Eucharistic Schedule		Monday, February 20, through Sunday, February 26, 2017	
Monday, February 20		Readings: Sir 1: 1-10/Mk 9: 14-29	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	Mass	*In thanksgiving for the health of Deacon Charles Schwenn	
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Mass	Readings: Sir 2: 1-11/Mk 9: 30-37 *Intention of St. Vincent de Paul Society Members *Intention of Rosie Bockisch by Mom & Dad	
Wednesday, February 22		Readings: 1 Pt 5: 1-4/Mt 16: 13-19	
<b>7:00 a.m.</b> <i>The Chair of St. Peter the</i>	Mass	*Birthday blessing for Ralph Chavez by Mom	
<b>Thursday, February 23</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Mass	Readings: Sir 5: 1-8/Mk 9: 41-50 †Annie Moya by Alvie Lucero *Birthday blessing for Theresa Goldman	
Friday, February 24 7:00 a.m.	Mass	Readings: Sir 6: 5-17/Mk 10: 1-12	
Saturday, February 25 8:00 a.mSan Antonio		<u>Readings: Sir 17: 1-15/Mk 10: 13-16</u>	
		†Lucy Perea by Demecio Perea	
5:30 p.m.	Mass	<u>Readings: Is 49: 14-15/1 Cor 4: 1-5/Mt 6: 24-34</u>	
		*For the People of San Clemente Parish	
Sunday, February 26		EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00 a.m.	Mass	<ul> <li>†Polidor, Serafina &amp; Ernie Chavez by Phil &amp; Roberta Archuleta</li> <li>*Intention of Pila Marquez,</li> <li>*Intention of Tonie Sandy by Phil &amp; Jennie Jaramillo</li> </ul>	
10:00 a.m.	Mass	<ul> <li>†Alex Barberena</li> <li>†Martha Rosas</li> <li>*Intention of Bernie Bockisch by Lisa Bockisch</li> </ul>	
12:00 p.m.	Mass	*For the People of San Clemente Parish	
5:30 p.m.	Mass	<ul><li>*Vincent Otero by Inez Otero &amp; Family</li><li>*Health and well-being of C.B. Chavez Jr. by Frank A. Gurulé</li></ul>	
Confession Sche         1/2 hour before e         3:30pm on Satur         appointment. No         Sunday or Mone	each week days, or b o Confessi lay.	burn <b>NEXT</b> to the Blessed Sacrament, in the Tabernacle in the	

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Eternal Father, we humbly offer Thee our poor presence, and that of the whole of humanity, from the beginning to the end of the world at all the Masses that ever have or ever will be prayed. We offer Thee all the pains, sufferings, prayers, sacrifices, joys, and relaxations of our lives, in union with those of our Lord Jesus here on earth. May the Most Precious Blood of Christ, all His Blood, Wounds, and Agony save us, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen www.catholic.org Weekly Parish Calendar

Monday, February 20, through Sunday, February 26, 2017

#### Monday, February 20

6:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Rosary Recited Religious Education k-3rd Rosary Recited Religious Education 3rd– 6th, CIC Yr. I Mothers Prayer Group	Church On Break Church On Break On Break
Tuesday, February 21		
6:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Rosary Recited Rosary Recited Rosary Makers Group Rosary Recited Religious Education k - 6th, CIC Yr. II Saturday 5:30 p.m. Choir practice Rosary Recited	Church Church Parish Hall Church On Break Church Church
Wednesday, February 22		
6:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Rosary Recited Lectio Divina - <i>Praying through the scriptures</i> Rosary Recited Rosary Recited Pre-confirmation, Confirmation Yr. I and II Rosary Recited	Church Parish Hall Church Church On Break Church
Thursday, February 23           6:30 a.m.           10:00 a.m.           12:10 p.m.           4:00 p.m.           5:30 p.m.           6:00 p.m.           6:30 p.m.           7:00 p.m.           8:00 p.m.	Rosary Recited Legion of Mary Rosary Recited Parenting Class Rosary Recited Boy Scouts Meeting 8:00 a.m. Choir Practice RCIA and Adult Confirmation Class Rosary Recited	Church Gathering Room Church Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall / North Wing Church
<b>Friday, February 24</b> 6:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Rosary Recited Rosary Recited	Church Church
Saturday, February 25		
6:45 p.m. (following 5:30 Mass)	Rosary Recited	Church
Sunday, February 26		
7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. (following 5:30 Mass) 6:45 p.m.	8:00 a.m. Choir practice Rosary recited 10 a.m. Choir practice Youth Choir practice / EDGE Rosary recited Life Teen	Parish Hall Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Church Parish Hall



