

June 7, 2009: The Most Holy Trinity



“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” — Mt 28: 19-20
Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 42001, 1998, 1970 CCD

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**Sunday, June 7, *The Most Holy Trinity* (Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/
Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20)**

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Srs. Anne & Constance Kubena; Sr. Florence Broz

Monday, June 8 (2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12)

7:00 am- Henry Fietsam

10:00 am- Mildred Wasserbauer (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, June 9, *St. Ephrem* (2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16)

7:00 am- James Patek

Wednesday, June 10 (2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19)

7:00 am- Special Intention

8:05 am- Franklin Meyer

**Thursday, June 11, *St. Barnabas, apostle* (Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26)**

7:00 am- Lucy & John Henke

10:00 am- Deceased members of Henry Grahmann Family
(Stevens)

Friday, June 12 (2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32)

7:00 am- Agnes Bludau

8:05 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Hubert & Mary Grahmann’s
57th Anniversary

**Saturday, June 13, *St. Anthony of Padua* (2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt
5:33-37)**

5:30 pm- Joe F. Steffek

**Sunday, June 14, *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*
(Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)**

8:00 am- James Grahmann

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Srs. Anne & Constance
Kubena & Sr. Florence Broz by Bob & Lou Kubena

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of James Grahmann

Vigil Light: Special Intention (gmr)

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,350; Loose-\$942;

Children’s-\$34; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$612

Anniversaries:

Thomas & Mary Douglas 40 years June 7

Pray for the repose of the soul of Emma Donnelly, mother
of John Trojczak. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

Baptisms in May: Gavyn Lazarus, son of Gabriel &
Melinda Chapa; Ysabella Liana, daughter of Arnel &
Bethalin Arellano; Jillian Jaymes, daughter of James &
Tammy Whited.

Welcome to the Parish: Jaime & Maria Alvarado, and
children Margaret & Rigo.



Flowers this weekend at the Altar of Sacrifice
are in memory of Marie Voelkel Holy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

-Sacred Heart Picnic, Flatonia. Polka Mass 9:30 am.
Fried Chicken/Stew Dinner 11 am. Auction 12:30 pm.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

-KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary’s House.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

-Grief Support, 6:00 p.m., Family Center (798-2077).

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

-Introduction to Natural Family Planning, Sacred Heart
Church, 539 East Pearl St., La Grange, 10–11:30 a.m.

-Czech Kolache Klobase Festival, Riverside Hall, East
Bernard. BBQ Chicken/Sausage meal 11 am. Music all
day, cake walk, kiddie games, arts/crafts, kolaches.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

-Holy Cross Parish Feast, Yorktown Community Hall.
Sausage & BBQ Pork meal 11 am – 2 pm. Bingo,
country store, silent auction, calf raffle.

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, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie
Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek,
Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte,
Thelma Mikulenska, 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 Etlzer, 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 Etlzer, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano,
Shirley Conniff, Charles W. Patek, Mary Agnes Grahmann,
Susan Jakubek, Tina Stepanek, nursing home residents & the
homebound.

Results of the Church Pastoral Advisory Council Election:
Angie Harper, Debra Smirak, Brian “Buck” Bludau &
Kevin Etlzer.

Results of the School Advisory Council Election: Jim
Mullen & Glenn Steffek.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is now accepting
applications for two part-time extended care workers. The
working hours are 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. on all school days. To
apply, please call Principal David Smolik at 798-4251.

Catholic Daughters members, please mail your \$20 dues
to Joan Janak, 1342 FM 318, Hallettsville (798-9341).

From the Desk of Father John

In the past couple of weeks, we have had some tragic deaths. This has affected many people, young and old alike. We are fortunate that we live in a community such as Hallettsville where the church and community come together and pray with and for one another, and support one another especially in times of tragedy.

We thank God for the great faith that is here and ask God to help everyone to continue to be strengthened by this faith. We also pray for those who are still searching for God, that they can share this faith in God and have the hope that comes with it.



The Youth ConneXion



Sunday, June 7: BBQ cook-off, 10:00 a.m. – ??
(incoming 8th graders & outgoing seniors)

Sunday, June 7: NCYC meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the Youth House. If you plan on going to Kansas City, MO, you need to attend this meeting!

Sunday, June 28: Firefall 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Youth meet in Youth House at 5:00 p.m. Meeting & youth gathering to follow Firefall.

