

**F**ROM 59<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>:

## THE PASTORAL CORNER

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI  
FOR LENT 2009

*"He fasted for forty days and forty nights,  
and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4,1-2)*

In our own day, fasting seems to have lost something of its spiritual meaning, and has taken on, in a culture characterized by the search for material well-being, a therapeutic value for the care of one's body. Fasting certainly brings benefits to physical well-being, but for believers, it is, in the first place, a "therapy" to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God. In the Apostolic Constitution *Pœnitentini* of 1966, the Servant of God Paul VI saw the need to present fasting within the call of every Christian to "no longer live for himself, but for Him who loves him and gave himself for him ... he will also have to live for his brethren". Lent could be a propitious time to present again the norms contained in the Apostolic Constitution, so that the authentic and perennial significance of this long held practice may be rediscovered, and thus assist us to mortify our egoism and open our heart to love of God and neighbor, the first and greatest Commandment of the new Law and compendium of the entire Gospel (cf. *Mt 22, 34-40*).

The faithful practice of fasting contributes, moreover, to conferring unity to the whole person, body and soul, helping to avoid sin and grow in intimacy with the Lord. Saint Augustine, who knew all too well his own negative impulses, defining them as "twisted and tangled knottiness", writes: "I will certainly impose privation, but it is so that he will forgive me, to be pleasing in his eyes, that I may enjoy his delightfulness". Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God.

At the same time, fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live. In his *First Letter*, Saint John admonishes: "If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, yet shuts up his bowels of compassion from him – how does the love of God abide in him?" (3,17). Voluntary fasting

enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and goes to the help of his suffering brother. By freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger. It is precisely to keep alive this welcoming and attentive attitude towards our brothers and sisters that I encourage the parishes and every other community to intensify in Lent the custom of private and communal fasts, joined to the reading of the Word of God, prayer and almsgiving. From the beginning, this has been the hallmark of the Christian community, in which special collections were taken up (cf. *2 Cor 8-9; Rm 15, 25-27*), the faithful being invited to give to the poor what had been set aside from their fast. This practice needs to be rediscovered and encouraged again in our day, especially during the liturgical season of Lent.

From what I have said thus far, it seems abundantly clear that fasting represents an important ascetical practice, a spiritual arm to do battle against every possible disordered attachment to ourselves. Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin, whose negative effects impact the entire human person. Quite opportunely, an ancient hymn of the Lenten liturgy exhorts: "*Utamur ergo parcius, / verbis cibis et potibus, / somno, iocis et arctius / perstemus in custodia* – Let us use sparingly words, food and drink, sleep and amusements. May we be more alert in the custody of our senses."

Dear brothers and sisters, it is good to see how the ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us, as the Servant of God Pope John Paul II wrote, to make the complete gift of self to God. May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, therefore, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbor. I am thinking especially of a greater commitment to prayer, *lectio divina*, recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, especially the Holy Sunday Mass. With this interior disposition, let us enter the penitential spirit of Lent. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Causa nostrae laetitiae*, accompany and support us in the effort to free our heart from slavery to sin, making it evermore a "living tabernacle of God." With these wishes, while assuring every believer and ecclesial community of my prayer for a fruitful Lenten journey, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

**BENEDICTUS PP. XVI**

## EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL'S

Parish Community Gatherings  
Saturday – Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
After Weekend Masses

### Meet the Author

**Christopher Jamison, Benedictine Abbot**

*“Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps  
To a Fulfilling Life”*

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM

Sign up in Welcome Center/Bookstore

**Ash Wednesday  
February 25, 2009**

*The Beginning of Lent*

Masses 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM,

12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM

*Continuous Distribution of Ashes*

**Stations of the Cross  
Fridays during Lent**

After the 5:30PM Mass in English  
7PM in Spanish

### LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit in penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence**

“Fasting” requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent they are able.

“Abstinence” prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent they are able.

7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## SHARING & CARING...

