

SUNDAY—AUGUST 1, 2010

Mass Intentions:

First Friday, August 6-

7:00 p.m.-Special Intentions

Sunday, August 8-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of the
Joe & Katherine Pesek Family

Sunday, August 15-

9:15 a.m.-Patricia A. Steffek

Sunday, August 22-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Adele Hermes

Sunday, August 29-

9:15 a.m.-Adolph & Agnes Svetlik, Bohumil & Cecilia
Janak, Jaro & Edith Svetlik

First Friday, September 3-

7:00 p.m.-Freddie Jansky & Timmy Kostelnik

Sunday, September 5-

9:15 a.m.-Phil Mladenka

Rosary Leaders:

August 6-Angela Hermes

August 8-Lucille Klekar

August 15-Dorothy Schneider

August 22-Sandy Konvicka

August 29-Ruth Rouse

Sept. 3-Angela Hermes

Sept. 5-Janie Fikac

Cantors:

August 8-Richard Rouse

August 15-Emily Schimcek

August 22-Ruth Rouse

August 29-Richard Rouse

Sept. 5-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

August 8-Erik Svetlik

August 15-Daniel J. Matula

August 22-Maria Hermes

August 29-Garrett Henke

Sept. 5-Dedie Dobbs

Extraordinary Ministers:

Aug. 8-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Dedie Dobbs

Aug. 15-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Mary Urbish

Aug. 22-Evelyn Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek,
Trina Sommerlatte

Extraordinary Ministers (continued):

Aug. 29-Billy & Bev Hrcir, Janice Rother

Sept. 5-Edward & Sandra Pustka, Pat Mladenka

Offertory Gift Bearers:

August 8-The Joe & Katherine Pesek Family

August 15-M/M Richard Sommerlatte & Family

August 22-The Joe & Adele Hermes Family

August 29-M/M Allen Steffek

Sept. 5-M/M Aaron Summers & Daughters

Altar Servers:

August 8-Erin Svetlik, Michael Perdziak,

Luke Scherer & Joshua Bludau

August 15-Kelton Koehne, Kasey Hairell,

Kelly Janak & Sterling Hrcir

August 22-Adam Hermes, Jacob Janak,

Hunter & Kolby Janak

August 29-Samuel & Simon Machicek,

Kyle & Kaitlyn Rother

Sept. 5-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka

& Alexius Mizera

Church Ushers:

August 8-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,

Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

August 15-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka,

Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

August 22-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis

Klekar & Sidney Jasek

August 29-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois

Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte

Sept. 5-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,

Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Church Cleaners:

Aug. 7-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar &

Helen Janak

Aug. 14-Lucille Klekar, Janice Rother, Sue

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Aug. 21-Ruth Rouse, Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek

& Helen Technik

Aug. 28-Margaret Smolik, Dorothy Schneider

Sept. 4-Katherine Kahanek & Angela Hermes

Our Gift to God:

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
July 4--	\$100.63	\$752.00
July 11--	\$140.50	\$343.00
July 18--	\$124.00	\$421.00
July 25--	\$146.00	\$509.00

Children's Collections-\$50.05; Building Rep. Fund-\$490

From the Desk of Father John

Once again, I thank each and every one of you for all the prayers, calls, cards, etc., before, during and after my surgery. Dr. Wiener removed the tumor from my bladder and everything has turned out well. He will see me every three months to make sure that there is no new tumor.

During all of this, I have come to a greater appreciation of doctors, nurses and all those in the medical field. They are truly a gift from God. Again, **THANK YOU!**

This Sunday, I am having my family reunion out at the farm, with about 160 people. We celebrate with Mass, dinner and visiting. It is good for family to get together at least once a year. I am very grateful to have Fr. Tommy and Fr. John K. here to help me during this time.

Once again I want to thank everyone for participating in St. Mary's Parish Picnic. According to our records, this year's picnic was the best ever financially. This is due to everyone's hard work and cooperation. Please thank those that you know of that came from other parishes to help us work or purchase at the auction.

Mass Attendance:

July 4—310 July 11—300
July 18—245 July 25—305

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Joe N. Steffek

Victor & Katherine Kahanek.....\$20.00
James & Barbara Matula.....\$10.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery

In Memory of Joe N. Steffek

M/M Daniel J. Matula.....\$20.00

Messages & Announcements

Thank You!!

