves" (Mt 17: 1), to receive once again in Christ, as sons and daughters in the Son, the gift of the Grace of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favor. Listen to him" (Mt 17: 5). It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence. He desires to hand down to us, each day, a Word that penetrates the depths of our spirit, where we discern good from evil (cf. Heb 4:12), reinforcing our will to follow the Lord.

I hope that all of you are spending some special time in prayer during Lent as the way that we step back from, our Holy Father says, "from the noisiness of everyday life." We need to spend time with our Lord in prayer. Remember that daily Mass is an excellent way to do this during Lent. If you cannot come to the daily 8:00 A.M. Mass, then try to come to the Wednesday evening Mass that is offered during Lent (see the bulletin for time as it varies due to the religious education schedule). The Stations of the Cross are another powerful prayer to participate in during Lent, which we offer on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M. and on Good Friday at 3:00 P.M. Further, whether or not you are able to come to Mass, read and prayer over the Mass readings for each day of Lent (if you do not have a devotion booklet that has them listed, you can find them on our American Catholic bishops' website at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>) and seek "a Word that penetrates to the depth of your spirit."

Also, has Lent is a time for reaching out to

those in need, I encourage you to contribute something to the special collection that will be taken up next Sunday, March 27, for Catholic Relief Services work in helping the people in Japan who have suffered from the recent earthquake and tsunami. As we have seen the terrible destruction that has occurred in cities in northern Japan and the misery that it has caused those living there, let us serve Christ this Lent in generously giving our assistance to those in need in Japan. As Jesus has told us, whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, in other words, anyone who is in dire need, he considers it done for him.

Have a grace-filled week and may you know our Lord's loving presence as you take extra time during Lent to pray.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

MARCH 21 THRU MARCH 27

Monday	Gilbert & Martha Kralikowski
Tuesday	Con Kwapnioski
Wed. 8:00 a.m.	Bill Biernbaum
6:00 p.m.	Kenneth Munsinger
Thursday	William Roth
Friday	Priest's Intention
Sat.	Ray & Mildred Peatrowsky
Sunday	People of St. Joseph