# Faith Formation for Adults, Youth & Children

Religious Education office: 865-9370

Office hours: Monday & Tuesday : 1 pm to 5 pm Wednesday & Thursday: 9 am to 5 pm *CLOSED ON FRIDAYS* 

"I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other." Our Lady of Lourdes

- All Religious Education classes will not meet this week. Classes will resume next week.
- Our Confirmation students will be on retreat the weekend of February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep each of our students preparing to be confirmed on May 10<sup>th</sup>, in your prayers. If you are interested in donating bot-tled water or healthy treats, call the office to see how you can help!
- Sacramental year students will be tested on their prayers the week of March 6. Please help your students prepare.
- Thank you parents! We notice you and see the good you do. We have had a noticeable increase in students turning in blue sheets on time this semester. Thank you!

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# ~ Liturgy Corner ~

From Built of Living Stones, Art, Architecture, and Worship, Guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Paragraph 66, says, "The rites of baptism, the first of the sacraments of initiation, require a prominent place for celebration. Initiation into the Church is entrance into a Eucharistic community united in Jesus Christ. Because the rites of initiation of the Church begin with baptism and are completed by the reception of the Eucharist, the baptismal font and its location reflect the Christian's journey *through* the waters of baptism to the altar." The Sacrament of Confirmation then completes one's initiation. Therefore, at the Easter Vigil, when the Church brings in Her new members or welcomes back those wishing to complete their initiation, adults are baptized (or renew their baptismal promises), are confirmed, and then make their First Holy Communion. Just as an infant (and the young people who will also be baptized at the Easter Vigil) are welcomed in as adopted sons and daughters, so too are those adults who have now said their "yes" to God. The baptismal font is placed where each person coming into our church can touch the waters of baptism and thus remind themselves of their baptismal vows. The font depicts how someone dies to a life of sin, is buried (under water) and rises with Jesus as a new creation...cleansed and living in the eternal life of the Trinity. Gay Snell

# Lenten Mission

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March 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. San Clemente Parish welcomes *Reverend Simon Carian Father Simon will celebrate all Masses on the weekend of March 18th & 19th! The theme will be: The Three Secrets and the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima* 

#### Lenten Mission Schedule:

Monday 20th: Adoration & Confession 6:00 p.m. Presentation 7:00 p.m. Confessions to follow

Tuesday 21st: Regular Confession schedule before Mass Mass at 6:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. Confessions to follow

Wednesday 22nd: Adoration & Confession 6:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. Confessions to follow 40 days to Fast, Abstain and Pray achieving a closer relationship with Jesus.

True conversion of heart will help to begin healing our world, for in Him all things are possible.

### ~FINANCIAL REPORT~

#### February 12, 2017

General Collection	\$ 8,715.00
<b>Building Fund Phase II</b>	\$ 255.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,191.00

Thank you for your continued support!

#### "We Share" Contributions January 2017

General Collection	\$ 6	5, 135.00
San Clemente Building Fund	\$	240.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	375.00
San Clemente Cemetery	\$	25.00

Visit our website at www.sanclementeparish.org

OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE OR YOUR TABLET and It will take you directly to the weshare website.



