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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.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Eve of Feast:	5:30 P.M.
Holy Days:	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

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 25, 2012

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33

SCRIPTURE THEME: **THE NEW COVENANT**

Today's first reading is an enormously important pas-

sage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established.



Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

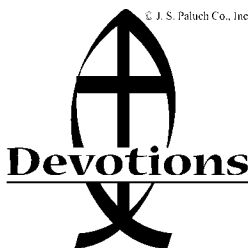
Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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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 this weekend to help defray the costs for decorating the church for Holy Week.

Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, March 25, 2012

Sunday March 25	8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Monday March 26	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday March 27	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday March 28	12:10 P.M.	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Thursday March 29	12:10 P.M.	James Finnessey
Friday March 30	12:10 P.M.	Fintan Mathews
Saturday March 31	8:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.	Marcia Ann Woodruff

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations of \$3,209.46 and for Catholic Relief Services \$559.73. Thank you.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday & Wednesday Masses: 12:10 PM

Tuesday Mass: 11:00 AM

Mass of Chrism This is an impressive Religious Rite. You are invited to attend and participate.

****THERE IS NO 12:10 PM MASS ON HOLY TUESDAY**

Holy Thursday: 5:15 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until **9:00 PM**

Good Friday 2:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Liturgy of the Passion of Christ **3:00 PM**

Confessions After 3:00 PM Liturgy

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 4:30-5:30 PM

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL: 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

8:00 AND 10:30 AM

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend. Please be generous,.

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