*Music practice at the Youth House 5:00 –6:30 p.m.
on Mondays. Come and join us!*

Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

Vacation Bible School: June 22 – 26. For more information or to volunteer, please call Janice at 798-9164.

Masses sent to area priests: Deceased members of CDA #797- 10; Adela Pohl- 9; Ethel Bludau- 17; Thelma Owens- 3; Victor Buzek- 12; living & deceased members of Catholic Knights- 6; Douglas Bludau- 2; James Kouba- 44; Blasé Konvicka, Sr.- 33; Special Intention- 2; John Jalufka- 57; Hubert & Ethel Bludau- 95; Johnny Rainosek- 19; Louis & Julia Satsky- 10; living & deceased members of Catholic Life- 2; Hubert & Millie Gerlich- 21; Edmund & Anita Hajovsky- 9; Frank Krenek- 6; Bernie Bludau- 2; Banna Jares- 5.

Kiddie Rides Chairperson(s) is urgently needed. You can chair one picnic or both. Ask a friend to help! Please call or come by the Rectory as soon as possible.

Diocese of Victoria is offering Pastoral Institute Classes this summer with some being presented via distance learning. For info. or to register, call 573-0828, ext. 24.

The Learner: June 16, 9:30 – 4:30 p.m.; June 23 & 25, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Chancery, Victoria.

Liturgy: June 10 & 11, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.; June 15, 9:30 – 4:30 p.m., Holy Rosary, Hostyn, Chancery, Victoria or Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca.

Church: June 17 & 18, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.; June 30, 9:30 – 4:30 p.m.; Chancery, Victoria or Sacred Heart, H'ville.

The Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Sisters are hosting a "Come & See" visit for single Catholic women (high school graduates through 50 years old), June 19–20 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria. If you are interested, check them out at www.iwbsvictoria.org, or call 575-7111 or e-mail iwbsvoc@yahoo.com for more details.

The Most Holy Trinity

The worship center is dark; each parishioner holds an unlit candle. The pastor enters with a single lighted candle and begins lighting the candles of those at the ends of the pews. In turn, they light the candles of the people next to them, and so on. Slowly, the room is aglow in the light of a thousand candles, all lit from a single flame. As the pastor approaches the altar, we are careful to take notice that the candle he carried in has not changed in the least, and could light even another thousand candles. It is that way when we speak of God's love; no matter how often we share it, our own love grows brighter and stronger.

Through the example of one candle lighting a thousand we are able to better appreciate the Gospel. After the Resurrection, Jesus summons the eleven disciples to a mountain in Galilee. There, He gives them the Great Commission, to go out into the world and baptize all in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus could have appeared to thousands, yet He knew these eleven "candles" would be capable of following His commandments and spreading His promise of eternal life.

Today is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, a remembrance of Christ's directive of a new mission for His followers to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that this mandate is our invitation to join in the one family of God, fully united and complete (CCC 959). Two thousand years ago, eleven men set out, tasked with beginning the fulfillment of the New Covenant by bringing all who would believe into the loving arms of God. Today, turn to others and offer them the light of life.



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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 and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND

<u>In memory of Douglas Bludau:</u>	20.00
<u>In memory of David Janak:</u>	20.00
<u>In memory of Dennis Smirak:</u>	20.00
<u>In memory of Bessie Kouba:</u>	20.00

Clarence & Diana Wenske

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND

<u>In memory of Douglas Bludau:</u>	
Brandon Wenske	20.00

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One Minute Meditations

Love yourself

When Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," he wanted us to love and care for each other. He also wants us to be good to ourselves and love ourselves in a healthy way. Loving yourself is not the same as being self-centered or self-indulgent. It means seeing your immense value as a child of God.

Proud Catholics

In a recent poll of U.S. Catholics conducted by the Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), more than three out of four respondents say they are proud to be Catholic. More than eight in ten consider their Catholic faith to be important in their daily life. (See <http://cara.georgetown.edu> for more information.)

The bright side

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).



Five ways you can make a difference to your parish

Amazing things happen in our Catholic parishes every day. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God's love and share that love with friends and neighbors. Every parishioner is important to a parish. Consider these ideas to make a difference to yours:

Take your rightful place. As a baptized Catholic, you have the right to a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participate in parish ministries.

