

Our Lady Help of Christians

CHAPEL CHIMES

February / March, 2010

Dear Friends,

As we move into Lent after Ash Wednesday, we have many intentions to pray and sacrifice for these 40 days of fasting, prayer and alms giving.

I am sure you must pray for the victims in Haiti each day with your family. God has spared us by living in Brazil where we don't have earthquakes and devastation like we see daily on TV. But they are our sisters and brothers and part of the world family that needs our attention and help.

Right here in Brazil we have had 50 straight days of tropical rain storms every afternoon that bring landslides and death to our own São Paulo around us. Traffic is slowed or stopped each day, but at least we have a home to go to each day. It seems as if all of Brazil is suffering from drought or floods. We need to pray more for the suffering millions from North to South all around us here in tropical Brazil.

Here at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish we try to fit in a special Mass for our families and ourselves too. Here is our schedule:

Saturday night (6 p.m. in the Chapel)
 Sunday morning (10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium)
 Every Monday morning (7:15 a.m. in the Chapel)
 Every Wednesday morning (7:15 a.m. in the Chapel)
 Friday mornings (8:15 a.m. – dates scheduled on the Bulletin Board and also here in Chapel Chimes)
 Lent begin: ASH Wednesday, February 17th, with Mass in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.



My daily prayers for you and your family.

See you there for your Birthday, Wedding Anniversary or Special Intention for your sick.

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Father Tom, O.M.I.

MOTHERS & OTHERS CALENDAR FOR 2010

Masses are on Friday at 8:15 a.m. (Chapel) on:

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| January 29 | August 6 |
| February 5 | August 20 |
| March 5 | September 3 |
| March 19 | September 17 |
| April 9 | October 1 |
| April 23 | October 15 |
| May 7 | November 5 |
| May 21 | November 19 |
| June 18 | December 3 |

FEBRUARY 2010

MON. 8—BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENDED: MONDAY MORNINGS & TUESDAY EVENINGS; PLEASE SPEAK TO MS. KLAUDIA HOFIG AT 8597-9723 OR 5522-0914 OR E-MAIL: HOE-FIGMK@WEB.DE

Sat. 27 – Senior Fashion Show & Sports Day at Chapel School ;please contact Ms. Luciana Brandespin at Chapel School.

MARCH 2010

Wed. 3 – 7:45 p.m. Share Council Meeting at Campus Ministry Center

Sun. 7— Training for Eucharistic Ministers after Mass

Sat. 13 – One Day Retreat at Convento da Santíssima Trindade (see article for further information)

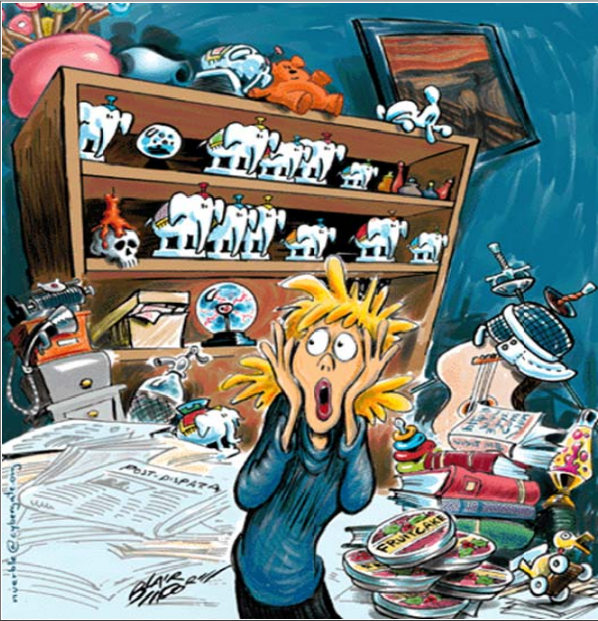
Sun. 14— 9 a.m.—Parish Council Meeting at Campus Ministry Center

Sun. 21— Rite of Signation, followed by Pancake Breakfast & Flea Market (see announcements for further information).

Mass Schedules

- Monday & Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.
- Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium and the last Sunday of month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

FLEA MARKET AT CHAPEL SCHOOL



DATE: SUNDAY,

MARCH 21, 2010

TIME: 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

The time has come again to unclutter your house and closets...and bring harmony, order and LIGHT into your life!

Too much stuff? Unused items? No more place for new things? Don't worry, be happy! You can collect everything (clothes, toys, household items) and bring them in boxes to the Parish Office – mark the packages FLEA MARKET – until Friday, February 26, 2009.

If you wish to sell your items yourself a table may be reserved for R\$70,00.

The proceeds benefit the Parish and its social projects. **For further information, please contact: Ligia Domingues – 7100-3192 or ligiam.cd@uol.com.br**

Chegou a hora de novamente liberar sua casa e armários... e trazer harmonia, ordem e LUZ para sua vida!

Tralhas demais? Itens sem uso? Sem lugar para novas coisas? Não se preocupe, seja feliz! Você pode juntar tudo (roupas, brinquedos, utensílios de casa, etc.) e trazer em caixas para o Escritório da Paróquia – identifique os pacotes com MERCADO DAS PULGAS – até sexta-feira, 26 de fevereiro de 2010.

Se desejar você pode vender seus próprios itens e para tanto reservar uma mesa por R\$70,00.

Renda em benefício da Paróquia e seus projetos sociais. **Para maiores informações, gentileza entrar em contato com: Ligia Domingues – 7100-3192**

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Training for Eucharistic Ministers

(Both new and old) will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for about an hour. Please send and e-mail confirming your interest and presence to Mrs. Klaudia Höfig at hoefigmk@web.de Thank you.

Parish Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 21, 2010

Volunteers needed to flip pancakes!!



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RETREAT - March 13, 2010 Rua São Benedito, 2146 (corner of Rua Américo Brasiliense and parallel to Av. Ver. José Diniz)

Time: 8:30 a.m. ending after the 6:30 p.m. Mass at Chapel

Convento da Santíssima Trindade - <http://www.ssps.org.br>

What is a Retreat?

A Retreat is an opportunity to flee your daily routine and spend time with yourself and God. You do not have to have previous experience of a Retreat; all you have to bring is yourself and the willingness to enter into a dialogue with God. Lent is a good time to look closer on my relationship with God and my neighbours and to readjust my spiritual path with what God envisions for me. Sometimes life does not provide this silent time and space due to the many concerns we have and within the Retreat it is possible to look at my life path and see God's impact on it, and be thankful for it.

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LENT

Maybe Lent is a good time to stop doing and try being... Relinquishment lies at the heart of Christ's example and is a countercultural choice for those who wish to transform their lives. If one lets go of the assumption that our hard work will bring us all that we desire, it is possible to change that by beginning to look at the present moment, receiving it with grace and gratitude, and trying to understand what it means. One may learn when it is time to rest, time to plan, give thanks for everything: health, the family, our daily bread, a roof over our heads. In the daily round of life, dust and cobwebs accumulate in our souls. The hidden corners of our hearts become encrusted with grime or filled with forgotten debris. During the weeks of Lent, we are given the opportunity to clear away the clutter, sweep away the dust and leave more open space for new things. We are invited to prepare ourselves—heart, soul, mind, and body—for the possibility of a new life.

Giving up shopping sprees, keeping TV turned off, observing our family members, creating more time for face-to-face encounters instead of just virtual connections, fasting, enjoying nature, sitting quietly without talking just listening to our hearts... may all bring transformation.

Lent began on ASH Wednesday, February 17, 2010

with Mass in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.