On behalf of the Altar Servers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St. Mary's Altar Society.

The Society graciously sponsors our outing every year. This year however, because of scheduling conflicts, we were unable to take our trip. Still wanting to honor our servers, the Altar Society purchased Dairy Queen Gift cards for all the servers.

Again, "Thank You" to the St. Mary's Altar Society for your continued support and encouragement of our parish youth, we appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Cindy Svetlik

Meeting Notice:

The Wied KJT Society #43 will hold a meeting on September 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wied Hall.

CCD News

Just as last year registration/medical release forms will be mailed to all current CCD students. If you are new to the parish or have a kindergarten student, please contact Cindy Svetlik (798-4654) so that forms can be mailed to you. Forms should be arriving in the mail the last week in Aug. /first week of September.

Financial Report for June 2010

Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 2,870.21
Children's Collections	51.82
Special Collections-Peter & Pence	155.00
Other Church Donations	300.00
Deposits & Church/Hall Rentals	650.00
Votive Stand	<u>18.61</u>
Total Income for June	<u>\$ 4,045.64</u>

Expenses

Utilities	\$ 761.99
Health Insurance	705.20
Special Collection-Peter & Pence	155.00
Church Expenses	283.00
Hall Expenses (Checking)	60.00
Hall Expenses (Supplies)	126.07
Priest Pension Plan	435.00
Salaries	675.00
C.F.C.A. Sponsorship	250.00
Repairs & Maintenance	<u>536.42</u>
Total Expenses for June	<u>\$ 3,987.68</u>

Balance from May	\$ 4,111.37
Income from June	+4,045.64
Less June Expenses	<u>- 3,987.68</u>
Operating Balance	<u>\$ 4,169.33</u>



Information on Reporting Child Abuse-

Diocese of Victoria
1505 E. Mesquite Lane
Victoria, TX 77901
Office of Child and Youth Protection
361-573-0828 x49

How to report known/suspected child abuse...

- a) Child abuse and neglect are against the law in Texas, and so is failure to report it.
- b) If you suspect a child has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to the Texas Department of Protective Services and Regulatory Services or to a law enforcement agency.
- c) You are required to make a report within 48 hours of the time you suspect the child has been abused or neglected.

Call the Department of Family and Protective Services at **1-800-252-5400** or report the abuse online at www.txabusehotline.org

If person is in immediate danger call 911

- They will ask you for information about the child
- Information about the abuse
- Name of the abuser if available
- Possible witnesses
- Your name and phone number (confidentiality is an option)

If church personnel are involved:

- 1) First, contact the civil authorities listed above
- 2) Second, contact the Bishop or the Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at **361-573-0828** or the Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach: Reverend Gary Janak **(979)543-3770** or Sr. Emilie Eilers **(361)575-7111**

Written allegations (marked "Personal and Confidential") may be sent to:

Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Victoria
P.O. Box 4070
Victoria, TX

What is Child Abuse?

- Neglect
- Physical neglect-not taking care of a child's physical need of health & safety

- Educational neglect-not giving the child appropriate opportunities to learn such as not sending a child to school or having him or her take part in state-approved alternative education.
- Emotional neglect-not meeting a child's emotional need. For example, withholding affection, exposing a child to a domestic environment (as a witness), and giving permission to use alcohol and other illegal drugs.
- Emotional abuse is any attitude, behavior, or failure to act on the part of the caregiver that interferes with a child's mental health or social development.
- Physical abuse is any non-accidental physical injury to a child.
- Sexual abuse is any sexual act between an adult and a minor or between two minors when one exerts power over the other. Forcing, coercing or persuading a child to engage in any type of sexual act.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Most of us have an innate sense of fairness and justice. We want to be treated equitably. We appeal to authority when we think we're being taken advantage of. Our expectation is that justice will prevail.

