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# DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE INC. The Word

February 2008

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*Serving the Roman Catholic GLBT Community, its families & friends in Broward & Miami-Dade Counties since 1983*

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## **From the President:**

### ***The Journey of Lent***

Didn't we just finish Christmas shopping? Lent comes early this year – very early.

During the six week period of Lent, we prepare for the gift of Christ's resurrection and our redemption. While doing some research on the web in preparing for this article, one author mentioned that a great part of the mystery of Christianity is not just Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection but ours as well. When a person does penance and sacrifices for another person, the sinful part of that person dies in a manner of speaking. Through penance and striving to do "what Jesus would do", we become holier and happier person.

This is the time to look at ourselves and see what habit we have that is preventing us from having a happy/holy life. Maybe it's negativity or selfishness or "bitchiness." Whatever the short-failing, maybe it is time to ask God for help in overcoming it this Lent.

Bill Weber will be hosting a home liturgy on February 6<sup>th</sup> for Ash Wednesday. It will be a good way to start this season of reflection and renewal. You may also want to "google" words like Lent or prayers to help you.

I leave you with one prayer I found on the web:

Merciful God,  
On this Lenten journey. Give me the the courage to make change.  
Help me to show mercy for others and love generously.  
Transform my heart so that I may know the joy of Easter.  
I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### ***Chapter's Events***

*Every Sunday 7:30 PM..... Liturgy  
February 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM .....Ash Wednesday Mass  
February 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM .....Dinner & Movie Night  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM.....Board Meeting  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM...Annual Couples' Blessing  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM.....Home Social*

### ***ASH WEDNESDAY HOME LITURGY & DINNER***

In preparation for the Lenten season, Bill Weber will be hosting a liturgy and meatless dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at his home in Pembroke Pines. If you plan to attend, please sign up after the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Liturgy or call Bill at 954-431-6217.

Directions: Take Stirling Rd west to Palm Ave and turn left. Go to Taft St and turn right. Go to W Fairway Rd and turn left. Bill's house is 1210 W Fairway Rd. If you get lost, please call Bill.

### ***DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT***

On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our monthly dinner & movie night at Bona Pizza located on Wilton Drive near Five Points (across from Publix.) We will meet at 6:00 PM and chose what movie will see.

You do not have to be a member to join us for a night of fun. And you do not have to attend both the dinner and the movie. Some people opt for one or the other. If you plan to attend, please contact

George Cullen at 954-739-0003. George will call you on Saturday morning with the exact time that we will meet at Bono's.

Street. Joe's address is 5100 Harrison St in Hollywood.

### *ANNUAL COUPLES' BLESSING*

We again will be holding our annual couples' blessing on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> during our liturgy. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate and support the lives of couples in our community.

This ceremony is open to all gay and lesbian couples whether members or friends. We hope all couples and singles will be able to attend.

### *HOME SOCIAL*

Joe Mele will be hosting our social this month at his home in Hollywood. Joe is a great cook and dazzled us with his culinary treats a couple of years ago and I am sure this year will be no different.

The cost of this fundraiser is \$15 pp. If you plan to attend, please sign up after any Liturgy or call Joe at 954-981-9431.

Directions: I-95 to Hollywood Blvd and go west. Turn left on S 50 Ave and right onto Harrison

### *Dignity / Ft Lauderdale Inc.*

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