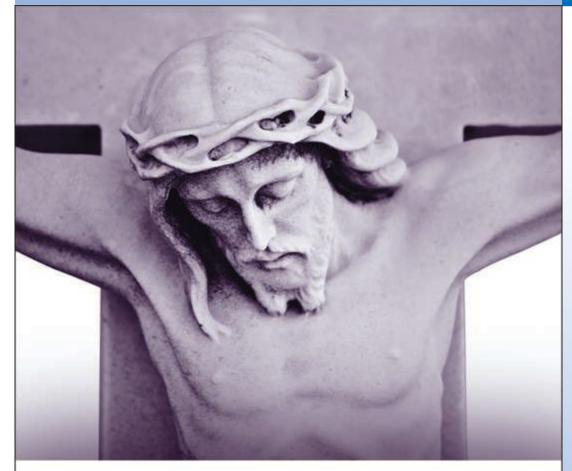
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ASH WEDNESDAY Miércoles de Ceniza

February 19, 2012 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass Fri.: Communion Service First Friday of the month: Mass All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues, at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom to register.

Marriage Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

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Rev. John Barrett Pastor Emeritus

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Note from the Pastor

Lent Begins

This Wednesday more people will pass through the sacred grounds of Mary Queen than on any other day of the year (including Christmas and Easter). Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. I am not sure what it is that draws so many people to church on that day, but I am absolutely sure it is very primal, very deep, and at the core of what it means to be human.

Human. Humus. Earth. Humility. And most of all mortality. "Oh remember, man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." These are the words that the minister will say as they place the ashes on the foreheads of those who come forward. And those ashes will not be wiped off all day long. Even for those who never darken the doors of the church throughout the year, on that day they will wear their Catholic ashes with humble pride.

And what does this all say? That life is short. Very, very short. We are all going to die. From this comes the question, how do we live now so as not to make our death final? For the next forty days we will be asking that question and then responding by doing the holy practices that Jesus and the church prescribes: prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Alms giving. No other religion or denomination, Muslim, Jewish or Protestant gives as poorly to their churches as Catholics. That's just a factual statistic. Pity. Everybody gets cheated and most of all those who fail to give.

Fasting: We are the most overweight nation in the world. We may diet, but we don't fast. That's a pity too.

Prayer:

This is the area I ask for us to concentrate on this year (we will deal with alms giving and fasting in subsequent years). Prayer. When young people come to me in confession I always ask them the same **question, "Do you pray?" They respond by hemming and hawing and say, "Well, Father sometimes we say grace at home." To which I respond: "Pray, pray, pray, pray." It is the great Catholic tradition to pray. We** are the church of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, we are the church of novenas and rosaries and devotions to the saints. But we are not passing on to the next generation the importance of prayer or even how to pray. This is something we can do something about. And we can do it now!

If I were to ask you what do you see as the major religious element of Islam you would most likely respond that they pray five times a day. It is public prayer. No matter what they are doing when the time comes, they turn toward Mecca and they bow to pray. They are not embarrassed or ashamed because this is a public manifestation, an outward sign of an inward reality, their devotion to God. You know, we Catholics used to do that too. And it is time to do it again.

Any Catholic who grew up near a church in the 40's and 50's remembered hearing bells ring at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. When those bells rang, you stopped. It was a reminder that the entire day was to be sanctified. And so for a brief moment you stopped at those hours to pray. No matter what you were doing, for the next three minutes you were going to pray, to be God conscious, to be aware that God became a man in Jesus through the "yes" of a woman. It was at those three times that you prayed the Angelus. And it is time to pray it again. Starting now!

The Angelus Domini (the angel of the Lord) is the traditional prayer that Catholics have been reciting three times a day for centuries. And it recalls the greatest mystery of all. The almighty and transcended God took on our weak human mortality so that we mortals can now share the Divine. And this all took place because of a little girl who said "Yes" to the proclaiming angel. I am asking that we at Mary Queen proclaim that prayer again. On Ash Wednesday we will begin all of our services with the Angelus.