LOVE is the air.....share it with those in need

### REACHING OUT TO THE HOMEBOUND

As members of a community we need contact with each other. We worship together every Sunday, but there are those who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness or immobility. If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound please call the Parish Center and let us know. Please leave a message for Deacon Wally Sandoval (212-265-3495 ext. 337). If someone you see at Mass every week hasn't been here, tell one of the priests or a member of the parish staff. It's important that we keep in touch with parishioners who are cut off from us. You can help by keeping us informed. Thanks for your care and concern. God Bless. - Fr Gil

### SOUP'S ON!

**LOAVES AND FISH IS SERVING LUNCH EVERY TUESDAY.**

We are looking for people to help serve. We need four volunteers a week for a two hour lunch, work from 11-1.....bring a group of co-workers, or friends, or we will match you with a group. It's a wonderful ministry of hospitality. Please sign up in the welcome center or contact us at [welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org).

**DONATE A POT OF SOUP FOR \$30 TO FEED 20 PEOPLE!**

If you can't share your talents by serving at the soup kitchen, maybe you could share your abundance by donating enough to make a pot of soup. We are now serving about 70 people a week. Our guests are truly appreciative for this lunch. We serve good food with hospitality and dignity. Just think if you and a friend gave up going out for lunch once a week, you could feed 20 people. You can drop off your donation in the welcomecenter, or mark your check with pot of soup in the memo and send it to Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Loaves and Fish Soup kitchen.

### SHARING OUR HERITAGE

If you are a parent raising children in the City and would like to meet other parents raising children in the City, you are most cordially invited to a meeting on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> after the ten o'clock Mass. Immediately after the Mass please go to room 101 in the Ministry Building. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided. The focus of the group will be on sharing our heritage and our Faith with our children by listening to the Word of God so as to “Become missionaries to our own children.” Please contact Father Collins at [jcollinscsp@aol.com](mailto:jcollinscsp@aol.com) if you want more information or just show

### MEN'S BASKETBALL NIGHT

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7PM to 9PM, Apostolist, the young adults group of the parish, will sponsor a men's pick-up basketball night at Xavier High School (30 W 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave). All skill-levels are welcome. Come out, play some basketball, and meet other members of the parish. It's going to be a fun event.



**For all in need please pray, that their needs will be met.  
Thank you for your kindness**

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP**

There will be no youth group meeting this Thursday. Instead please join the parish to celebrate Ash Wednesday this week. Masses are at 6:30 am, 7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm or 7 pm with ashes distributed at the top of every hour. Hope to see you there.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM**

The Seniors & Retirees Group is proud to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black History Month Program. Join us as we pay tribute to American Black Catholics. Monday, February 23, in the Parish Center from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m we will study Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at (212) 265-3495, ext. 0.

**ARTS AND ARTISTS' NEXT SONGBOOK MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Arts and Artists will present its next *Songbook* concert of this – its 18<sup>th</sup> season - on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM at its **NEW HOME - The York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center**. The concert will be held in the **Bruno Walter Auditorium** - 111 Amsterdam Avenue, just south of 65<sup>th</sup> Street. This *Songbook* will be honor the songs of award-winning composer **David Evans**. Performers include some of Broadway and Hollywood's greatest talents including: **Jill Abramovitz, Gerard Canonico, Catherine Cox, Jenn Colella, John Cunningham, Todd Graff, Liz Larsen, Jose Llana, Crista Moore, Andrew Hill Newman, Mary Beth Peil, J.K. Simmons, and Barbara Walsh**. This concert is Produced, Directed and Hosted by John Znidarsic. Admission is **FREE** and seating is on a first come-first serve basis. We hope to see you there. For further information, please visit our new website [www.ArtsAndArtistsAtStPaul.com](http://www.ArtsAndArtistsAtStPaul.com).

