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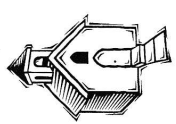
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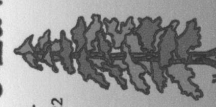
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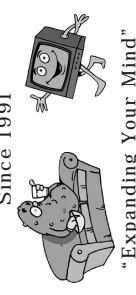
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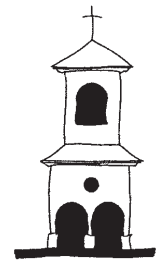
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# St. Jude Catholic Church

1056 Banks-Lowman Rd.  
 P.O. Box 221  
 Garden Valley, Idaho  
**Fr. Marcellus Fernandez, Pastor**  
**Alan Shaber, Deacon**



- Mass: Sunday, noon
- Confession: Sunday, after Mass
- Baptisms : Third Sunday of the month
- Message phone: 462-4099
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**March 25, 2007 — 5th Sunday in Lent**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

As Holy Week approaches, we ponder the ultimate mysteries of heaven, hell, & purgatory. Divine Revelation teaches us that when we die, each of us will experience hell, or heaven for eternity and most of us will be in need of experiencing purgatory. Our Sunday Bulletins (including this one) have been including paragraphs expressing the church formal teaching on heaven, hell & purgatory, or, as we traditionally refer to them, "The Last Things." Please note, that as Pope John Paul II makes clear in these paragraphs, heaven, hell, or purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of ongoing existence after death. Parents, in particular: Use these paragraphs to teach your children about these mysteries. Ask me if you need any further information.

— *Fr. Marcellus*

## STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." —*Luke 12:32-48*

Collection for March 18..... \$ will be reported next week.  
 (Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fish Friday:** This fundraiser for the orphanage in Mexico was a sell-out!!!! \$800.00 was raised for the cause. Susan Encinas provided another of her marvelous meals and had ample help from her extended family in preparing and packaging the meals. Thanks so much to all of you! And also to all of you who were lucky enough to enjoy this meal. The orphanage now has a donated English language website if you'd like to learn more: <http://www.AngelitosDeDios.org>.

**Do you know an “inactive Catholic”?** Invite him / her to come to our Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Materials (“rice bowl” & calendar) are available in the back of the church. If you are not already participating in this fund raiser for Catholic Relief Services, please consider participating.

**Wednesday April 4,** noon, until and including Monday April 9: Sacred Heart parish office is closed for the Holy Week / Easter holidays.

**April 16 - April; 20:** Fr. Marcellus is away for the Easter Holidays.

**Holy Week / Easter services:** Holy Thursday, April 5: 7:30 p.m. (Bilingual); Good Friday, April 6: 7:30 p.m. English Service (parish hall); 7:30 p.m. Spanish Service (church); Saturday, April 7: 10:00 a.m.: Easter Vigil rehearsal; 8:30 p.m.: Easter Vigil; **Easter Sunday,** April 8: 9:00 a.m. (bilingual); **noon: St. Jude.**

**Idaho Catholic Appeal:** Your contributions to the Idaho Catholic Appeal (ICA) make it possible for the diocese to provide a wide variety of pastoral services. Every day in our diocese, people in need turn to the Church for help and support. Every day our own parishioners are served, in one way or another, by our parish, with the backing of diocesan resources funded by the ICA. Plan to contribute generously to the ICA that makes it possible for the Diocese of Boise to function. **St. Jude’s assesment for this year is \$3,775.00.** If we do not make this goal, we must pay the balance out of our general fund, leaving less for operating expenses, programs and charity. If each of our registered families donates \$100.00 to the ICA, we will come very close to meeting this goal. In the past, we have only met our assessment due to the generosity of two families, each of who have had to scale back their ICA donations due to family circumstances. It’s time for YOU to step up to the plate and help our St. Jude community meet this goal! **Our amount collected for the ICA to date is \$1,597.50.**

## ST. JUDE BIRTHDAY CORNER

**March 30:** Teresa Riedinger’s birthday.

## SIN

“Mortal sin requires full knowledge and complete consent. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God’s law. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice. Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin.” —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1859

## PURGATORY

"We are invited to 'cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit' (2 Cor 7:1; cf. 1 Jn 3:3), because the encounter with God [after death] requires absolute purity. Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what is meant by the Church's teaching on purgatory. The term does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence. Those who, after death, exist in a state of purification, are already in the love of Christ who removes from them the remnants of imperfection" —*Pope John Paul II*, General Audience, August 4, 1999

## HELL

"God is the infinitely good and merciful Father. But man, called to respond to him freely, can unfortunately choose to reject his love and forgiveness once and for all, thus separating himself for ever from joyful communion with him. It is precisely this tragic situation that Christian doctrine explains when it speaks of eternal damnation or hell. It is not a punishment imposed externally by God but a development of premises already set by people in this life. The very dimension of unhappiness which this obscure condition brings can in a certain way be sensed in the light of some of the terrible experiences we have suffered which, as is commonly said, make life ‘hell.’ [Hell] is the ultimate consequence of sin itself, which turns against the person who committed it. It is the state of those who definitively reject the Father’s mercy, even at the last moment of their life."

—*Pope John Paul II*, General Audience, July 28, 1999

"The images of hell that Sacred Scripture presents to us must be correctly interpreted. They show the complete frustration and emptiness of life without God. Rather than a place, hell indicates the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy. This is how the Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes the truths of faith on this subject: ‘To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God’s merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called ‘hell’ (n. 1033)."

—*Pope John Paul II*, General Audience, July 28, 1999

## HEAVEN

"As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, ‘this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity — this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed — is called heaven. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness’ (n. 1024)."

—*Pope John Paul II*, General Audience, July 21, 1999

"In the context of Revelation, we know that the ‘heaven’ or ‘happiness’ in which we will find ourselves is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit. It is always necessary to maintain a certain restraint in describing these ‘ultimate realities’ since their depiction is always unsatisfactory. Today, personalist language is better suited to describing the state of happiness and peace we will enjoy in our definitive communion with God."

—*Pope John Paul II*, General Audience, July 21, 1999

