

## **LENTEN POOR MAN'S SOUP SUPPER DURING LENT**

On Friday's during Lent 12th, 19th, 26th we will again have the Lenten Poor Man's Soup Dinner. Each Commission will again be asked to take a Friday to prepare a soup dinner. The dinner will be held in the St. Theresa Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. following the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in St. Theresa of Avila Church.

### **THE TRIDUUM**

There's a lot of talk in church now about the Three Days, or in Latin, the **Triduum**. These are our most holy of days. We tend to think of the Three Days as commemorating separate, distinct events: On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, on Good Friday we recall the passion and on Holy Saturday the resurrection. But in our liturgy, the church thinks about the Last Supper not as the last thing that happened on Holy Thursday, but as the thing to happen on Good Friday. What new insights into the Eucharist do you have when you think of it as the first act of Christ's passion? What new understanding of Sabbath - the day of rest - do you have when you reflect on the fact that Jesus slept in death from sunset Friday and all through the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday? And how might we spend our Saturday nights if we understood them to truly be the beginning of Sunday - not just during the Triduum, but year round? What does it mean when the cantor sings at the Vigil that because of the resurrection, this night is brighter than any day?

**These Three Days are a single moment. We walk (or crawl) into this moment on Thursday night and walk (or dance) out on Easter day. In between, there's a flood of stories and songs, rites and rest, fasting and feasting. The Three Days are time out of time, the center of our year and of our life.**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST:** 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration till 10:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND:** 3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3RD:** 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass with reception of Catechumens & Candidates. Social at parish office following mass to welcome newest members of our faith community.

**“ROOTS OF FAITH BOOKS”**  
**ARE IN AND STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

Our “Roots of Faith” books are in and on sale at the Parish Office. You can come by the office Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. and pick one up. Cost is \$32.00 per book

**GONZALES ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL FOOD**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010 AT 6 P.M. AT THE**  
**GONZALES CIVIC CENTER**

Gonzales Rotary Club will once again host their annual Food Festival to benefit St. Theresa Community Pantry. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, **March 30, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Gonzales Civic Center.** Area restaurants, caterers and organizations cook a signature dish for tasting. Tickets will be available from any Gonzales Rotary Club member or from St. Theresa Church. Any owner of a restaurant or any organization wishing to cook can contact Gary Laiche at 225) 252-1049.