Civil trials often involve that quest for justice. An aggrieved party seeks an equitable outcome through a judgment against an offender. But justice alone does not guarantee solace. How many times have we heard in the news about a plaintiff who explains that it was not the court judgment that brought peace and resolution. Inevitably, they explain how they have found peace when they were able to bring themselves to forgive the offender. Many describe how the anger or pain in their hearts continued to interfere with their lives until they could put it aside by being reconciled.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel that "one's life does not consist of possessions" reflect this understanding. While compensatory and punitive damages help relieve an injustice, they do not resolve a situation completely. Only movement toward forgiveness and reconciliation can bring that about. It is not easy to do that, but our Christian experience acknowledges that it can be done, even if it takes years to accomplish. The hope is that we will be "rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21).

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August 2010

One Minute Meditations

Attitude of gratitude

True happiness doesn't come when you have all you want but when you want all you have.

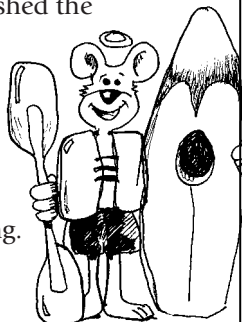
"A tranquil mind gives life to the body, but jealousy rots the bones" (Proverbs 14:30).

The gift of work

Work can feel like a treadmill. The routine can be exhausting and the job seem pointless. When we treat our labor as a gift back to God, there is an additional purpose to it other than just a paycheck. *"There is nothing better for man than to eat and drink and provide himself with good things by his labors. Even this, I realized, is from the hand of God"* (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

Lose the baggage

Sometimes we hold onto hurts and wrongs for years, carrying them throughout our lives like suitcases. We hold the offenders responsible long after the misdeed. Think how much lighter we would feel if we shed the baggage and went through life forgiving and forgetting.



"Where is God when I need him most?"

Two men, distraught over the murder of a friend, were walking to the next town. Along the way, they struggled to understand what happened and worried that God had abandoned them. A stranger joined them, helped them cope and turned out to be the very friend they were grieving. Though they didn't realize it, God was with them all along (Luke 24).

Why can't we find him?

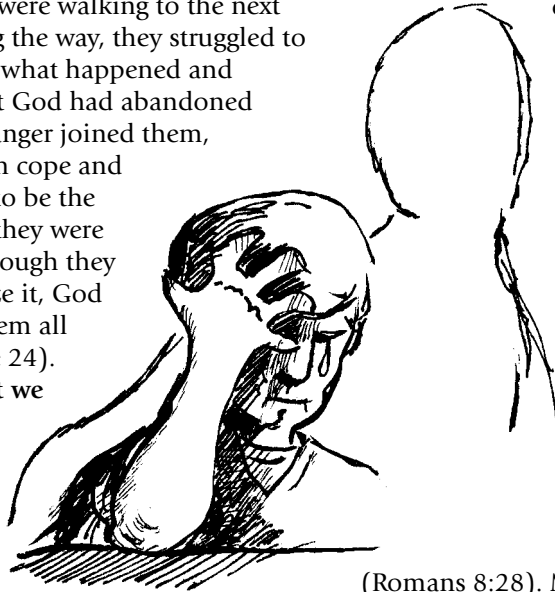
Events or experiences in our lives can lessen our awareness of God and make him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two friends on the road failed to recognize God walking with them.

Believing is seeing. Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. In fact, he promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of him makes no difference. He promised, and God never breaks a promise.

Act on faith.

"... All things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose"

(Romans 8:28). Mary, Jesus' mother, also was distraught by his death. Yet instead of being overwhelmed by it, she acted on faith and stood with dignity at the foot of his cross. Her reward for her faith in God's promise was amazing.



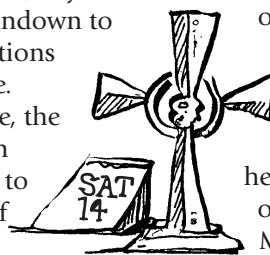
Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Jewish calendar, days are measured from sundown to sundown and celebrations begin the night before. Following this practice, the Church allows solemn liturgical celebrations to begin after 4:00 pm of the prior evening.

What is a Vigil Mass?

Therefore, you can fulfill your obligation for Mass on a Saturday evening because it is really a Sunday celebration.

