



Guardian Angel Cathedral

FEBRUARY 2010

Volunteer and Staff Newsletter

Las Vegas, Nevada

Meetings and Committees

- **Television**
Wed Feb 3 – 6:30pm
Michael La Rocca
GAC Ofc: 735-5241
- **Senior Club**
Tues. Feb 2 – 1:00pm
Call: 363-6820
- **Oktoberfest**
Edgar Velazquez/Chair
Call: 813-2657
Barbara Burke/Crafts
Call: 871-9065
Theresa Gagliano/
Bake Sale
Call: 658-3211
- **St. Joseph's Table**
Julie Andriaccio/Chair
Call: 735-1065
- **Meetings held in Anderson Hall**

Music

- **Cantors, Holiday & Men's Chorus**
Debbie Cenna/GAC
Music Dir.
Call: 612-4466
- **Diocesan/Cathedral Choir**
Mondays 7pm
Marek Rachelski/Dir.
Call: 565-5060

GAC Office Closed
Feb 15 – Presidents' Day



Those who work with liturgy in parishes know that some of the largest crowds in the year will show up to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Though this is not a holy day of obligation in our tradition, many people would not think of letting Ash Wednesday go by without a trip to church to be marked with an ashen cross on their foreheads. Even people who seldom come to Church for the rest of the year may make a concerted effort to come for ashes. How did this practice become such an important part of the lives of so many believers? Who came up with the idea for this rather odd ritual? How do we explain the popularity of smudging our foreheads with ashes and then walking around all day with dirty faces? Those who do not share our customs often make a point of telling us that we have something on our foreheads, assuming we would want to wash it off, but many Catholics wear that smudge faithfully all day.

The name 'Day of Ashes' comes from "Dies Cinerum" in the Roman Missal and is found in the earliest existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary. The concept originated by the Roman Catholics somewhere in the 6th century. Though the exact origin of the day is not clear, the custom of marking the head with ashes on this Day is said to have originated during the papacy of Gregory the Great (590-604).

Originally the use of ashes to show penance was a matter of private devotion. Later it became part of the official rite for reconciling public penitents. In this context, ashes on the penitent served as a motive for fellow Christians to pray for the returning sinner and to feel sympathy for him. Still later, the use of ashes passed into its present rite of beginning the penitential season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.



Online sources were used for this article.

2010 GAC Events

- **St. Joseph's Table**
Sat March 20, 2010
- **Our Lady/Fatima Day**
Thurs May 13, 2010
12:10 Mass
- **6th Annual 2010 Oktoberfest Craft & Bake Sale**
Sat & Sun Oct 2 & 3
- **Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast**
Sat Dec 25, 2010
12mid to 1:30am on KLAS TV Channel 8

2010 Workshops

- **Liturgical Ministries**
EM's May 18 &
Sept 21 @ 6:30pm
Lectors May 19 &
Sept 22 @ 6:30pm
Servers May 20 &
Sept 23 @ 6:30pm
- You must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved.
All workshops in the Church & will not exceed 3hrs.

- The Monthly Schedule & Newsletter can be found online at:
lasvegas-diocese.org
Go to Parishes, and click on the GAC page.
- Deadline for schedule conflicts 15th of the month.
- **Contact: Michael La Rocca,**
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Did you know that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday?

Ash Wednesday – February 17th

Masses: 8:00 am / 12:10 pm Pontifical Mass with Bishop Pepe / & 5:00 pm.

2010 Holy Week Schedule

March 27 – Palm Sunday Vigil Masses
2:30pm / 4:30pm / 6:30pm

March 28 – Palm Sunday

7:00am / 9:00am / 11:00am with Bishop Pepe
1:00pm / & 5:00pm

March 30 – The Chrism Mass – 6:00pm

April 1 – Holy Thursday Mass – 5:00pm

April 2 – Good Friday Passion – 3:00pm

April 3 – The Easter Vigil – 7:00pm

April 4 – Easter Sunday

7:00am / 9:00am / 11:00am with Bishop Pepe
1:00pm / 3:00pm / & 5:00pm

FASTING & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS **Abstinence:** Refraining from eating meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent** for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting:** One full meal is allowed and two smaller meals (if needed) to maintain strength on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** for all Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59. See the bottom of the month of February on the 2010 Cathedral Calendar for more detailed explanation.

BLESSING OF THROATS The Feast of St. Blaise is Wednesday February 3. Throats will be blessed at the conclusion of the 8:00am and 12:10pm Masses.

TELEVISION MINISTRY MEETING The first meeting in 2010 for our Cathedral Television Ministry will be held on **Wednesday February 3, at 6:30pm** in Anderson Hall. All current TV Ministry Members should attend this meeting and new volunteers are always welcome. This meeting will also include preparation for the Annual St. Joseph's Table.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE HELP NEEDED We need **YOU**. Either attend the TV Ministry meeting (see above) or call **Julie Andriaccio** at 735-1065.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL EVENTS AT GAC As the "Mother Church" of the Las Vegas Diocese we have the pleasure of hosting many Diocesan Masses and events here at the Cathedral. This month we are proud to welcome all of the Catholic Schools in our Diocese for the **All-Schools Mass** with Bishop Pepe on **Tuesday February 2, at 9:30am**. Next, Bishop Pepe will celebrate the Annual **Married Couples Anniversary Mass** on **Sunday February 14, at 2:30pm**, and finally the Bishop will welcome all of the RCIA Candidates from around the Diocese to the **Rite of Election** on **Sunday February 21, at 2:30pm**. All are welcome to attend these wonderful Liturgical Events right here at GAC.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE CONFLICTS Please have your Holy Week schedule conflicts in writing to Michael by February 10th. The Holy Week Schedule is listed above. Also include in your note if you are able to serve more than one Mass for the Palm Sunday Vigil Masses, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

2009 MIDNIGHT MASS DVD'S AVAILABLE Please send \$30 check or money order to Tsunami Studios of Las Vegas – 1600 E. Dessert Inn Rd. Ste. 290 – Las Vegas, NV 89169. You may also order copies of the 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 Telecasts for \$30 per copy, or order all Five Years for \$100. When ordering individual telecasts please specify year. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery
