







March 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30am Mass and Coffee 1 7:30pm Rosary 2	2  Ski Trip
3  Even More Ski Trip	4 7:30pm OLQA People of the Passion	5 Noon, Lunch in Irvine 3	6	7 7:30pm Lenten Series 4	8 7:30pm OLQA Rosary Group 2	9
10  8am-1pm Bake Sale at OLQA to benefit Corazón	11 7:30pm OLQA "Journey to Catholicism" with Tim Staples 6	12	13	14 7:30pm Lenten Series 4	15 7:30pm OLQA Rosary Group 2	16 9:00 am Feed the Poor with Loaves and Fishes Sherry 733-3166. Lord's Day 7
17  St. Patrick Day	18 No Meeting No Reason	19	20	21 7:30pm Lenten Series 4	22 7:30pm OLQA Rosary Group 2 Spring Retreat 5	23 Spring Retreat 5
24  Spring Retreat 31	25 7:30pm OLQA "Upon This Rock," with Tim Staples 6	26	27	28 7:30pm Lenten Series 4	29	30 8:00am Borrego Springs Hike Call Mark 963-4425

Calendar Details

- 1** First Friday Monthly Coffee Talk, 6:30am mass, OLQA. Peg will be in the front of the church on the right. After mass we'll head over to Diedrich's for java at Jamboree & Bristol.
- 2** Our Lady's Rosary prayer meeting, 7:30pm. Every Friday evening CCF members come together for prayer. We meet in the church at OLQA for Rosary, chaplet, and special intentions. Social and video following. In case of a special event in the church, we meet in the teachers' lounge.
- 3** Lunch in Irvine. For those who work in the area, come join CCF members for a time of fellowship. Meet at the Holiday Inn, 17941 Von Karman Ave. Call Mark 963-4425 (home) or 476-1636 (work).
- 4** Lenten Series: Every Thursday throughout March we will gather at the home of Glenn Howland, 606 Lake St. #19, Huntington Beach. There will be prayer and scripture sharing. Call John R at 630-5188 or jrobison@ucla.edu.
- 5** Friday, March 22-24, "By His wounds we are healed" Retreat will be conducted by Fr. Jerry Bevilaqua, who will give all the talks and will be present all weekend. We will focus on learning contemplative prayer to identify those areas of our lives that need forgiveness and healing. Will be held at Wrightwood. \$75 due by March 18. Call John Robison at 630-5188 or jrobison@ucla.edu or Mike Babineau at 836-8184.
- 6** The Service Team asks that you please bring Easter basket goodies for the poor to this meeting.
- 7** Lord's Day Supper. Our theme is passover. We will have a Seder meal at OLQA in the parish hall. The cost is \$5.00. All food will be provided.



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Lent: Giving It Up or Giving?

Some challenges for observing Lent

By Rozena Kirby

This is a time when we reflect on our Christianity. We begin the month by continuing our observance of Lent. As a child, I remember “giving up things” for Lent such as sodas, candy, or vegetables. When I successfully completed this task, I felt that I had fulfilled my Catholic obligation. This was the extent of my childhood Lenten commitment.

As we mature, we learn that the Lenten season asks more from us. “Giving up things,” and “Fasting and abstaining from meat” are not our only pre-Easter obligations. Lent is a time to give of

ourselves—to serve our neighbors. This labor of love: service, should be a conscious effort not only at Lent but year round.

“...I call you friends because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures...” (John 15:15-16).

While looking for a Bible verse that describes service, these passages practically leaped from the page. I am a firm believer that nothing is an accident. We joined CCF not only for fellowship but we are also called to serve. This month, the Service Team has planned a few events which will give us opportunities to help others.

A bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 10. The sale will take place outside of Our Lady Queen of Angels’ church from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can bring your home baked or (in my case) purchased baked goods to sell. The proceeds will benefit the upcoming Corazón trip which will happen on May 25. The Corazón Project involves the construction of a home for a family in Mexico.

On March 16, we invite you to help at Loaves and Fishes which is located at St. Joseph’s School. The School address is 608 Civic Center Drive in Santa Ana. Loaves and Fishes is an organization that prepares and provides meals to needy families at the Parish each weekend. This past January, over 400 people were fed on one Saturday. There will be another opportunity to help in April. The date will be announced in the next newsletter.

The service team is asking for donations for Easter baskets. The assembled baskets will be given to families at St. Joseph’s Parish. CCF will be collecting items during the Monday night meetings from March 11 through April 1. Please bring baskets, Easter candy, toys, stuffed animals, and fake grass for the baskets. We’ll also need volunteers to assemble the baskets. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need more information about the events, please call any of the Service Team members. Their phone numbers are listed on page two.

