

Have a Blessed Birthday!

We sincerely wish everyone celebrating a birthday this week;
A very Blessed and Happy Birthday!

The list of students with birthdays is in our printed copy of the bulletin



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
T	Dn3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
W	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5: 17-19
TH	Jer 7:23-28/ Lk: 11:14-23
F	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
S	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun	1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13b/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9: 1-41

Read Across America-Additional student readers needed.

Share your love of reading! Read-Across-America Day is also the birthday of everyone's favorite author, Dr. Seuss. Join CUA students and fellow alums on **March 3, 2008**, at **St. Anthony's School, 12th and Monroe Streets** in Brookland (across from the Brookland-CUA Metro station, adjacent to Colonel Brooks' Tavern).

Between 8:30 a.m. and noon, read your favorite Seuss book (or any book) to a small student group.

Last year's program was terrific but we need more readers! No experience required and we can provide books. This is a fun way to spend a winter morning and the kids love it!

Mark your calendar now and please plan to join us: **All interested students should email Marion Gosney gosney@cua.edu or call 202-319-5608 to RSVP.**



Third Sunday in Lent

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Lenten 'Journey of Hope' Reflection *The Gift of God*

"Christ not only gave His apostles, and through them bishops and priests of our own day, the power to forgive, but He also gave them the model of how to forgive. Perhaps the most beautiful case of all was with the woman at the well in John's Gospel. He found her an outcast, bitter and alone, having lived with five men with no intention of leaving the one that she was with. How gently He probed into her soul, offering her the gift of God. *If you knew the gift of God.* This beautiful episode in Our Lord's life inspired Pope John Paul II, when he was young, to write a poem about it. "He suffused me without difficulty, burst my shame in me and the thoughts I'd suppressed for so long. As if He had touched a rhythm in my temple, and all of a sudden carried that great exhaustion in me and with such care." So beautiful. The Lord bursting the shame of the sinners and so gently with such care, as if handling a small lamb.

We all must try to rediscover the freedom that comes from having Christ say to get up and walk. When He gave this power to His apostles, He said, it's the power of binding and loosening, its freedom for your souls. One spiritual writer wrote, "Let us not lie there helpless in our sins, but truly take up our bed, having been given the power and the strength to pick up and carry the thing that has been carrying us before." So many people are carried about by their passions and by their bad habits and only through regular confession can one regain control and begin to carry the thing that was carrying us before. We may try to rationalize our sins away, but at the end of the day, sin is the great oppressor of the human spirit and only God can set us free. "

Excerpt from Making God the Joy of our Souls, Fr. McLean Cummings

Dorm Confessions begin Monday February 25th 8:00 pm

Monday, Feb. 25th
(All CV) Engelhard
(All CV) Reardon
(All CV) Unanue
(All CV) Walton
Ryan

Please post our insert of the full schedule of Lenten Dorm Confessions or refer to our webpage ministry.cua.edu

Have a safe SPRING BREAK!

Announcements

Town Hall Meeting with Provost Brennan

Attention Undergraduate Students: Attend the first Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Brennan on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 5:30pm in Herzfeld Auditorium (Hannon 108), Sponsored by the Cardinal Students Association & the Office of the Provost. Do you have any questions about your particular major or how the classes are organized at CUA? Wondering why they are taking away our Reading Day for Finals? Then come on down to the Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Brennan, the Provost of the University on Wednesday at 530pm. Any questions or special accommodations please email Greg at 97athanas@cua.edu

Taize Lenten Prayer Service

All are invited to a Taize Lenten Prayer Service, an evening of song, scripture, prayer and meditation, Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 9pm in Caldwell Chapel. Any questions contact Jessica at deprizio@cua.edu

Friday, Feb. 29th - Caldwell's 12:15pm Daily Mass & Lenten Adoration are cancelled

In preparation for the papal rosary on March 1st, Fridays' 12:15pm mass and Lenten adoration will be cancelled. Alternate Mass locations are 12:10 pm Law School Chapel and 12:10 pm Crypt Church, Basilica.

