

July 5, 2009: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. — Mk 6:4-5

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, July 5 (Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a)

8:00 am- Henry R. Kallus
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti (Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26)

7:00 am- Robbie Steffek
10:00 am- Anton & Julie Sassin (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, July 7 (Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38)

7:00 am- Henry, Elizabeth & David Henke

Wednesday, July 8 (Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7)

7:00 am- Gilbert & Stephen Schaefer; John & Aloisia Zapalac
8:05 am- Roy Kalisek

Thursday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

(Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15)

7:00 am- Frank V. & Roselee Henke
10:00 am- Special Intention (Stevens)

Friday, July 10 (Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23)

7:00 am- Hedwig Pustejovsky
8:05 am- Weldon Schaefer

Saturday, July 11, St. Benedict (Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33)

5:30 pm- Alfons & Cecilia Grahmann

Sunday, July 12 (Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13)

8:00 am- Annie Orosco
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: KJZT Society #2.

Anniversaries:

Charles & Henrie Patek	56 years	July 11
Franklin & Nola Bohuslav	45 years	July 11

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,544; Loose-\$1,161;
Children's-\$37; Manna-\$708; Peter's Pence-\$284.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *John Pustka*, father of Jane Labay; and *Buddy Wrobleski* of our parish family. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Baptism in June: *Andrea Marie*, daughter of *Alfonso Lopez & Maria Merida*.

Raffle Prize Donors are needed for the Fall Picnic. Please call or come by the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

Fr. John Phelps will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America & the priests & nuns working in the Church overseas including the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central America & South America.

Please mail your Catholic Daughters dues (\$20) to Joan Janak, 1342 FM 318, Hallettsville (798-9341). *Thank you!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 6

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
-Ladies ACTS meeting, 7 pm, Family Center. Please bring a salad or snack to share with others.
-K.C. meeting, 7:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

-Serra Club Mass for vocations, 8:30 a.m., Queen of Peace, Sweet Home.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenka, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Leonard Kubena, Doyleen Drozd, Richard Franzl, Lucille Etzler, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano, Charles W. Patek, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Susan Jakubek, Tina Stepanek, Raymond Dornak, Marge Rehm, Bill Bludau, Alice Kocian, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Thank you to all who signed up for our first week of photography. Our next session is scheduled for July 28 - 31. Times will be 2:30-8:40 pm on Tuesday-Friday. There will not be a Saturday session. Sign up will be at all weekend Masses on July 11 & 12. Please bring your calendar & sign up. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken & you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. If you are unable to sign up on July 11 or 12, call Linda Pavliska after 5:00 pm at 798-3253.

Volunteers are needed to help make our directory a success. If you are able to help during our sign-ups, phoning parishioners or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, call Sheila Jansky at 798-2840.

Mini Twirling Camp, July 20-24, 9:00 am – Noon, SHCS Gym for K – 8th Grades. Camp \$20, T-Shirt \$12, Baton \$15. For information, please call Becky McElroy at 798-2831 or 798-3088.



Vigil Light Sponsor: Special intention (DL).

On July 4th we celebrate Independence Day. We need to thank God for our country and for our freedom. We also need to pray for our nation during these difficult times. I suggest we pray the following prayer for our nation.

A Prayer For Our Nation

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life - from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the People of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Diocese of Victoria "Pastoral Institute Classes" offered this summer. *Echoes of Faith Plus* booklets (\$4) will be needed & can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site. For info. or to register, call 573-0828, ext. 24.

Classes open to all parishioners. Catechists & Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take these classes:

Sacraments: July 7, 9:30-4:30 pm; July 14 & 16, 6:30-9:30 pm; Chancery-Victoria, St. Joseph- Yoakum & St. Anthony-Columbus. This is a 6 hr. course. Liturgical ministers are also expected to take this course.

The Scriptures: July 13 & 15, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. John the Baptist-St. John. This is a 6 hr. course.

Prayer & Spirituality: July 22 & 29, 6-9 pm, St. Michael -Cuero.

Catechists & Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take these classes:

Getting Started: July 8, 6:30-9:30 pm, Holy Cross-East Bernard; Aug. 4, 6:30-9:30 pm, O.L. of Lourdes-Victoria.

Roles of the Catechist: July 15, 6:30-9:30 pm, Holy Cross-East Bernard; Aug. 5, 6:30-9:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria. This is a 3 hr. course.