We are called to offer the kind of fruit that endures—service. Are you ready to give of yourself?



Howard DeCroye/naere

During the CCF Guy’s Day, David Carlile enjoys the attention that only a broken ankle brings. Fr. Art administers “last rites.”

From the Co-Leaders...



Dear Corpus Christi Fellowship:

Is life just a little too busy right now? Is the rat race starting to wear on you? Do you need a little time away from it all? Wait, don't answer just yet.

Would you be interested in an opportunity to get away for an entire weekend at a beautiful mountain resort? What if we told you that you could go with a bunch of your friends? Wait, there's more. What if we told you that the fellowship would invigorate you, the spirituality would inspire you, and the crisp, clean mountain air would blow you away. Starting to sound interesting? What if we told you that you would get to spend the entire weekend with the Lord! Sound like an offer too good to be true? Well, here is the weekend offer of a lifetime.

Yes, you and all of your closest friends will be going to beautiful Wrightwood, California for a weekend retreat. Your accommodations include two days and two nights at the Mount Kare resort. You will feast on delicious mountain cooking and sip hot chocolate by the fire. You will sing to the heavens and dance and laugh to the wee hours of the morning. Fr. Jerry Bevilacqua will inspire you with a weekend of healing, sharing, and prayer. Yes, this mini-vacation can be yours for only \$75. See Mike Babineau or John Robison for more details. We invite you to join us for a wonderful weekend on our Spring Retreat. God bless you and have a spirit filled Lent.

Yours in Christ,

John and "T"



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Lent, Springtime, and Tim Staples

By Paul Voida

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the feast of the Resurrection. Often we think of it as a time of morbid, gloomy penances. However historically it has been associated with springtime, a time for preparing our souls for the new growth of God's life in us. The divine office says:

"Behold, the week of pruning has arrived. The announcement of Spring! It prepares us for the holy Fast by purifying our souls and bodies."

Lent is a time when we are called to tend to the garden of our souls. Breaking the crusty soil of our hearts, scraping the barnacles and grime that make us dull to God's love and life in us. Truly, a spiritual house cleaning. But, we don't tend our garden alone, our spiritual mother the Virgin Mary assists us:

"You have raised our earthly clay to heaven: O Virgin, make fertile my spiritual garden. In the furrows of my sordid soul, rain down your mercy that virtue may grow so that I may praise Christ, exalting him forever."

Lent is a time to literally lighten our load both physically and spiritually. How are we to proceed with this spring cleaning?

"With zeal let us begin to fast, purifying our thoughts and deeds so that we may obtain forgiveness of our sins...As

we abstain from meat and other foods, let us also flee from hostility, hatred, and idle living...from lying and from every sort of evil...let us proclaim a fasting from our passions: with tears let us cry to the Lord: Give us your grace, O Master, and help us, O God of mercy, to do your will."

Why should we fast? "The gift of abstinence is an inexhaustible treasure, and the one who acquires this gift, becomes prosperous before God...let us sing the praise of the Fast, the beginning of our spiritual struggle: let us set aside our desires of the flesh that we may grow in the gifts of the spirit. As servants of Christ, let us suffer as He did that we may be glorified as children of God. May the Holy Spirit, who dwells in our hearts, make his light shine on our souls."

Fasting is supposed to assist in helping us change how we think and where our affections lie. Change isn't easy. Changing our thinking and affections is even more difficult, yet that is what our Holy Mother Church calls us to do. It takes courage. And when I think of those who have had the courage to

change their thoughts and affections I think of those modern day converts who were challenged by God's revelation to risk losing their family and friends in order to become Catholic.

As a cradle Catholic I can easily take for granted the gift of the sacraments

that Christ through His Body, the Church, makes available to me. So I am awed that someone such as Tim Staples has pursued God's calling right into the Catholic Church. He admits that he had many misunderstandings about the Church. Yet he had the courage to look and pursue God's calling even when it was uncomfortable. Being uncomfortable is often necessary

to be converted to follow Christ in more radical ways. I am honored to hear Tim Staples tell his story to us at CCF.

Tim will be the guest speaker at CCF on two Monday nights. I hope we have the courage to follow the calling of Christ in our own lives especially when it is difficult. Now is the season for pruning our garden, for a recommitment to prayer and fasting and for tears of repentance. Now is the time for Lent.



Tim Staples



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