

HOLY MASSES

at Our Lady of the Skies Chapel

Saturday, March 6 at 5:00 PM *for Members of the Catholic Guild*

Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, March 8 at 12:15 PM

Wednesday, March 9 at 12:15 PM

Thursday, March 10 at 12:15 PM

Friday, March 11 at 12:15 PM

Saturday, March 12 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 13 at 1:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following sick:

Sue McCormick

Louise Cirillo

Lindsey Jefferies

Linda Cavallo

Mike O'Sullivan

Maureen Ramazzotti

Anthony DiBenedetto

Yolan DePhillips

Maureen Devine

Walter McNally

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following deceased:

William Colmar

John Plunkett

Ed Leopold

William Howley

Henry J. Doherty

Giovanni Quigley

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You can schedule confessions, spiritual direction, busy person's retreats (one-on-one), blessings or inquire help in any sacramental issues by contacting Fr. Chris. Call the office and let us make it happen...

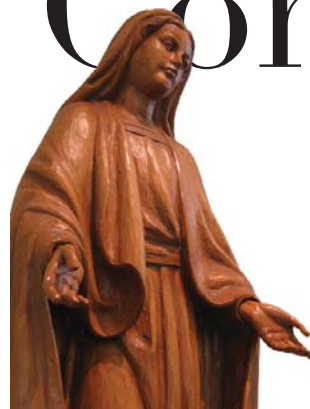
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Next Sunday:
Daylight Saving Time begins



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It is that night again: a night of glamour, big dreams come true, a night of disappointments and dilemmas. Some will love it, others will hate it, still others don't really care about Hollywood. They don't believe in the legitimate voice of a very much dependent movie industry, in which every screenplay is changed many times, so that it would be politically, socially, and otherly correct.

So why do we keep going to the movies, why are we buying or renting them? Because, despite all the criticism, they contain good stories, and everybody likes a good story. Yes, sometimes it is the cinematography, acting or other aspects that make a movie significant, but the backbone of a good movie is after all a good narrative.

Remember *The Ten Commandments*? I know, after all these years they seem flat and cheesy, but the story is still inspir-

ing. Today's first reading goes back to the book of Exodus and shows Moses meeting God in the burning bush. Al-

Oscars or all scars

by FR. CHRIS PIASTA, OFM

ready, it sounds spectacular, but try to look even further: see it as the mystery of God, who chooses very mysterious means in order to manifest Himself: meeting in the bushes, later birth in a stable, death on the cross, and finally resurrection.

Similarly Moses: he escapes from Egyptian legal system after killing an Egyptian man. He goes back there only to emerge as a leader and guide of the chosen nation. Through him the Hebrews

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THE word

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

He answered, "Here I am."

God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering.

Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

God replied, "I am who am."

Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.

"This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

EXODUS 3:1-8A, 13-15

SOMETHING TO sit WITH

walk across the Red Sea and win many battles. He receives the tablets with Ten Commandments, and sees his people's disbelief in the desert. And after all of that, after spending all that time, after putting up with his people and their issues, he doesn't even enter into the Promised Land. How unfair and unjust, you may think. Yet, it was exactly his role, as painful as it sounds. Nobody else was chosen to do that, nobody else would play that role, but him. And you have to admit, it is a good and emotional story: he sees the Promised Land, but never enters it. No wonder that after his death the Israelites are grieving him for 30 days and only then they cross the Jordan river.

Among many interesting points in the first reading, there is one I keep wondering about: After revealing to Moses who God was, God immediately brings up the social context (*I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt*), thus he describes what Moses is to do about it. In other words, God explains to Moses, and subsequently to us, the social dimension of his and our lives: this is your/our role and duty to address the issue, no matter how difficult or impossible it may sound. Who would have thought that a stuttering man, who escaped Egyptian penal system will play such a vital role in the history of the Chosen Nation. All Moses needed was trust that I AM will be with him every step of the way, just as God promised. Was it easy for Moses? No. Could he understand everything that was going on? Of course not. Yet, he trusted God. Sometimes, it takes only one person, to change the course of history and of the

world. Again, as painfully as it sounds, the end of Moses' life should be considered as a success, despite the fact he does not cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. Thus his story is beautiful and fulfilled.

I do not believe that your life is less significant than the one of Moses. You are unique, with set of skills, qualities and abilities to do exactly what you are supposed to. Sometimes, if not often, your life will be just as painful and confusing as was Moses'. However, nobody else would fit in the role you are playing, no matter what you or others might be thinking about you. So, maybe now, during this holy season of Lent, you could rediscover your own dignity, mission and importance in the great scheme of things; maybe now you can finally see how great your story is, no matter how far you live from the Red Sea or red carpet.

