

**August 3, 2014: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. — Mt 14:19c-21

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, August 3 (Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21)**

8:00 am- For our Parish Family  
10:30 am- Vernon Supak

**Monday, August 4, St. John Vianney, Priest (Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36)**

7:00 am- Mary Butschek  
10:00 am- Deceased members of Alois & Marie Morkovsky Family (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, Aug. 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36)**

7:00 am- Frances Meneley

**Wednesday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9)**

7:00 am- Jerome Haas  
8:05 am- Dwayne Janak, Alvin & Annie Schneider

**Thursday, Aug. 7, St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest (Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23)**

7:00 am- Richard Wachel  
10:00 am- Hilton & Hilda Elstner, Bill Sobotik (Stevens)

**Friday, August 8, St. Dominic, Priest (Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28)**

7:00 am- Karen Steffek  
8:05 am- Pete Steinberg

**Saturday, August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr (Hb 1:12--2:4/Mt 17:14-20)**

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

**Sunday, August 10, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33)**

8:00 am- Leo & Dorothy Bludau  
10:30 am- Charles Holley

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**Vigil Light:** Special intention.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Theresa Hemmi* of our parish family. *May she and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$4,536.96; Manna-\$2,009; Loose-\$1,680; Children-\$69.

*Happy Anniversary!*

James & Joyce Bucek 62 years Aug. 3  
Lawrence & Delores Grahmann 45 years Aug. 9

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4**

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 am, K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

-Knights of Columbus General Mtg., 7:30 p.m., KC Hall

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Georgie Henke, Harold Bonorden, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Louise Pesek, nursing home residents, and the homebound.

**Mass Schedule for August 15 – Holyday of Obligation**

**August 14 (Vigil):** St. Mary's, 7:00 pm.

**August 15:** Sacred Heart, 6:45 am, 8:05 am, 12:05 pm.  
Ascension Church, Moravia, 7:00 pm.

**Pastoral Institute 3-year Extended Program** begins this Fall, both in person and via distance learning. Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 2, at 9:15-11:30 am and 7-9:15 pm. Classes will be offered at the Chancery in Victoria and projected to St. Roch Church, Mentz and **Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville** - *Introduction to the Bible and the Pentateuch* followed by the *Historical and Prophetic Books in the Old Testament*. For information, contact Sherry Kainer at 573-0828 ex. 2223 or [pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org).

**Drawing for a 2014 Polaris Ranger Crew 570** (seating for 4) with 12 ft. Maxey Single Axle Trailer and 13 additional prizes will be held at the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic on August 31. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Rectory.

**Area Church Picnics –**

**Aug. 3:** St. Joseph Picnic, Yoakum Community Center. Stew & Sausage Dinner 10:30am. Auction, cake walk, country store, kiddy games, raffle.

**Aug. 10:** St. Michael Harvest Feast, Veteran's Memorial Park, Weimar. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, booths, kiddy games, music.

**Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall, Hallettsville. Tickets on sale now! \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the Knights of Columbus Hall or online at [www.kchall.com](http://www.kchall.com) and click on the Falling Leaves tab. For more information call 361-798-2311.**

**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

Our building project at the school is moving along well. The classrooms should be ready in time for the beginning of school. The other phase of the project will continue to be worked on as the school year begins. It will not interfere with classes.

We have reached our original goal of the capital campaign for the project. As in any construction project, there are unforeseen expenses; therefore, our campaign will continue until the project is finished. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, please consider making a donation.

Our church directory has been put together and is about ready to go to print. It should be ready in a few weeks.

The church bells are presently being worked on. It will take a couple of weeks before this project is finished completely.

**CCD News ~~**

Due to construction, CCD classes will begin Sept. 10 this school year. Also, due to numerous incorrect phone numbers on returned registration forms we are asking all families to update their information in person by registering after any of the Masses on August 16, 17, 23 and 24 in the Church Cry Room. If you are unavailable on those days, you may call Angela (741-8730) to schedule an appointment any time before September 1. Full or partial payment is expected at registration unless arrangements have been made. No student will be denied Religious Education for financial reasons.

**Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic – August 31**

The picnic will be here before you know it! Please be thinking of what you could donate to the Auction – cattle, farm & ranch items, antiques in good condition, unique & interesting items for the home, yard or garden, children's items, lovely potted plants & trees, etc. Please let us know at the Rectory so we can advertise!!!

