March 5, 2014

Feast Days
Mar 5 Ash Wednesday
Mar 7 Solemnity: Dedication of Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity
Mar 17 St. Patrick
Mar 19 St. Joseph, husband of Mary
Mar 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation

Events
Mar 7 11:15 Solemn Chapel Dedication Mass; festive luncheon following; 4pm: dedication of our new Via Crucis
Mar 19 Mr. Goyette Tutor Talk, 4pm
Mar 19 Fr. Joseph Lee, FSSP, 7:00pm
Mar 23 Spring Schubertiade, 1:30pm

Mass Schedule
(Monday-Friday)
7:00am Mass, Extraordinary Form
11:30am Mass, Ordinary Form
5pm Mass, Ordinary Form
10pm Mass, Ordinary Form (M-Th)
Saturday Masses: 7:15 (EF); 9:30 (OF, Hacienda Chapel); 11:30 (OF)
Sunday Masses: 7:15 Missa Cantata (EF); 9:00 Sung Mass (OF); 11:30 (OF)
8:00am Morning Prayer, Commons
5:30-6:30pm Adoration & Benediction
6:40pm Vespers, chapel
9:15pm Community Rosary, chapel
9:35pm Compline [night prayer], chapel

Confessions before and after every Mass

Your Chaplains
Fr. Joseph Illo, Head Chaplain
Fr. Cornelius Michel Buckley, S.J.
Fr. Hildebrand Garceau, O. Praem.
Fr. Michal Chaberek, O.P.

March 7: Solemnity of Our Chapel’s Dedication

This Friday will be the First Friday of Lent, the First Friday of the month, the Feast of St. Thomas in the old calendar, and the fifth anniversary of the Dedication of our splendid Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. When Cardinal Mahony consecrated our chapel in 2009, he set March 7 as a Solemnity for TAC from that day in perpetuity. The entire College will gather at 11:15 for Mass that morning to observe the Solemnity, giving thanks to God for his manifold blessings and the maternal tenderness of Our Lady to our College. Please join us at Mass on March 7 at 11:15. There will be a 7am Extraordinary Form Mass but no 5pm Mass that Friday.

Catholic Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten pilgrimage to Easter, continuing life’s pilgrimage toward heaven. All Catholics between 14 and 59 must fast (only one meal and two snacks) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; those over 18 must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is only a first step, however: much more important are Prayer and Almsgiving.

Consecration to Our Lady 3/25

Forty students are preparing to make a total consecration to Our Lady on March 25 using the book 33 Days to Morning Glory. Many others are preparing for consecration using other books, such as St. Louis de Montfort’s classic. If you are preparing to give yourself completely to Jesus through Mary, we will make or renew our consecrations at the 11:30 Mass on March 25.
La Via Crucis

Our College chaplains will lead the Stations of the Cross every Friday after Benediction (i.e., at 6:40pm) in the chapel (except this Friday, at which we will make the Stations by the Ponds at 4pm).

Monastic Discernment Retreat

Mount Angel Abbey near Portland, Oregon, invites men who are discerning a monastic vocation to join the brothers for a three-day discernment retreat from April 4-6. There is no charge and the monastery welcomes you as their guest. Please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB, for details at 503-845-3123. The monastery website is www.mountangelabbey.org.

Fr. Joseph Lee, FSSP, on March 19

Fr. Lee from the Fraternity of St. Peter will visit our campus on March 19 to give a vocations talk at 7pm in Room 106. Fr. Lee is an alumnus of our College, as is the current Superior General of the Fraternity, Fr. John Berg, FSSP. The Fraternity of St. Peter administers parishes that offer all their Masses and sacraments in the Extraordinary Form, and are in complete union with the Pope (hence their name).

Is the Latin Mass Greek to You?

For those who signed up to learn how to attend the Latin Mass, Fr. Lee will also give a practical session on how this form of the Roman Rite works. Fr. Lee comes to us from the Fraternity Seminary in Nebraska, where he runs the training program for priests who wish to learn the Extraordinary Form. His one-hour training for us will be on March 19 at 8:30pm in Room 106.

WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

Most of us grow up thinking that Lent is all about “giving something up.” That’s a good start—proper to a child’s conception of the Season. But Fasting is only the first step, preparing the ground for sanctification, emptying one’s heart so that God can enter. Once the body and soul have been disciplined by at least a modicum of fasting, we can begin to pray. Daily Mass, the rosary, the liturgy of the hours, a weekly holy hour, daily Scripture, Stations of the Cross, spiritual reading, etc. are all good ways to pray more deeply during Lent. Prayer enlarges the heart so that God can fit inside; prayer is essentially receiving God into our poor souls.

Once we have received God in prayer, we are perhaps ready to give Him, as did Our Lady after she received Jesus at the Annunciation. She went in haste to bring Him to Elizabeth. So we can give alms too after we have prayed: write a letter to a grandparent, call your mother, help someone with homework, give someone a smile, talk with someone who needs you. Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, in that order.