**"SAINT PAUL SPEAKS TO PASTORAL LEADERS TODAY" SYMPOSIUM**

Thursday, March 26, 2009 1p.m.-5p.m. at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle. For Symposium registration and Gala information, go to [www.nplc.org](http://www.nplc.org), or call us at 212-431-7825

**THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL** is the theme of Lenten Sunday Vespers at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121<sup>st</sup> St., Manhattan. Vespers will be held at 4p.m. for all the Sundays of March. For more information and a list of topics, preachers and musicians, please call 212-666-9350 or see [www.corpus-christi-nyc.org](http://www.corpus-christi-nyc.org). The 4<sup>th</sup> installment will take place here at St. Paul the Apostle on March 22 with Rev. Gilbert Martinez CSP, entitled "Re-Imagining the Mission of Paul."

**A**s A PARISH LET US

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Leon Goldstein, Carmela Masone, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Yadviga Nitkiewicz, Melba Ortiz, Juan C. Ospina, Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Esther Salgado, Lucy Salgado, Rafael Salinas, Antonio Silva, Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart.

**PRAYER GROUPS**

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary now meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center, room 204.

**ROSARY GROUP**

Our Rosary Group prays the rosary together after most weekday 12:30 PM Masses and before 5:30 PM Masses. You are invited to join them, meditating on the saving mysteries of Christ and praying with Mary, especially for world peace.

**THE ROAD HOME**

Meets every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Room 204. We are a group who shares our ever-growing awareness of Christ's "Real Presence" in our daily lives since our "Landings" experience. We are currently listening to Pope Benedict's book "Jesus of Nazareth" on CD please join us for prayer, a great discussion and a snack. For more information call (917) 807- 8595.

**THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP**

Please come and join us for prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center in Room 203. We pray for all intentions given to us during the week. If you would like us to pray for you, please put your intentions in the "Book of Prayer Intentions" at the side altar with the large cross.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

Come join us in the Parish Center every Monday evening at 7pm for a time of spirited prayer. There will be singing and prayers of praise followed by a time of reflection and thanksgiving. We also pray with you for your special intentions. For more information call (212) 265-3495 x 337.



**BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**

*If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and return to our church offices or place in one of the collection baskets or boxes. Please print clearly.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (work) \_\_\_\_\_

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**El Miércoles de Ceniza  
25 de Febrero, 2009**

Misas 6:30AM, 7:30AM  
12:10PM, 5:30PM, 7PM  
Distribución continua de la ceniza

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo –

La imposición de la ceniza esta disponible este Miércoles de Ceniza, el 25 de Febrero durante todas las misas y durante todo el día.

Queria compartir con uds. una parte del **Mensaje del Santo Padre Benedicto XVI para la Cuaresma 2009 - "Jesús, después de hacer un ayuno durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, al fin sintió hambre" (Mt 4,2).** El papa tomó como su tema el ayuno. – Padre Gil

*“Privarse del alimento material que nutre el cuerpo facilita una disposición interior a escuchar a Cristo y a nutrirse de su palabra de salvación. Con el ayuno y la oración Le permitimos que venga a saciar el hambre más profunda que experimentamos en lo íntimo de nuestro corazón: el hambre y la sed de Dios.*

*Al mismo tiempo, el ayuno nos ayuda a tomar conciencia de la situación en la que viven muchos de nuestros hermanos. En su Primera carta San Juan nos pone en guardia: “Si alguno que posee bienes del mundo, ve a su hermano que está necesitado y le cierra sus entrañas, ¿cómo puede permanecer en él el amor de Dios?” (3,17). Ayunar por voluntad propia nos ayuda a cultivar el estilo del Buen Samaritano, que se inclina y socorre al hermano que sufre. Al escoger libremente privarnos de algo para ayudar a los demás, demostramos concretamente que el prójimo que pasa dificultades no nos es extraño. Precisamente para mantener viva esta actitud de acogida y atención hacia los hermanos, animo a las parroquias y demás comunidades a intensificar durante la Cuaresma la práctica del ayuno personal y comunitario, cuidando asimismo la escucha de la Palabra de Dios, la oración y la limosna. Este fue, desde el principio, el estilo de la comunidad cristiana, en la que se hacían colectas especiales, y se invitaba a los fieles a dar a los pobres lo que, gracias al ayuno, se había recogido. También hoy hay que redescubrir esta práctica y promoverla, especialmente durante el tiempo litúrgico cuaresmal.*