The Country Store will be in need of crafts items, home canned veggies and jellies, home baked items, fresh garden veggies, eggs, homemade noodles, etc.

Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon. Please buy or sell as many of the tickets as possible.

Cash donations are also being accepted at this time. You may drop off your donation at the Rectory or place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

Picnic workers are always needed. If you are not signed up to work, please call the Rectory to volunteer your time. It takes many hard-working hands for a successful picnic!

Safe Environment Training for new employees and volunteers, 6:45 pm, Tuesday, August 12, Family Center

***Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!***

***A message from Fr. Barnabus –***

Oh! We have a new Associate pastor and who is he? I am Rev. Barnabas Kyeah. I come from Ghana and I belong to the Catholic Diocese of Wiawso in the western region of Ghana. I was born in a city called Sefwi-Boako in the Western region of Ghana. I have two brothers and two sisters and have one of my parents living, my mother.

I have been a priest for nineteen years. I attended both St. Paul's (Accra) and St. Peter's (Pedu-Cape Coast) major seminaries in Ghana. I have some degrees also in both Sociology and studies in religions from the University of Ghana, and Business Administration. My grandparents and parents are all Catholics, so I was born into a very Catholic family. Two of my uncles are priests and another one is a Brother of the Holy Cross congregation. Fortunately, one of my uncles was my classmate so we were all ordained on the same day. That is why I am saying that I was born into a very Catholic family.

When I first came to the United States I worked in Wisconsin for twelve years. Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke (now Raymond Cardinal Burke) invited me to come and help in his Diocese in Wisconsin because of the shortage of priests. After some time I heard about the Diocese of Victoria from a friend and also read about it and that is how I came to the Diocese of Victoria. I am really happy to be here, because I heard about the south and I have been praying all along that one day I will have the opportunity to serve God's people in this part of the Church. God has entrusted His ministry to our care to build His Kingdom both on earth and in Heaven. I believe if we work together we can fulfill this ministry. I will try and do my best in this parish, so you also try and do your part so that we can establish God's love and peaceful Kingdom on earth. Let's pray for one another on this mission.

Thank you. May God bless you all.

Rev. Barnabas Kyeah

**Sacred Heart School News ~~**

**Aug. 5:** Freshmen Orientation, 7pm, Family Center.

**Aug. 6:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, 7pm, Family Center.

Booster Club Mtg., 7:30pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** "He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by Himself." In the midst of His own sorrow at the murder of His cousin and friend, John the Baptist, Jesus had wanted to be alone. But rather than wallowing in His own emotion, He thought of the men, women, and children who had made the journey to this remote location to be near Him. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick." And then, He fed them. Not only those who were sick, but all those present. First, the miracles of healing. Then, the miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish. This Jesus of compassion and healing, this Jesus who provided for His people until they "were satisfied," this is our Jesus too. His Sacred Heart is also moved by seeing us, by recognizing our weaknesses, hopes, and desires. Jesus remains the same. He is willing and able to satisfy our deepest needs. The question is whether we, like the crowd that day, will make the journey to find Him.

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August 2014

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Dominic

Journeying through France, Dominic was alarmed by the popularity of Albigensian heretics who threatened the Church. They taught that anything material was evil, rejecting the Sacraments and Incarnation. Albigensian preachers avoided material comforts while many Catholic preachers lived in luxury. Dominic became an itinerant preacher like the Apostles and in 1215 founded the Order of Preachers, "Dominicans." The ideal of Dominicans was study and prayer in all forms with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God.



### Little Way of Love

St. Therese of Lisieux found large jobs intimidating, so she dedicated herself to small tasks done with love. Over a lifetime, small, loving contributions can add up to something wonderful. She called this her "Little Way of Love."

*"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'"*

(John 8:12).



## How to share your faith with anyone

It's human nature to want to share what excites us. Yet we often find ourselves shying away from opening up about the wonders of our Catholic faith. After all, Jesus told us to *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*

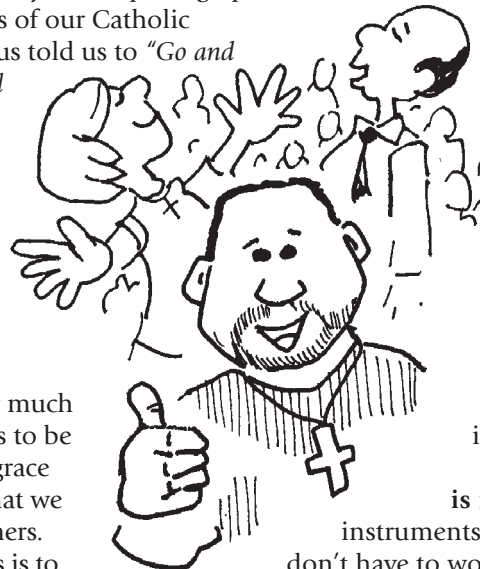
(Matthew 28:19) While this command can seem daunting, the truth is that anyone can be an evangelist.