It is my desire that this prayer go from our house to yours. Following this note is a copy of the Angelus prayer suitable for clipping. Cut it out and put it on the refrigerator door. Then this evening before you say grace together as a family, pray the Angelus. In the morning, along with your morning prayers pray the Angelus. It is our way to become God conscious, aware of the presence of God throughout our entire day. The most important thing is that we stop. Stop whatever we are doing and turn Godwards to pray.

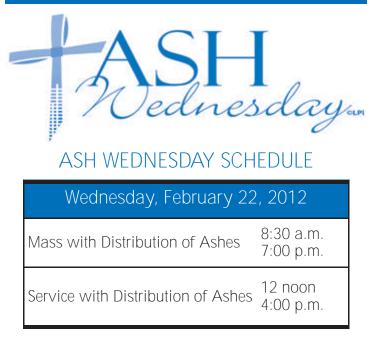
Lent is about to begin. It is the acceptable time to begin again.

Let us pray.

In Jesus, God's Prayer

Fr. Tony

Ash Wednesday



LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- 5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary selfdenial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Angelus Prayer

ANGELUS PRAYER

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Thy grace into our hearts; That we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 22 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Distribution of Ashes Noon & 4:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation Service Tuesday, February 28 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism March 11, March 12, and March 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday April 5 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday April 6

Children's Living Stations

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 7 Blessing of Easter Baskets

11:00 a.m. in Church

Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday April 8 Masses: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

"WOMAN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Mary Queen of Heaven "Woman of the Year" are being held the weekend of Feb 25/26. All ladies ages 18 and older can nominate a woman they feel leads a life of faith and love and who has given generously of her time and talent to the various ministries and organizations in our parish. Nominating slips will be found in the pews those weekends and may be deposited in the collection basket or in the basket in the back of church.

To be eligible for the "Woman of the Year," nominees must be MQH parishioners, not parish staff, over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years. Recent Women of the Year include: Debbie Styka, Lynn Suwanski, Mimi Wolak, Ginny Hayes, Terri Kevil, Mary Nanak, Diane Bernstein, Sheila Reiter, Karen Vicary, and Rose Wilkes.

The weekend of March 3/4 information on the nominees will appear in the bulletin to assist you in electing the "Woman of the Year."

The election will take place the weekend of March 11/12.

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FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

All are invited this Sunday to attend Fellowship immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This month's fellowship is being hosted by the Eucharistic

Ministers. Bring your family and enjoy the delicious goodies that have been donated and some lively conversation with friends and fellow parishioners. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 26

Sunday, February 19, 2012 8:30 am MQH Mass 9:30 am - 10:30 am Gospel of Mark in Conf. Room 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Preschool Open House 10:30 am MQH Mass 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Fellowship in Barrett Hall 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Youth Group Wings to Heaven in Social Hall 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Baptisms

Monday, February 20, 2012

8:30 am 7:00 am - 9:00 pm 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **President's Day Office Closed** MQH Mass Commission Meeting in Barrett Hall

Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room

Bible Study Mark in Room 9/10

CCW Ladies Game Night

CRHP (Women) in Social Hall

CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 MQH Mass

8:30 am 9:30 am - 11:00 am 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

8:30 am 12:00 noon

4:00 pm

7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 Ash Wednesday No RE Classes MQH Mass - Distribution of Ashes Service with Distribution of Ashes Service with Distribution of Ashes MQH Mass - Distribution of Ashes 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room

Thursday, February 23, 2012 8:30 am MQH Mass 9:00 am

Yoga in Barrett Hall

Friday, February 24, 2012 DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES MARCH 4, 2012 8:30 am Communion Service Stations of the Cross in Church 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 25, 2012 Women's CRHP Weekend Walk-In Ministry Food Drive 3:30 pm Confessions 4:30 pm MQH Mass

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Women's CRHP Weekend Walk-In Ministry Food Drive MQH Mass RCIA in Rectory

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8:30 am & 10:30 am

9:30 am - 11:30 am



CCW LADIES GAME NIGHT



Tuesday, February 21, 2012 At 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall

Bring some friends, a snack to share and your favorite game (if you have one) For an evening of fun!

Beverages will be provided.

Ouestions? Call Debbie (630) 941-7224

Please fill out the form below and return it to the basket in the back of church or to the parish office before February 19.

