



The first reading is about the anointing of David as king over Israel. The passage is part of a larger biblical tradition of God judging people in ways that are very different from the ways that people judge each other.

The Lord calls the prophet Samuel to go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem to anoint the new king. One by one the sons of Jesse are brought to the prophet. Seven sons are brought and none of them proves to be the Lord's choice (1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10). Samuel had thought, however, that one of these sons, Eliab, was the choice of God (16:6b). The appearance and commanding presence of this young man led him to this conclusion. But the Lord responds that there is a different set of divine criteria for judging people: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart" (16:7).

Seven sons of Jesse receive no endorsement from God as the next king. David seems to be almost an afterthought. Samuel has to ask if Jesse has any other sons, and when Jesse says that there is still the youngest son, David has to be brought in from tending the sheep. Seven is a number of fullness, and David's being the eighth son suggests that God is working outside the boundaries of the expected. It is David whom God confirms. Although David is described as handsome, it is clear from God's earlier words that the characteristic that God is looking for is David's interior disposition (16:7b, 12).

Many times in the Old Testament God chooses the younger son over the elder one as the means through which God's promises will be perpetuated. This is also the case, for example, when God chooses Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. This biblical tradition, including today's passage, instructs us that the qualities that matter most are the internal ones.

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Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a,10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Saint Patrick, bishop
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Saint Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

SAVE THE DATE:

The St Ann School Centennial Mass

St. Ann Catholic School of Hamilton, OH is celebrating 100 years of educating our young people. All Alumni and former teachers are invited to attend this event, beginning with the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please set aside the date April 18, 2010. For more information you can contact the school at 513-863-4963 or call Linda at 513-896-9006.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - We have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters all throughout our Archdiocese. Giving is the measure of love: how much we ask of another is the measure of the relationship we want with that person. Jesus asks each one of us for everything. A gift is important, not for its amount, but because of what we become through the act of giving it. Please decide on your CMA gift in this spirit.

WATCH SPECIAL EWTN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMMING

Join EWTN in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and Live Easter Masses from Rome and The Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Locally, you can watch EWTN on Time Warner Cable Channel #23.

"While there are many evils rampant in our time, many threats to human life and dignity, and while we must be concerned about them all, I remain convinced that abortion can rightly be called the primal evil of our time. It is always gravely immoral. Its victims are among the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. Since Roe v. Wade, 47 million human lives have been destroyed before birth or during the birth process. Hundreds of thousands of women have been traumatized by abortion. Many men grieve because they could not protect an unborn child they helped to bring into being. Abortion is the most striking and profound symptom of the abyss into which the ethics of much of the United States, indeed, the world, has fallen" *Bishop Richard Malone, Diocese of Portland, ME - January 13, 2007.*

Father John A. Hardon – Basic Catholic Catechism

If you are interested in understanding more fully what we believe as Catholics, a sixteen-lesson Basic Catholic Catechism Home Study Course will be offered covering the essentials of the Catholic faith in a systematic and comprehensive way. Written by Servant of God Father John A. Hardon S.J., this challenging home study course is open to everyone. It will help you grow to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. Study is done independently then participants meet twice a month to review the questions and answers and engage in a lively discussion of the lesson. An informational meeting will be held at St. Ann's Parish Center on Wed., Apr. 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Course materials will be explained and will be available for purchase. For more information or to register, contact Viv Sullivan @ 868-9865 or Mary Eichhold @ 8633345.

The Benefits: Adult education at home; participation in the New Evangelization as requested by our late Holy Father Pope John Paul II; greater confidence in knowledge of your Catholic faith; deeper love for the Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 14th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, March 16th

9:30 -12:30 Rosary Society Day of Reflection
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, March 17th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 5:30 p.m. Confession
 7:00 p.m. St. Ann School Centennial meeting

Thursday, March 18th

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Friday, March 19th

5:30 p.m. Soup & Bread in the school cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 20th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, March 21st

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

La Rosa's Buddy Cards sale

Cards expire October 3, 2010. Cards reduced to \$5.00 each. Cards can be purchased at the parish office. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Alumni fund.

Badin Theater Presents "Annie"

March 25, 26, 27, at 7:30 pm.
 March 28 at 2:30 pm. Badin High School Little Theater
 Tickets are \$10.00 or 6 tickets for \$48 the same performance.
 Please call 513-863-3993 for more information.

The Knights of Columbus, Father Roettele Council #8115 of Fairfield is hosting their 18th annual Fish Fry on March 26th and April 2nd, 2010. It will be held, as in past years, at the Sacred Heart Church School Cafeteria, located at the corner of Nilles and River Roads in Fairfield. The dine-in serving time will be from 5.30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on all the dates. There will also be a carry-out service during the same times, by calling (513) 858-4218 in advance to place orders, which can be picked up at the marked entrance door. Fish, Shrimp, and Crab Cake dinners will be available with expanded menu offerings

St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Shandon, OH is seeking a part time Youth Minister. This position is responsible for implementing the goals and components of a comprehensive Catholic Youth Ministry Program as outlined in "Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry." The candidate should have or be working toward a certificate in Youth Ministry, and / or a degree in Catholic studies or theology. We are looking for someone who is creative, energetic, self-motivated, and faith filled. Interested applicants should submit a resume by May 1, 2010 to Rev. Raymond J. Leurck, St. Aloysius Church, P.O. Box 95, Shandon, OH 45063.



Saturday, March 13th

5:00 p.m. Janice Ruhl – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Sunday, March 14th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Baynes (Patty)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, March 15th Lenten Weekday

7:15 a.m. Florence Saurber (Ted & Mary Lou Clear)

Tuesday, March 16th Lenten Weekday

7:15 a.m. George Staarmann (Frances Downie)

Wednesday, March 17th St. Patrick

7:15 a.m. Deceased members of the Kroeger Family

Thursday, March 18th St. Cyril

7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, March 19th St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM

8:00 a.m. John "Joe" Rumpler (Family)

Saturday, March 20th Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Therese Fontaine (Mike & Carolyn Sheard)
 5:00 p.m. Doris Landrum (Family)

Sunday, March 21st Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. David Vinson - 16th Anniversary (Family)

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
03/07/2010	\$ 10,635.15
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 422,520.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 348,751.63
Applebee's Fund Raiser	\$ 154.45
Kroger's check for February	\$ 1,063.20

Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church Lenten Penance Service

"Keep Holy the Lord's Day" by attending a *Day of Recollection* on **Sunday, March 28** at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue, KY (next to Newport) on the Ohio River. We invite you to be enriched by Rosary at 12:40pm, then Sunday Mass at 1pm, 2 talks, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration. We will conclude around 4pm and then join us for refreshments! Come for part or for all, and no cost required. For information, please call Divine Mercy Parish (859-261-6172) or Joe Martino (513-891-7301)

Theology of the Body speaker, *Damon Owens* is coming to Miami University to share with us about God, Sex, and the Meaning of Life. Damon will be at Miami University's Hall Auditorium on Sunday, April 11th at 3:30 pm. This event is free and is open to the public. Damon Owens is the founder of Joy-Filled Marriage New Jersey, a non-profit organization that supports engaged and married couples, as well as the NFP Program Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. He also keeps a full schedule speaking at national conferences, parishes, high schools, seminaries, and more.