Person of the Catechist: July 22, 6:30-9:30 pm, Holy Cross-East Bernard. This is a 3 hr. course.

The Learner: Aug. 4 & 6, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Philip, El Campo; Aug. 5 & 6, 6-9 pm, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner. This is a 6 hr. course.



REMINDER!!! Deadline for NCYC forms is July 14!!!

The forms may be turned in to Kris Hermes or dropped off at the Rectory.

Firefall has been rescheduled to July 26th due to the Moravia Picnic.

Music Practice: Mondays, 5:00 -6:30 pm, Youth House.

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When children are very young, say around two or three years of age, their entire world exists within the walls of their home. And all that they are, all they believe, comes from their parents. In fact, in those young eyes, their parents are perfect; they believe everything Mom and Dad tell them is the truth, and they will do anything they ask (usually!). But as they grow older, and the world outside of those walls grows louder, the perfections of Mom and Dad seem to begin to falter. They are looked at through doubtful eyes, their wisdom challenged at nearly every turn. Often it is not until years later that we realize they were the same wise parents all along.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time before His crucifixion, He cried. Not for His fate, but because those around Him did not realize of their impending salvation. In today's Gospel, Jesus has returned to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue, yet His own people doubt His truth, remembering Him as a boy and as the son of a carpenter. He remarks that prophets such as Him are always scorned by those who know them best, the people of their hometown.

As children, our innocent faith and belief in God is unwavering. As we grow older, we sometimes question our beliefs and put aside our faith, rather than grow even closer to Christ. This is because "Faith seeks understanding" (CCC 158). Everything else in this world is explained visually through tangible facts; only faith can come from our hearts. Perhaps Jesus cried not only for those who saw His miracles yet did not believe, but also for us who did not see. Our challenge is to be as children in our faith, unwavering, open and believing with all our hearts.



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Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills & fields, dear God, & bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, & the rivers will sing Your praises, & the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Douglas Bludau: 25.00

In memory of Bernie Bludau: 25.00

Knights of Columbus Council 2433

In memory of Louis Rother: Annie Henke 10.00

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July 2009

One Minute Meditations

Keep the parish lights on

No matter where you go this summer, don't forget your parish back home. If you will be out of town on a Sunday, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

Aching shoulders

When you see a need, prayerfully consider whether it's yours to fill. When leading the Israelites through the desert, Moses felt responsible for mediating disputes. The long lines of unhappy people soon exhausted him. Moses' father-in-law told him that by taking the whole job upon his shoulders, he was denying others the chance to serve God, too.

Second chances

Don't give up if you feel you failed to please God. Remember St. Peter. Although he deserted Jesus when he was most needed, Jesus gave him another chance to affirm his love (John 20:19). He will do the same for you.

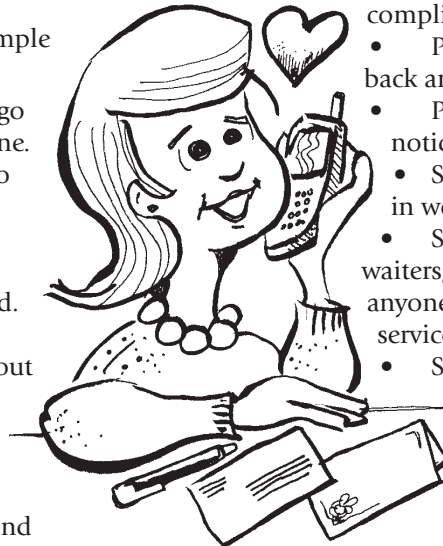


Twenty easy ways to show love

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

Try some of these simple ways to show love:

- Let someone else go ahead of you in line.
- Call someone who was absent from work or a social gathering and tell him he was missed.
- Resist the urge to talk negatively about someone.
- Find something good in everyone.
- Always give a second chance.
- Ask "How are you?" and listen to the answer.
- Go an entire day without raising your voice in anger.
- Help someone carry a burden.
- Listen patiently. Don't interrupt or correct.
- Make others feel welcome.
 - Offer a sincere compliment each day.
 - Pat someone on the back and smile at her.
 - Praise others when you notice their success.
 - Shake someone's hand in welcome.
 - Show appreciation to waiters, receptionists, and anyone who works in a service capacity.
 - Smile at a stranger.
 - Treat everyone as if you like them – even if you don't.
 - Try to cheer up someone who is having a bad day.
- Write a "thank you" note when someone does a favor for you.
- Do a good deed for someone who can't repay you.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

As Catholics we know that God created us out of love and continually summons us to love him back. Prayer is our response to God's love.