Name

Phone Number

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EMHURST WALK-IN MINISTRY IC FOOD PANTRY

Our food collection for the Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry/IC Food Pantry will take place the weekend of February

25/26. Your donation to the food pantry is much appreciated due to the great need by families who are suffering from the dip in our economy. The food pantry is giving out more, and more food to needy families so please be generous. They are in need of soup, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, baking items, tuna fish, prepared meals, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, coffee, tea, juice, etc.



YOGA CLASSES

Drop in for an hour of yoga class at 9:00 a.m. Thursdays in Barrett Hall on the following dates: February 23, March 1, 8 and 15. Bring a yoga mat fortable clothes. This class is for begin

and wear comfortable clothes. This class is for beginners and intermediate. Contact Debbie Styka for more information at (630) 941-7224 or by email debbiestyka@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The women of CCW began and support a scholarship fund, The Bishop Blanchette Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded based on need and desire for a Catholic High School Education. The family of this student will need to submit 2011 tax forms and W-2's, and an application directly to JDCCW Office. Please contact Debbie Styka for more information at (630) 941-7224.

DO YOU HAVE GREEN QUESTIONS?

Do you want all your recycling questions answered on a monthly basis for free? Do you want to know where you can recycle odd things not taken in your curbside recycling? At SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) your recycling questions can be answered, you can sign up for a monthly email green bulletin and learn about events in Elmhurst and surrounding areas. Look into SCARCE at www.scarceecoed.org.

FAITH CONNECTION SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (SCC)

Our Small Christian Community was founded 14 years ago along with several others here at Mary Queen, at the suggestion of then Pope John Paul II as a way to prepare for the new millennium. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, except in summer, to share faith usually based on the Sunday readings. We do not discuss theology, or pretend to be scripture scholars, but we do experience the support that comes from belonging and having an opportunity to share our faith journeys.

If you have been in an SCC in the past or have ever wondered what an SCC does, we would like to extend an invitation to you to "come and see" by joining our group, Faith Connection, during the six weeks of Lent starting February 23. We will be focusing on the scripture readings for the Sundays of Lent. For more information, contact Rose Wilkes at (630)833-7238 or Debbie Styka at (630)941-7224.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

Children ages 4 to 8 have been enjoying participating in Children's Liturgy of

the Word since the ministry began on January 15. Due to the Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend, there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word session on Feb. 26. The program will resume on March 4, and continue on March 11 and 18, followed by another break for Spring Break and Pascal celebrations. Children's Liturgy is part of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Passes are distributed in the vestibule starting at 10:15 a.m. Once children receive their passes, they should be seated in Church with their families until Father Tony calls them forward. Please direct any comments, concerns, questions or suggestions to Maria Balice Kresnicka at:

(RMBalice@comcast.net or (312) 543-6630).

COMMISSION MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

There will be a meeting of all Parish Commissions this Monday in Barrett Hall at 7:00 p.m. If you are ministry leader, please submit a ministry report to Mimi Nolan at: pa@mqh.org so updates can be provided to the Parish Council. Thank you!

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, February 22 marks the beginning of Lent. Formal RE classes will not meet on this day. However, parents are asked to bring their children to Ash Wednesday services in church at Noon or 4:00 p.m. Mass with the distribution of ashes will take place at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Please bring any payments for outstanding RE tuition and fees to the RE office as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962 or email: mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

> MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT REGISTRATION 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for current preschool families is going on now. Open registration has begun for all new families. Registration forms are available on the Mary Queen website or in the preschool. We have two opportunities for you to tour the school and ask questions:

Tours by appointment take place every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of February: 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. and Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Open House Date

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For information please contact : Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director (630) 833-9500 Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

Diocesan News



THE 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Annual Appeal

PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS GIFT

This week, you are asked to review the Annual Appeal tabloid that you have received with your bulletin today. The Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of the Diocese of Joliet. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Diocese of Joliet is no exception.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. . Everything we have is a blessing from God. Your gifts to our parish, to the diocese, and to the work of the church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. He never forgets you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our diocese and how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry, and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the **important work of our diocese that can't be done as** individuals or at the parish level.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal in paid pledges, 50% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish. Last year we received \$218.00.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP Christ is the light which illumines the way. - Blessed John Paul II Support the Collection for the Church

Support the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions.