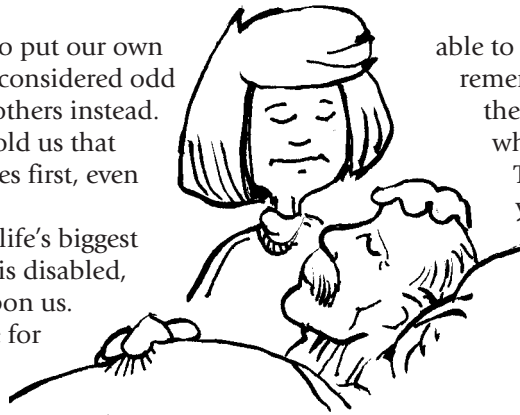
Such Masses of anticipation, also called Vigil Masses, have been helpful to workers, caregivers, or others for whom attending Sunday Mass may be difficult or impossible.



When others need us

Society tells us that it's our right to put our own happiness first. In fact, we may be considered odd or abnormal if we cheerfully serve others instead. Yet, that's not what Jesus said. He told us that serving God and our neighbor comes first, even if it doesn't make us happy.

Caring can be difficult. Some of life's biggest challenges come when a loved one is disabled, ill or even dying, and dependent upon us. Putting aside our own needs to care for someone who may not even be



able to appreciate it is hard. It may help to remember that Christ had special compassion for the sick and disabled and he appreciates it when we do, too.

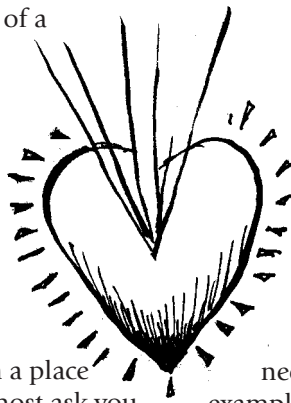
There is a reward. Mother Teresa said, "if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." When we take another into our care or go out of our way to help, we aren't just serving our neighbor. We are serving the Lord who loves us.

from Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14, a pure heart

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus criticized the Pharisees' desire for prestige and praise instead of a heart-felt service to the people in their care. When a leading Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner, our Lord took it as an opportunity to encourage service to the poor and sincere humility.

To make his point, Jesus used the example of being a guest at a banquet. How embarrassing to sit in a place of honor only to have the host ask you to move and make room for someone more important. Instead, Jesus



suggested behaving with true humility and taking the lowest place at the table. There is great honor in being invited by your host to "move up" but even if no such invitation comes, those around you will appreciate your desire to put others first.

Jesus went on to encourage us to forget about being admired and instead serve people in need – and Scripture is full of examples of how he lived this advice. Such service is the way to fulfillment.

Q & A What can I do to be a happier person?

We know that God wants us to be happy with him in Heaven, but he also wants us to be happy on Earth, too.



Don't be afraid. Happy people don't fear pain because they know God will give them the grace they need to deal with it. Instead of running from pain, we need to feel it, deal with it, and then let it flow away from us when we can. Once we have dismissed pain, we are free to feel joy.

Don't fight him. When we are in a situation that is right for us, everything flows. Flow creates harmony, and harmony leads to happiness. To achieve flow, we have to let God place us where he wants us to be.

Walk with him. Happy people know that God is always present in their lives and they seek frequent opportunities to be with him. Consider going to daily Mass, increasing your daily prayer, or just find extra time to place yourself in his presence in some quiet spot.

Feasts & Celebrations

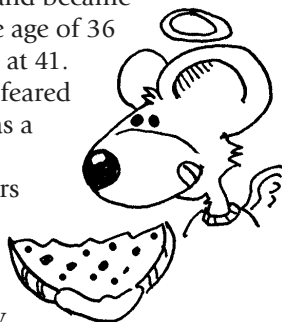
August 11 – St. Clare. Born to a noble family in Italy, St. Clare followed St. Francis of Assisi into poverty over her family's strenuous objections. She founded a sister order to the Franciscans called the "Poor Clares."

August 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe. A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was imprisoned in 1941 by the Nazis at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose a man with a family to execute in punishment for another's escape attempt, St. Maximilian offered himself instead.

August 15 – Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary. Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's taking up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

August 28 – St. Augustine (430). Although quite decadent before his conversion, St. Augustine turned to Christianity and became a priest at the age of 36 and a bishop at 41. He was both feared and revered as a prophet who offered sinners no shelter or escape from personal responsibility.



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