



St. Thomas Lenasia

4th Sunday of Lent B
22nd March 2009

How passionate are you for Jesus?

Come join us for the Passion walk - 4th April

Sin is a fact of life. Whether it's sins of the flesh (such as adultery, fornication, masturbation, gluttony, drunkenness), sins of pride (anger, hard-heartedness, envy), or some other kind of moral failing, we all fall prey to sin. Some sins are called "venial," because they weaken the life of grace in the soul and make it more likely that the person will fall into "mortal" (i.e., serious) sin — the kind of sin which, because of its gravity, extinguishes the life of grace in the soul.

As the Bible reminds us very pointedly, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

The problem is that many people become comfortable with living in the state of sin (1 John 5:16-17) and never really make any effort to turn their hearts back toward the Lord with repentance and a firm desire to avoid sin and grow in holiness. There are even those who live an outward life of apparent goodness, but inwardly, they are practising sins that keep them from the relationship with the Lord that He desires for them. "He who says, 'I know him' but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4).

The good news is that Jesus Christ wants to free you from the chains of sin, give you new life in grace, and lead you to the heights of holiness. But he won't do that against your will. You must be willing to say "yes" to His gifts of grace and forgiveness. And the very first step along that path is to make a good, sincere, heartfelt confession of your sins.

Even if it's been many years since you last went to confession, there's no reason to be afraid or to delay. You can change your life today, by going to confession!

Weekend masses: **SATURDAY 5 pm** and **SUNDAY 10.30 am**
Confessions: **SATURDAY 4.30 pm** or by appointment
Weekday masses: **TUESDAY 9 am** and **WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm**
First Friday of the month: **ADORATION 6.15 pm** and **MASS 7.30 pm**

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For **Mass intentions** and **appointment** with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 12.30
OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.
For **Sick calls**, please contact
Clive Padayachee on 011.854.5060 or 072.493.4773
For **Funerals**, please contact **Vivian Patel** on 011.854.8523 or **Cynthia Thomas** on 011.854.5490
In case of emergency only, **Fr. Philippe's** cell is 082.729.3758

Join in the following activities...
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall.
Contact Edgar 011 852 4960
INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP: every Friday 10 am - 24 Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Hall.
YOUTH CJA GROUP: every Friday 7.30 pm in the Hall - contact Lerece 083 411 5650

PASSION WALK, 4TH APRIL

In two weeks time... already! This year, the Saturday afternoon "Passion Walk" will be big. We have invited the Christians from St. Kizito, Vlakfontein and Zakarriyah Park. A few youths from the Anglican Church might even share the event with us. Please remember, the event is being prepared by the Youths, but every parishioner is warmly invited to take part in this Passion Walk. Let us proudly glorify Christ who, by accepting death on a Cross, has brought us Life!

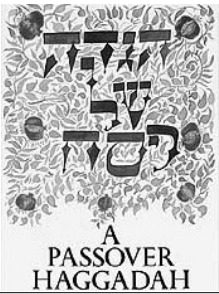
Last year the Morgan family on Lilac Street and the Williams family on Vulture Avenue, opened their homes, and generously provided refreshments to everyone who participated in the Passion Walk. This year we will follow a similar route starting at Greyville Public Swimming Pool, leading to the Church.

Would your family be willing to set up a refreshment stall? If so, we encourage you to combine with other families living close by, chose a key point to set up a stall, and notify any JCJ Facilitator so that we can plan our route accordingly.

Passover Meal

Let us remember and celebrate the roots of our faith by taking part into one of the Passover Meals organised at St. Thomas'.
CCD5-8 and JCJ1-3: Sunday 5th April from 12pm to 4pm (R30)

Adults: Tuesday 7th April at 7pm (tickets available for R80)



RECONCILIATION SERVICE...

on **Wednesday 1st April 2009** at 7.30pm. There will be no mass, the intention will be transferred to Thursday morning.

Deeper YES - 18th April 2009

U wanna go deeper... register from today!

JCJ1 Sponsors formation this Sunday 22nd at 2pm

EME Formation this Sunday at 3pm

SOUTHERN CROSS Subscribers: Please pay your subscription R120 (Jan - end of May) and make sure you collect your paper every week.

Do remember the upcoming **"WINTER DANCE"** on 24th April - Ticket R50

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 25th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn

Fri 27th: Please 4 volunteers for the Way of the Cross

Sat 28th: Justin, Jacklyn, Sonam, Bradley, Janine J.

Sun 29th: Jason, Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette

Flower List

Terence & Cookie Lazarus, Tyrone & Marisa Lazarus, Jimmy & Nerisha Letchman, Emelda Mabitse

Mass Intentions

Sat 21st: Mr & Mrs. Mack Pillay RIP

Sun 22nd: Lawrence & Donovan Joseph RIP & Bookie Nair RIP & Leonard Niken 40 Days Mass.

Tue 24th: Special intention and Thanksgiving

Wed 25th: Thanksgiving

Funeral of Father Lionel Sham

More than 200 priests, 5 bishops, a Cathedral full in and out... A very moving celebration, a powerful homily by Archbishop Buti, at the end of which he asked all the Christians and priests to contribute towards buying a police car as a gesture of our commitment to restore a peaceful South Africa.

Timetable of the Week

Tuesday morning:

Holy Mass at 9am

Wednesday evening:

Eucharistic service at 7.30pm. The mass intention is transferred to the Thursday morning mass.

Thursday morning:

During Lent, mass will be celebrated every Thursday morning at 5.30am.

Friday evening:

The Way of the Cross will be conducted by Father in the traditional way at 7.30pm.