Boost the faith of fellow Catholics. Even the most active Catholics sometimes falter in their

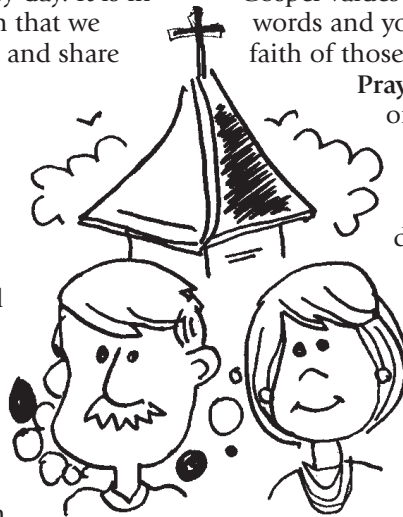
faith. Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.

Pray for your parish. This is one of the most important contributions you can make. Join parish intentions to your own daily prayer intentions.

Pray for parish ministries. Offer prayers for your priests and other religious, and parish staff.

Build it, serve it, or pay for it. When there is a need in the parish, don't wait for an invitation. Your parish depends upon your efforts and support.

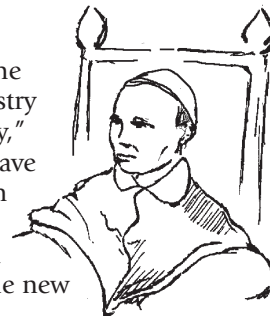
Help it grow. Don't be shy about inviting friends, coworkers, or neighbors to join you. Your parish might be the home they've been searching for.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics follow the Pope?

All Catholics – including the Pope – follow Jesus. The ministry of the Pope, called the "papacy," was begun by Jesus when he gave Peter "the keys of the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 16:19). By doing so, Jesus gave Peter a special role of leadership in the new Church.

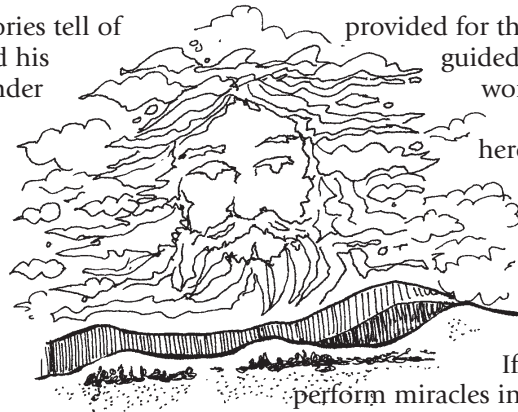


The authority given to St. Peter is passed to his successors who also become head of the Church. The Pope brings unity to the entire community of Catholics and helps us continue Jesus' saving mission.

Is God still around?

Many Old and New Testaments stories tell of personal encounters between God and his people. As we read them, we may wonder why we don't see or hear him like they did. In fact, God walks with us today in the very same way he walked with the Israelites through the desert. It's God's people who have changed.

Times change; God doesn't. The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances,



provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for us.

Why the difference? All the Biblical heroes had one thing in common; they were ordinary people with no power of their own. The difference between us may be that they were more aware of and open to the presence of God in their lives. Through prayer and sacrifice, they were closely connected to God.

If we do the same, God is ready to perform miracles in our lives, too.

from Scripture

Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action.

As the leader of the local synagogue, Jairus was probably pressured by the Pharisees to avoid or reject Jesus. It was a courageous act for him to publicly approach Jesus, bow before him, and beg for a cure for his daughter. Jairus' faith in Jesus was that strong.

On the way to Jairus' home, Jesus was delayed by a woman with a serious hemorrhage. According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have excluded her from most



social contact. She thought Jesus wouldn't want to touch her and secretly grabbed his cloak believing that any contact would cure her. In fact, she was cured, but Jesus told her that it was her faith that provided the cure. We should never allow fear of our unworthiness to keep us from God.

By the time Jesus finished with the woman, Jairus was told of his daughter's death. Jesus simply said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36), and Jairus' great faith was rewarded. No matter how desperate your situation may appear, trust Jesus to help. Even death is under his control.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 19 - Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with his heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

June 20 - Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to a request by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back in order to study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' coming. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



Q & A I vote pro-life. What else can I do to promote respect for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While voting for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are also options outside the voting booth.

Assist pregnancy support centers. Many centers offer counseling, material assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or treasure in support.

Speak up. When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and

non-violent solutions.

Consider becoming a foster parent. Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs shelter.



Visit local nursing homes and offer residents companionship. Many older people feel forgotten and would welcome the attention.

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