Catholics pray because we believe in God's existence in our lives.

Why do Catholics pray?

We pray because we have the hope that our salvation is coming. And we pray because during prayer the Holy Spirit brings us hope, joy, and peace.

Prayer is what connects us to God directly, intimately, and lovingly.

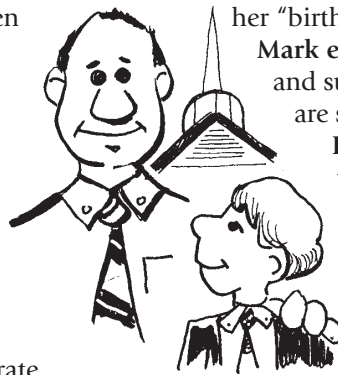


Help your godchild on the journey to Christ

God has called all of us to follow him. Yet when we are asked to be godparents, we are not only called to follow, we are called to lead. Aiding in a child's spiritual growth is an awesome responsibility but you can teach the importance of our faith in simple ways.

Go to Mass. Inviting your godchild to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.

Send cards. On the anniversary of the child's baptism each year, send a birthday card to celebrate



her "birth" into the life of Christ.

Mark each sacrament received. Offer lots of attention and support during these Catholic milestones. These are steps on our journey toward Christ.

Prayer cards. Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card pertinent to his life situation.

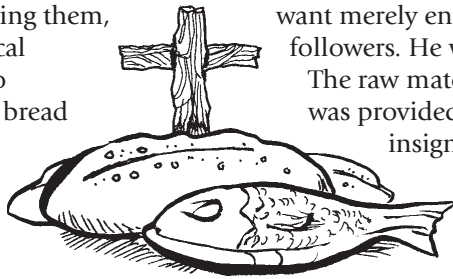
Reevaluate your role. Being a godparent doesn't stop at the Baptism celebration. It is a lifelong commitment. Remember to stay active into your godchild's adulthood.

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John 6:1-15; the loaves and the fishes.

Jesus' fame spread because of the healings and other signs he performed. People came from all over hoping to share in the material benefits he offered. By feeding them, he met their physical need, but then also offered the eternal bread - himself.

The crowd was so awed by the miracles he performed, they wanted to make Jesus king. They thought that the miracles were proof that he was the "Prophet, the one who is to come into the world," as foretold in Deuteronomy 18:15, 18.



After all, the great prophet Moses fed the people with manna and Jesus used bread. But Jesus wasn't fooled by their enthusiasm and left quickly. He doesn't want merely enthusiasm from his followers. He wants faith.

The raw material for this miracle was provided by a boy - an insignificant child. By choosing him, though, Jesus showed that nobody is insignificant when it comes to proclaiming

the gospel. So, what bread or fish can you offer to God? If you have true faith, whatever you offer just might become a miracle, too.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 2 - St. Thomas (1st century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he faced the truth (John 11:16). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and India. He was martyred at Calamine.

July 6 - St. Maria Goretti (1902). Twelve year-old Maria was afraid of her neighbor but kept silent for fear of causing trouble for his family. One day, while alone, Maria was attacked by the neighbor who had evil intent toward her. He stabbed her when she

wouldn't submit. Still, she forgave him before she died just hours later. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while he was in prison and repented. His first act when released 30 years later, was to beg her mother's forgiveness. He attended and wept tears of joy at Maria's canonization.

July 26 - St. Joachim and St. Anne (?). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.



Q & A I get flustered when I'm asked about my faith. Can you help?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a popular series by Fr. Peter Stravinkas may be helpful. *The Catholic Answer Book* is published by Our Sunday

Visitor books (www.osv.com, 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.



Keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy.

It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your

library may have one or you can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Start a record. Write down the answers to common questions you have been asked or wonder about yourself. Keep them in one place, like a notebook or on note cards, so you can refer to them often.

Don't forget to rely on the Holy Spirit. In fact, next time you are asked a tough question, let the Spirit do the talking.

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