**Rosario Cemetery in Santa Fe and Mt. Calvary and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries** in Albuquerque are offering 15% discount on all pre-need purchases of crypts during the months of January, February, and March. This discount program is designed to help families plan now so that those left behind are not tasked with difficult decisions and costly expenses at a time of need. For more information, please call Rosario Cemetery at 505-983-2322, Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 505-243-0218 or Gate of Heaven Cemetery at 505-821-0800.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for the noon hour each Monday through Thursday during Lent.

We will also have *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* every Friday during Lent following the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Benediction will take place at 5:45 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Please sign up for Adoration for at least one hour each Friday. It is important that there are enough adorers and that Our Lord is *never* left alone. It is also important that no one is left by themselves during their Holy Hour.

Please think and pray about what your Lenten devotions will include this season.

If you would like to learn more about *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*, or to sign up for a specific time, please call the Parish Office at 865-7385. You can also look for the clipboard in the entrance of the church to sign up.

#### **Adoration Chapel**

*The Saint John Paul II Adoration Chapel* at San Clemente Parish is open Monday through Friday, 8am - 5pm. Call the office at 865-7385 for more information.

"Lord, I am nothing, but, although nothing, I adore Thee."



#### <u>Baptism class schedule for March 2017:</u> 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

No Baptism Classes in April!

Classes will be held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Attendance is required at both classes for parents and sponsors for completion of Baptism requirements.



#### **Vocations** Chalice

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer.

When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. This is a great way to pray together as a family. If you are interested in hosting the Vocations Chalice in your home, please contact the Parish Office at 865-7385 and leave a message for Ann Krom.



The Parish and Religious Education Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents' Day. The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m., the Religious Education Office will

re-open on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. *Have a safe Holiday!* 



If you or someone you know would like to join the Knights of Columbus Council #9340, please call Ken Cable @ 865-6145.

## Knights Family Social

There will be a family social for the Knights and their families on Sunday, February 19th at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the K of C Hut at the intersection of El Cerro Mission road and El Cerro Loop. There will be a presentation of the movie "*The Young Messiah*". Bring a covered dish to share with your Brother Knights and their families!







# <u>St. Vincent de Paul</u>

The Food Pantry is open Monday through Thursday and is closed on Fridays.

#### Food Distribution: 12:00-1:00 pm Store Hours: 1:00-3:00 pm.

Donations may be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry during operating hours, at the parish office Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (closed from 12pm -1pm), or in the collection baskets in the entrance of the church. **Please do not drop off donations after hours.** Any donations of food will be appreciated. Please drop them off at the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry located at 960 Main Street, Los Lunas, NM. *Thank you!* 



**GABRIEL PROJECT CLASS TOPICS:** 

Feb. 23rd - Nutrition on a Budget

Parenting classes are held on Thursday at 4:00pm in the San Clemente Parish Hall. All are welcome!

We need a volunteer to co-facilitate the Gabriel Project Parenting Class Program. We also need volunteers on Thursday afternoons to help with meal preparation and childcare. If you can help, please call Julie at 850-4075. *Thank you* and *God bless you!* Due to your generous donations, we have been able to help a number of families. We help anyone who is pregnant and young families who are in need of baby equipment throughout Valencia County.

We are in need of diapers sizes 3, 4, & 5 and baby wipes.

## The Edge - Middle School Ministry



Please note that the Edge is moving times! We will continue to meet every other Sunday, but now we will meet from 4:00 -5:15p.m. Edge meeting dates for February: 26th.

Life Teen -Sundays 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - Hey Teens! You're invited to a birthday party! Life Teen is celebrating its second year as a new ministry! If you have ever wondered what Life Teen is all about but didn't know when you should try it...now is the time! We are going to party like it's 1999! Bring a friend and win a birthday gift!

#### Steubenville Parent Meeting:

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Please come register your Teen for Steubenville and discuss fundraising options.

