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MASSES:
 Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 A.M.
 Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M.
 12:10 P.M.
 Weekday: 12:10 P.M.
 Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.
 Feast: 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:
 Daily: 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15
 Anytime on request.
 Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
 Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 18, 2012

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

SCRIPTURE THEME: **GOD'S MERCY**

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.



The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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LENTEN REMINDERS:

Abstinence: All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, unless a very serious reason excuses us on a particular Friday (excepting Good Friday, which must be observed always.)

Lenten Devotions: During Lent why not attend Mass every day. This could be the beginning of a very good habit. Daily Mass here at the Cathedral is at 12:10 P.M. Also, as is customary, the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday afternoon at 5:15 P.M. Please make a special effort to attend.



SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend to help defray the costs for decorating the church for Holy Week.

Mass Intentions **Week Beginning Sunday, March 18, 2012**

Sunday March 18	8:00 A.M. Bert Scott, Sr. 10:30 A.M. Parishioners
Monday March 19	12:10 PM.. Miss Gwen Byrd (L)
Tuesday March 20	12:10 P.M. Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday March 21	12:10 P.M. Thomas E. Stanton
Thursday March 22	12:10 P.M. Mrs. Ginger Koppersmith (L)
Friday March 23	12:10 P.M. Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Saturday March 24	8:00 A.M. Mrs. Karen Abreo 4:30 P.M.

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your
tithes and donations of
\$2,987.35 and \$147.63 for the
St. Vincent de Paul Society.
Thank you.



CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK:

If you have a special intention please call the Prayer Request Line at the Cathedral Rectory at 434-8291 and leave the name of the persons you wish to have prayed for and the reason. Your request will be relayed to the members of the network. Your request will remain confidential.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Having an emergency? Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we may be able to help you. Call (251) 442-1122 and leave a message. **Please help us help other.** Contributions may be left in the Poor Box at the rear of the church or you can mail a check to The Cathedral Downtown Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 161, Mobile, AL 36601. **Join us!** Come to our meetings to learn more about the charitable works of this organization. Meetings are on the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

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