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas, bien mirado el ayuno tiene como último fin ayudarnos a cada uno de nosotros, como escribía el Siervo de Dios el Papa Juan Pablo II, a hacer don total de uno mismo a Dios. Por lo tanto, que en cada familia y comunidad cristiana se valore la Cuaresma para alejar todo lo que distrae el espíritu y para intensificar lo que alimenta el alma y la abre al amor de Dios y del prójimo. Pienso, especialmente, en un mayor empeño en la oración, en la lectio divina, en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y en la activa participación en la Eucaristía, sobre todo en la Santa Misa dominical. Con esta disposición interior entremos en el clima penitencial de la Cuaresma. Que nos acompañe la Beata Virgen María, Causa nostrae laetitiae, y nos sostenga en el esfuerzo por liberar nuestro corazón de la esclavitud del pecado para que se convierta cada vez más en “tabernáculo viviente de Dios”. Con este deseo, asegurando mis oraciones para que cada creyente y cada comunidad eclesial recorra un provechoso itinerario cuaresmal, os imparto de corazón a todos la Bendición Apostólica.”*

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**REGLAS PARA EL AYUNO Y LA ABSTINENCIA  
EN LA CUARESMA**

El Miércoles de Ceniza, 25 de Febrero, se inicia la Cuaresma. Las regulaciones siguientes sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia se observan en ese tiempo. La abstinencia de carne se observa el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo y todos los Viernes de Cuaresma por todos los católicos mayores de 14 años. El ayuno se observa el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo por todos los fieles que han cumplido 18 años y los que son menores de 59. Los que tienen la obligación de ayunar pueden tomar una comida completa durante el día. También se permite tomar dos comidas más pequeñas, si son necesarias para mantener la fuerza, pero no se puede tomar nada sólido entre comidas.

**VÍA CRUCIS**

Vamos a conmemorar la muerte y resurrección del Señor cada viernes durante la Cuaresma. Juntanos a las seis de la tarde para las estaciones en ingles o a las 7 en español.

**APOYE A SAN PABLO**

Compre todas sus meditaciones y oraciones para la Cuaresma en la tienda de la iglesia. Tenemos libros y libritos para ayudarle en su viaje durante este tiempo especial.

**Lecturas para la semana del 22 de febrero de 2009**

Domingo:	Is 43, 18-19. 21-22. 24-25/2 Cor 1, 18-22/Mc 2, 1-12
Lunes:	Eclo 1, 1-10/Mc 9, 14-29
Martes:	Eclo 2, 1-11/Mc 9, 30-37
Miércoles:	Jl 2, 12-18/2 Cor 5, 20--6, 2/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18
Jueves:	Dt 30, 15-20/Lc 9, 22-25
Viernes:	Is 58, 1-9/Mt 9, 14-15
Sábado :	Is 58, 9-14/Lc 5, 27-32
Domingo siguiente:	Gn 9, 8-15/1 Pe 3, 18-22/Mc 1, 12-15

Jesús dijo al paralítico: Yo te lo mando: levántate, recoge tu camilla y vete a tu casa". El hombre se levantó inmediatamente, recogió su camilla y salió de allí a la vista de todos, que se quedaron atónitos y daban gloria a Dios, diciendo: "¡Nunca habíamos visto cosa igual!" - Mc 2, 11-12

## PARISH STAFF

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The Paulists*

We give the Word of God a voice in pulpits and print, on radio and television, on the web and the wide screen. We search out those who have no church home, and welcome home those who have been away. We share the passion of Paul for unity in faith and solidarity in mission among all the baptized in the body of Christ. We build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of other world religions. We welcome people of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in our parish, city center, and campus worshipping communities. The gospel we preach demands that all the children of God be treated with dignity and justice. We claim Servant of God, Isaac Hecker as our founder, the Holy Spirit as our primary guide, St. Paul as our patron, and laity as our valued partners in mission. We are Paulists. Missionaries to North America.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity to  
St. Paul the Apostle Church!