The Theology on Film Series presents "The First Grader" (2010). Join us at the Norbertine Community of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Commons for a screening of the film and discussion to follow on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. For more information, contact the Abbey at (505) 873-4399 ext. 237 or cchavez@norbertinecommunity.org. We hope to see you there!

All are invited to the Norbertine Community of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey for a Holy Hour and Reconciliation Service on the first Friday of Lent, March 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. This service will provide opportunities for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season. **Join us!** 

LIFE TEEN

Very Rev. James Marshall leads a Spiritual Pilgrimage October 4-13, 2017.Constraints
Come join us on a spiritual journey! Celebrate 100 years of FATIMA. Limited Seats Available! Price - \$4,395.00 from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Price includes airport taxes, based on double occupancy. <i>Our Lady calls you</i> ! Out of state quotes available.
Call 800-715-6670 or 505-507-2145 or register online at <b>www.catholicjourneys.com.fatima-rb</b>
continued from last week's bulletin
CWR: Did you ever meet Sister Lucia?
<b>Fr. Apostoli:</b> No, but I did concelebrate Mass for her in her convent. When I looked over at all the nuns there, they ooked alike to me. So, I don't know if I saw her, but I hope she saw me. I have had the opportunity to meet the relatives of the three children, however. I've also visited Fatima and learned many things. I recall one hotel there, for example, which had an enlarged photo of the crowd during the miracle of the sun [seen by 70,000 on October 13, 1917, the last apparition]. The sun was said to have pulsated and given off different colors before it seemed to drop from the sky. Someone who worked at the hotel pointed out to me that everyone in the photo was looking to the left. He said, "Father, he sun is never on that side. It should be on the right." It shows that from the crowd's perspective, the sun was not where it was supposed to be. Many people came that day who were not believers. They were skeptics coming to mock he apparitions. They said nothing would happen. By the time they went home, however, many had had a change of neart.
CWR: Why do you believe the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secret of Fatima's release was delayed until 2000?
<b>Fr. Apostoli:</b> The content of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secret was given on July 13, 1917. It was very long, and broken into three parts. The first was the vision of hell. Our Lady told the children, "You've seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go," and she gave us the Fatima prayer, to be recited at the end of each decade of the rosary ["O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Your mercy."]. Part two was that she said World War I would end, but a more terrible war, World War II, would come if enough people vere not devoted to her Immaculate Heart. She said that an unknown light would indicate the beginning of the war; the ky was lit up all over Europe and North America by an Aurora Borealis on January 25, 1938. Soon after, Hitler began this investing.
his invasions of various countries. Part three, or the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secret, involves an angel touching the earth with a flaming sword, but is stopped by Our Lady's hand. There's a bishop dressed in white, and a procession up a mountain to pray. The pope gets shot and dies, as do nany bishops, priests, religious and lay people with him. To many, this symbolizes the martyrs for Christ over the world luring the 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
At the request of her bishop, Sr. Lucy wrote down the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secret. She was sick at the time, and he told her if she died, the vorld would be left without part of the message. In 1960, Pope John XXIII opened it and read it with his secretary. It tartled him to see that the pope gets shot; I can imagine it would be just the thing for some loose cannon or kook with a gun to hear and then go out and try to shoot the pope. So, John XXIII said, "Now is not the time to reveal this." Pope Paul VI did the same thing.
When Pope John Paul II was shot on May 13, 1981, he realized the connection; May 13 was the date of the first Marian apparition at Fatima. He thought, "I should have died. Our Lady gave me back my life." He thought <i>he</i> was the bishop is white who was shot, but he did not die due to the intervention of Our Lady. So, the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secret came out. Some people were looking for more. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, before he became Pope
Benedict XVI, read the secret. He assured the world that the whole 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secret was out, and that some would be disap- pointed after all the speculation before 2000 as to what it might say. So, everything about Fatima is now out in the open
nothing is hidden.
more Q's & A's with Fr. Apostoli in next week's bulletin

#### Lenten Liturgies and Devotions







**Lent** is the Church's primary penitential season of the liturgical year. It begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The season has six Sundays with the final Sunday, known as Passion or Palm Sunday, beginning Holy Week. It dates back to at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century and reflects the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert (see Matthew 4:1-11) and is a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. During Lent it is customary to find some way to offer more time to the Lord and to seek to do penance. There are a number of ways to enhance our penitential experience.