**Be a vessel of God's grace.** How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. One way to do this is to frequent the Sacraments and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

**Let the faith shine.** Show that you are proud to be Catholic. Certainly we do that when we attend Mass weekly, without fail. We also show our Catholicity when we reverently wear Miraculous Medals and Crucifixes. But we can also speak about how Christ's love influences our lives or let someone know that he or she is in our prayers.

**Remember that God is in control.** As

instruments of God's grace, we don't have to worry if we don't immediately see the fruits of our evangelization. We know God is at work. Our prayer to God can always be, "Lord, use me as you will."



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

We honor Jesus' name out of respect for the Person to whom it belongs. In the Bible, a name pointed to something important about a person. The name, "Jesus" is Hebrew for "God saves," thus signifying his identity and his

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mission. *"There is no...other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved"* (Acts 4:1). There is power in Jesus' name; whatever we ask for in his name, he will grant (see John 14:13).

## Turn nasty criticism into growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving your life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian.

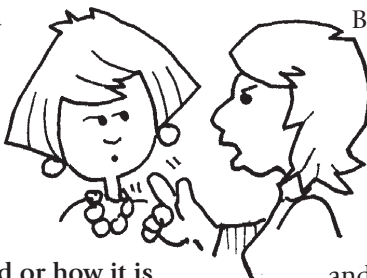
**Stay calm.** The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns.

**Thank the commenter, no matter what is said or how it is**

**delivered.** People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments.

Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend.

**Weigh the criticism.** Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvements? If not, forget it and move on without anger.

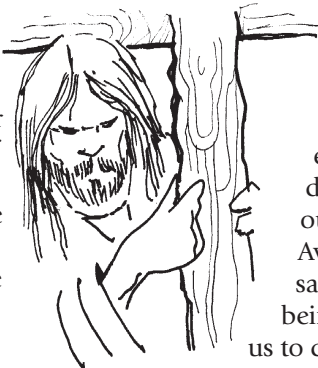


### from Scripture

#### Matthew 16:21-27 - The secret to a happy Christian life

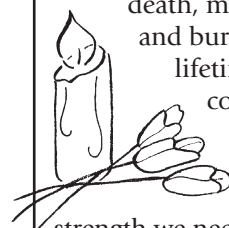
In this reading, Jesus shocked his disciples by predicting his own death. Like many Jews of the day, they had believed that the Messiah would be a triumphant and powerful warrior king who would trample the enemies of his people. All longed for retaliation after centuries of slavery and humiliation. Jesus predicted he would be put to death instead, destroying their ideas of the Messiah.

Like a good friend, Peter wanted to protect Jesus from discomfort and attempted to reassure him. But Jesus knew that unless he suffered and died, we would all die in



our sins. He couldn't turn from his purpose and he rebuked Peter for tempting him. Sometimes our most difficult temptations come from our loved ones trying to spare us pain. Saving ourselves from earthly pain might mean doing something that puts our souls in jeopardy. Avoiding the pain and sacrifice that comes with being a Christian could cause us to die spiritually and emotionally. The secret of a happy Christian life is not to avoid our personal Cross but to embrace it as Jesus did.

### Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?



Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

### Feasts & Celebrations

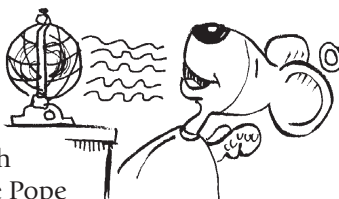
**August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori (1787).** St. Alphonsus gave up legal practice in Italy to become a priest and founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. Despite a life of suffering, he was able to stay aware of the loving presence of Christ.

**August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord (1st century).** Tradition identifies Mt. Tabor as the site where Jesus appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah. A voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

**August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century).** Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**August 20 - St. Bernard (1153).** At the age of 20, Bernard joined the monastic community of Citeaux but was often called upon to settle disputes.

He became a defender of the faith and of the Pope in Rome.



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