

**STRAIGHT LINES**

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** —Remember not the events of the past; see, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
MARCH 25— APRIL 1**

Sunday Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

**GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN  
AGES 1-5!**

Libby Grabert, our nursery attendant, will be taking care of children ages 1 to 5 years (limit of 6 children), during the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses this Sunday. The nursery is located in the Education Building to the East of the church.

**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT:** As we continue our Lenten journey of Fasting and Feasting, let this be our week to... **Make family meals a priority.** When we eat together, more than food passes between us. We share both meat and meaning, difficulties and delights. We create bonds and strengthen our relationships. Let us Fast from judging others...and Feast on the Christ within them. (Thanks again to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Good Ground Press for our Lenten recipes.)

**This Week At St. Frances Cabrini**

**Note: Fr. Fuller will be out of town March 21 through March 25; Fr. Tom Millane will preside at Masses Thurs.—Sat. & Confession on Sat.; Fr. Jim Bowes (from Vatican Observatory) will preside at both Sunday Masses.**

**Sunday March 25**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Just Coffee, after each Mass

First Eucharist Retreat, Rms. 1, 2, 4, & 5, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Program, Rooms 6 & 7, 9:30 a.m.

**Monday March 26**

Cabrini Homeowners’ Assoc., Rm. 5, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday March 27**

Waldorf School rehearsals, Hall

Sew & Visit Group, Rm. 5, 10:00 a.m.

RCIA, Rm. 3, 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Bible Study, Rm. 1, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday March 28**

Waldorf School rehearsals, Hall

Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday March 29**

Waldorf School rehearsals, Hall

**Friday March 30**

Waldorf School rehearsals, Hall

Overeaters Anonymous, Rm. 3, 7:30 a.m.

**Sunday April 1**

**Palm Sunday**

Youth Program, Rooms 6 & 7, 9:30 a.m.

Communal Reconciliation, 4:00 p.m.

**MARCH 24—APR. 1**

Sat.	5:00 PM	- Margaret Tucker† - Richard (“Dick”) Anderson†
Sun.	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	- People of the Parish - Raymond Mason† - Don Kantner†
Mon.	8:00 AM	- McLane Family, Special Intention
Tues.	8:00 AM	- Alice Katafiacz† - Guillermina Torres†
Thurs.	8:00 AM	- Christopher Burns, Special Intention
Fri.	8:00 AM	- Leo D. Steward†
Sat.	5:00 PM	- Salvador Lopez† - George Brinsko†
Sun.	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	- People of the Parish - Bill Page† - Charles Hartung†



## Collections

### 2006-2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Year-To-Date Budget:</b>	\$ 277,500.00
<b>Year-To-Date Income:</b>	\$ 313,145.00
<b>Sunday Collection:</b>	\$ 6,946.00
<b>Amount Needed Weekly:</b>	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Amount-To-Date Over:</b>	\$ 35,645.00



### FAMILY PROGRAM:

Next Sunday, April 1, the Family Program will begin in the Parish Hall at 9:30 with snack and Bible lesson. In classrooms at 10:00, children will study Ch. 21. Parents will explore the essentials of our Catholic faith.



### FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT:

This Sunday, March 25th, children and parents preparing for First Eucharist will have a retreat in the Education Bldg. from 9:30 to 12:00. Families, please remember to bring your creative visual piece to share what the children have learned at home while preparing for First Eucharist. A pizza lunch will be provided as part of the retreat experience. We will begin the morning in Room 5.

**The Mexican Lunch** was a big success. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group. Here we come, Pima County Fair & the Arizona Diamondbacks!



### GRADES 6-12:

**Today:** Holy Week and the Crucifixion will be our topics.

**Next week: no morning class — but we will attend the parish Communal Penance/Reconciliation Service and enjoy some food afterwards — so plan to be here 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Need any homework help?** Jim Mueller is available on Wed. evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 in Room 7.

The remaining dates in 2007 that he will be there: Mar. 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16.



### **CALLING ALL PICK-UP OWNERS:**

A request from St. Vincent de Paul: Due to health problems of many of our members, we are in dire need of a healthy person with an open-bed truck which could be used to pick up cases of food from our warehouse and bring them back to our food pantry. This is only done once a month, on the 3rd Mon. or Tues., leaving at 8:30 and finishing by 11:00 a.m. One or two SVDP members would always accompany you. Please call Marylyn at 529-0022 if you can help. We would appreciate it so much!



### PARISH PICNIC

**Volunteers needed to help on day (April 15) of picnic. Sign-up sheets in vestibule. We will also need to know how many parishioners will be attending, so please fill out forms found in the vestibule. These will be there the next 3 weeks.**

## Liturgy Notes

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Thank you to all who signed up for our Holy Week liturgies. Your schedules for Holy Thursday or Good Friday are available on the credenza in the vestibule. Please pick it up today.

### LECTOR/COMMENTATORS FOR PALM SUNDAY

**AND GOOD FRIDAY:** A copy of the Passion reading is available on the credenza in the vestibule. Please pick up after Mass so you can practice. The book has your name on it; a paper with instructions is in the book. Please bring the reading with you when you come to Mass on your assigned day.

### SERVERS, LECTOR/COMMENTATORS/

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:** Instructions and/or scripts are available for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday on the credenza in the vestibule. They have your name on them. Please pick up yours after Mass.

### OUR COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

will be held on Sun., Apr. 1 at 4:00 p.m.

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER:

We would appreciate donations of Spring flowers for our Easter sanctuary April 7-8. Please bring them to the church on Friday, April 6 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. or Sat., April 7 between 9 and 11. If you would like to give a plant or bouquet of Spring flowers in honor of or in remembrance of someone, we will have memorial cards available for you to sign and put on the plants. If you bring fresh flowers, please bring them in a vase. We have a limited supply of vases. We will place all the flowers in the sanctuary.



**JUST COFFEE SALES** at St. Frances Cabrini will be happening this weekend, March 24-25. Come to the church patio after any Mass this weekend for a delicious sample and buy some to take home.

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### LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VOCATIONS

will be presented at the San Xavier Mission grounds on Sat., March 31 at 10:00 a.m. The stations will be portrayed by young adults of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and will be offered as a prayer for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese. For more information, call the Vocations Office at 838-2531.

### PRACTICAL SKILLS CLASSES FOR FAMILY CARE-

**GIVERS** will be offered **free of charge** by Pima Health System, funded through Pima Council on Aging, at the following times:  
**“Caring for Persons with Dementia”**

Tues., Mar. 27 (10:00 a.m.– 12 noon), Casa de Esperanza, 780 Park Centre, Green Valley.

**“Understanding & Managing Diabetes”**

Wed., Apr. 11 (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), St. Paul’s Methodist Church, 8501E. Broadway, Tucson.

Call **243-8378** to register or obtain more information. We also have free support groups for family caregivers, with respite care available during some meeting times. It can be so helpful to share experiences and ideas with others who understand. These support groups are available in English or Spanish at a variety of locations and times. Call the number above for details and to pre-register.