In addition to pastoral projects, scholarships, and other initiatives, the Collection supports Catholic organizations that work to ease the burdens facing those who live in the region. Many elderly residents of the former Soviet region of Georgia awoke one morning to find their pensions and life savings gone. Former doctors, lawyers, and musicians now find themselves with the equivalent of \$50 a month to **live on. This stipend doesn't even cover the cost of** one loaf of bread per day, leaving nothing to pay for transportation, clothing, or medicine. Collection funds are essential to keeping medical dispensaries and shelters open and ensuring that religious and lay ministers are available to help those in need.

In the neighboring Republic of Azerbaijan, Mother **Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters of Charity run a home**less shelter with aid from the Collection. In addition to providing bread, medical care, and transitional housing at the shelter, the sisters visit the poor and elderly who are bedridden or too sick to travel to the city, helping to bring the light of Christ to those living in the darkness of poverty, illness, and loneliness. The sisters combat the destruction brought on by 70 years of state atheism, which undermined Christian ideals and contributed to increased alcoholism and deterioration of the family unit.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where Christ, the Light, continues to illuminate the way. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Colon Bishop of Joliet

For more information, please visit: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

Community News

ELMHURST COLLEGE SPRING 2012 CULTURAL SEASON

Speakers will be addressing some "challenges posed by contemporary science" and "...the problems and promise of democracy." You can check out the entire series at www.elmhurst.edu/events.

- H. Richard Niebuhr: A Centennial Appreciation: Presented by Martin E. Marty (The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture) Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Frick Center.
- Truth and Justice in America: Presented by Bob Woodward and Judge William J. Bauer, Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel.

COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN IN BOLIVIA

One of our parishioners, Judy Fuchsen, will be leaving for a Mission Trip to Sucre, Bolivia on April 14th of this year. She has asked for our help in collecting colored pencils, erasers and children's chewable vitamins (no gummies) for children who attend Soup Kitchens and missions outside of Sucre and Santa Cruz. Beginning this weekend, there will be a basket in the narthex of church for your donations. Dayna Pierzchala will also be working on this project with some of our 8th graders who need service hours for Confirmation. For information, please contact Dayna at (630) 834-3025.

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Baby Aiden Cook Gene Los Neil McGovern Brenda Scanlon Arlene Sima Dennis White Patrick White

Prayer g Requests

Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.

Ministry Schedule Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012			Ministry Schedule Saturday, February 25, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012			
	8:30 AM	7:00 PM		4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	TBA	M. Grozik	Lector	B. Lawlor	G. Dolesy	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	ТВА	D. Starosa(S) M. White (C) N. Willliamson K. Vicary G. Regan R. Melendez T. Sabel	Eucharistic Ministers	R. Liljegren (S) S. Pingatore (C) M. Conway M. Zelinski T. Sabel D. StaRosa G. Curtis	J. Eichorst (S) J. Unger (C) D. Bernstein G. Regan K. Vicary N. Williamson	R. Marro (S) P. Letourneau (C) P. Mason P. Twardowski T. Kevil T. Gusloff D. Justus J. Lindberg
Altar Servers	TBA	ТВА	Altar Servers	E. Zielinski J. Alonso C. Gornick	I. Weigel D. Bolivar D. Dunn	J. Vosicky A. Frank R. Hendron

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 19, 2012					
8:30 AM	† Mark Enright				
10:30 AM	† Elizabeth Kramm				
	ruary 20, 2012 † Ralph St. Pierre				

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 8:30 AM **† Mary and John Taychman**

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 Ash Wednesday 8:30 AM **† Catherine "Tina" Taschetta**

- 7:00 PM **† Ann Viggiano**
- Thursday, February 23, 2012 8:30 AM **† Zoila Rivera**

Friday, February 24, 2012 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, February 25, 2012 4:30 PM† Patricia Timothy

Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:30 AM Claudia Cristina Gómez 10:30 AM **† Fred Cafasso**

† indicates person is deceased

Church Support						
Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 12, 2012						
Adults	\$7,789.57					
Parish Pay	\$4,075.91					
Children	\$34.41					
Collection Total	\$11,899.89					

171 parishioner envelopes were used. 134 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12 Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29 Monday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37 Tuesday: Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 Thursday: Friday: ls 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: ls 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15