### Receipts:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Sunday, February 15	\$9,259	\$10,495

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Would you like to assist St. Paul the Apostle Church in continuing its mission and receive a charitable income tax deduction? Please consider donating a gift of securities. Contact the Business Office at (212) 265-3495.



# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

## SUPPORT THE PARISH

### Saturday, February 21, St. Peter Damian

- 8:30 ☩Melissa Rodriguez
- 5:15 ☩Christopher DiGerdnimo

### Sunday, February 22, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 ☩Philip & Rose Dondiego
- 10:00 ☩Mary & John Onacilla
- 12:30 ☩Nelida Gomez
- 5:15 For the People of the Parish
- 8:00 Fordham Campus Ministry

### Monday, February 23, St. Polycarp

- 7:30 ☩
- 12:10 ☩
- 5:30 ☩Maria Abreu

### Tuesday, February 24

- 7:30 ☩
- 12:10 ☩Armand Prozio
- 5:30 ☩

### Wednesday, February 25, Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 ☩
- 7:30 ☩
- 12:10 ☩Mark Savory
- 5:30 ☩Albert Echevarria
- 7:00 ☩

### Thursday, February 26

- 7:30 ☩Marie Alcaro
- 12:10 Anhaya L. Martelly (Birthday Blessings)
- 5:30 ☩

### Friday, February 27

- 7:30 ☩Timothy J. Tighe
- 12:10 Fr. Jamie Baca, CSP (Birthday Blessings)
- 5:30 ☩Patricia Murphy

### Saturday, February 28

- 8:30 ☩Moises Cortes
- 5:15 Sainthood cause of Fr. Hecker

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (\*denotes served at St. Paul's): Richard A. Malloy\* (2/25/1992), Albert A. Murray\* (2/26/1964)

#### Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

### An Exciting New Feature in the Bookstore Father Ron's Corner

During the season of Lent, Father Ron Franco has suggested three important books for all Catholic Readers. *Confessions of St. Augustine, The Prodigal God* and the *Puritan Origins of American Patriotism*

### MEET THE AUTHOR Abbot Jamison

**Finding Happiness:** Monastic Steps of a Fulfilling Life by Christopher Jamison. Abbot Jamison is of Worth Abbey, a Benedictine monastery near London. He is also the author of **Finding Sanctuary:** Monastic Steps for Everyday Life, and the host of a documentary BBC series *The Monastery*. He will be here to talk about his new book on **February 24, 2009 at 7pm**. Both of his books are in stock and available for 20% off the listed price. Please sign up in the welcome center or online at [welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org) to attend.

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR LENT.....**Do you need a little inspiration for Lenten reflection and Meditation? Please come to the bookstore and look over our collections of prayers and meditations.

### Great Catholic Fiction.....

**Pillars of the Earth-** is a historical novel by Ken Follett published in 1989 about the building of a cathedral in Kingsbridge, England. It is set in the middle of the 12th century, primarily during the time known as *The Anarchy*, between the time of the sinking of the *White Ship* and the murder of Thomas Becket.

The book traces the development of Gothic Architecture out of the preceding Romanesque Architecture and the fortunes of the Kingsbridge priory against the backdrop of actual historical events of the time. Although Kingsbridge is the name of an actual English town, the Kingsbridge in the novel is actually a fictional location representative of a typical market town of the time.

Until this novel was published, Follett had previously been known for writing in the thriller genre. "The Pillars of the Earth" became Follett's best-selling work. It's a long read, but a real spell binder once you get through the introduction of characters.....we will discuss this book on March 23.....but get started now, it's a long one!!!

### We want to wish Fr. Jamie a very Happy Birthday on Friday, February 27

#### STORE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....10:00 am-5:30 pm  
Saturday.....10:00 am-6:30 pm  
Sunday.....8:30 am-8:00 pm

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