School supply collection

Have extra school supplies or want to help kids read fun children's books? Mission Jamaica is putting together a collection of school supplies and children's books to bring down to Jamaica for Spring Break. Drop of any supplies you may have in the Campus Ministry Office before Wednesday February 27. Thank you for your support.

I Promise

I Promise: Spring Break is coming up, and it is so important that we keep each other safe. Make this pledge by signing up at ipromise.cua.edu.

Are you staying on campus for Easter?

If you are staying on campus for Easter and would like to assist with music, liturgical ministries or helping prepare the Chapel we would love your help. Contact Jessica in Campus Ministry at deprizio@cua.edu to find out the many ways you can help.

Residence Halls Lenten Confessions

Residence Hall Confessions for the Lenten season begin Monday, Feb. 25th for Centennial Village and Ryan at 8:00pm. Confessions in other residence halls will take place after Spring Break.

Chastity Outreach Forum

Monday, Feb. 25th at 8pm Chastity Outreach will be hosting a forum on love, sex and dating in the Millennium South Lounge. Questions, contact Karen Mahowald, 33mahowald@cua.edu.

Mass Schedule

The Sunday we return from Spring break there will only be a 9pm mass in St. Vincent's

Simple Supper

This week at Cellar Night join the RM's and Social Justice Committee for a "Simple Supper," an ethnic bite to eat and info on how Operation Rice Bowl is making positive change across the globe. Questions, contact Erin Craine at craine@cua.edu.

Lenten Practices Continue

As we continue our Lenten journey, remember the many opportunities on campus to assist in your prayer and spiritual well-being. Stations of the Cross continues every Monday at 6pm in Caldwell Chapel. Lenten Adoration continues daily following the 12:15pm Mass. Stop by Caldwell Chapel for quiet prayer. Don't forget – The Light is On for You! Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm a priest will be available to speak with you (no appointment necessary) in Pryz 353 (right above the bookstore).

6th Annual Day of Prayer with Universities

The theme of the Rosary with Pope Benedict XVI will be: "Europe and the Americas together to build a civilisation of love".

On Saturday, March 1st, to mark the Sixth European Day for Universities, the Holy Father will preside at a Marian prayer vigil from Rome in the Paul VI Hall and will be linked by satellite to other students in various European and American cities: Naples, Italy; Bucharest, Romania; Toledo, Spain; Avignon, France; Minsk, Belarus; **CUA Washington DC, U.S.A.**; Mexico City, Mexico; Havana, Cuba, Aparecida, Brazil, and Loja, Ecuador. Keep this intention in your prayers as you travel on spring break!

CUA students who have signed up and have confirmed their attendance can be found on ministry.cua.edu, activities, see who else is coming. Caldwell Chapel, 10:00 -1:30 pm.

Pax Christi Corner –A Reflection by Chase Nordengren

In this week's famous Gospel about the Samaritan woman at the well, there is a perfect metaphor for the virtue of hope. As John writes, the well is deep, and the woman cannot understand how "living water" can be drawn from its depths. She finds living water with the help of Jesus, who brings light where there is darkness. When war and conflict are so rampant in our world, it can often seem that the menace of violence is an impossibly deep, dark well and that little good can come from our world. The Gospel calls us instead to hope: to seek light amidst the darkness, to, as Paul writes, "boast in hope of the glory of God."

In his newest encyclical *Spe Salvi*, the Holy Father writes that hope cannot exist when we allow our differences to separate us. "No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone ... Our hope is always essentially also hope for others; only thus is it truly hope for me too." (48). May we draw strength from each other in order to be "saved by hope," and may faith in Christ help us draw living water from the deepest wells. We would love for you to come join us; We meet on Thursdays at 8:30 pm in room 205 of the Pryz. If you have any questions, e-mail me at