#### <u>Daily Mass</u>

San Clemente offers **daily Mass** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 7:00 am and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. During Lent there is also Mass on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm. Attending daily Mass during Lent is a tradition enjoyed by many Catholics. It is often sacrificial in nature as it means starting our day earlier or putting dinner off until later. It is not unusual for those who make the sacrifice to attend Mass daily during Lent to continue to do so afterwards.

#### <u>Confession</u>

Since the nature of the Lenten season is penitential, it is important and vital to receive the **Sacrament of Recon**ciliation at least once during Lent. The Church requires that we confess our sins at least once a year and any time we find ourselves in serious sin. As with all sacraments, we receive graces as well as the pardon of God. At San Clemente, Father is available to hear confessions ½ hour before daily Mass and on Saturdays as well as during Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Watch the bulletin for Saturday confession times and other times during Lent when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

#### Stations of the Cross

**Stations of the Cross** is a form of devotion commemorating the Passion and death of Jesus. San Clemente, as well as most all Catholic parishes, offers the Stations every Friday during Lent. These stations are a series of meditations that are also called the *Way of the Cross*. Holy Land pilgrims visit the actual scenes in the Passion of Christ (Jerusalem's *Via Dolorosa*), actually walking where Jesus walked. The practice of placing the Stations in our churches and reciting them began as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> century and was promoted widely by the Franciscans in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. In 1731, the general features of the devotion were fixed by Pope Clement XII. Fridays are often a time when families get together for dinner or movies or to play games. Fridays during lent is a time for families to come together and walk the Way of the Cross.

#### <u>Adoration</u>

The *Saint John Paul II Adoration Chapel* at San Clemente is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. It is a quiet place for all to go to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. During Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed daily from Noon to 1:00 pm in the church. What a blessed and sacrificial way to spend our lunch time. **Exposition and Adoration** will also take place every Friday after morning Mass until Benediction at 5:45 pm also in the church. This affords us the opportunity to spend more time with Our Lord. Signing up for a time to sit with the Blessed Sacrament assures that Our Lord is never left alone and shows our dedication. Jesus asked his Apostles the night before his Crucifixion to spend one hour in prayer with him...the first Holy Hour?

#### <u>Lenten Mission</u>

It is customary for parishes to have a **Lenten Mission**. Attending one or more of the mission nights, March 20, 21, and 22, is a way of bringing families together, enhancing our lives as Catholics, and adding to our Lenten experience. Details of the Lenten Mission are in the bulletin.

#### <u>Triduum</u>

The **Triduum** begins with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues with Good Friday services, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and ends with Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Sunday. It is a three-day-long liturgical service. The word literally means "three days." These days are the holy and pivotal days of our redemption. To celebrate the Triduum is to embrace the truth of our salvation. The Paschal celebration of the table, the cross, and the tomb is the glorious fulfillment of Jesus' teachings. During this time we recall the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus along with his institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In attending all Triduum liturgies, we complete our Lenten penance and together rejoice in the saving power of Jesus.

THE BASICS OF LENT

#### WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

#### WHAT MUST I DO?

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the



road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these

disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

**PRAYER:** Changes our relationship with God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.



# PRAY FAST GIVE

**FASTING:** Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

#### WHY PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMS?

The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt.

Ch. 5-7). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection



that Jesus expects of us as His disciples.

#### SHOULD I SET LENTEN GOALS?

*Absolutely*. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.



ALMSGIVING: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our

relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

