

## Pastoral Institute Fall Program

The Pastoral Institute is continuing the three-year Extended Program with the six-week Scripture course *The Gospel of John & The Book of Revelation*. This course will be taught by Sr. Digna Vela at the Chancery in Victoria and via distance learning to Hostyn on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and again on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.-9:15 p.m. from August 25 through October 6, skipping Sept. 15. For more information or to register, call 361-573-0828, email [bparkan@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:bparkan@victoriadiocese.org), or go to [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).

## Summer Pastoral Institute Classes

**Getting Started** is a three-hour class for Catholic school religion teachers and catechists. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

**Date/Time/Place: Aug. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m.- Our Lady of Lourdes/Victoria**

**Roles of the Catechist** is a three-hour class for Catholic school religion teachers and catechists. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

**Date/Time/Place: Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes/Victoria**

**Sacraments** is a six-hour class. It is open to all parishioners. However, Catholic school religion teachers, catechists, and liturgical ministers are expected to take this class. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

**Date/Time: August 11 & 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Places: St. Agnes/Edna & Holy Cross/East Bernard**

People may call 361-573-0828 or email [bparkan@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:bparkan@victoriadiocese.org) for more information. Thank you

## CCD News

Registration forms for the upcoming CCD year will be mailed. If you are new to the Parish, have an incoming Kindergartner, or if your address has changed since last year, please contact **Cindy Svetlik @ 798-4654** and forms will be mailed to you. If you have not received your forms by Aug. 26 let me know.

**CCD** will begin on **Sept. 2** with opening Mass at 6pm. We will have Catechist Commissioning at this time.

Catechist please note:

There will be a **Catechist Meeting** on **Aug. 12 @ 6pm** in the Parish Hall. If you cannot attend call Cindy.

We still are in need of Catechist for the upcoming year. If you are interested or maybe need questions answered about what it takes to be a Catechist....I will be happy to help! Cindy

## KJZT Meeting Notice

CATHOLIC FAMILY FRATERNAL OF TEXAS-----K.J.Z.T. #3 ST. MARY'S will have a quarterly meeting Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church. The meeting will follow the 7:00 pm Friday Mass and will be held in the sacristy. All members are welcome and urged to attend.

Messages & Announcements:

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Jimmie V. Smolik by Margaret Smolik

Additional Picnic Donation: Larry & Agnes Greer & Sons.....\$35.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society  
In Memory of Louis Rother  
Mark & Donna Nevlud.....\$20.00

In Memory of John P. Pustka  
Daniel & Jeanette Pustka.....\$10.00

**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mass Intentions:**

First Friday, August 7-  
7:00 p.m.-Special Intentions

Sunday, August 9-  
9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
The Joe & Katherine Pesek  
Family

Sunday, August 16-  
9:15a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
The Joe & Alpalina Mozisek  
Family

Sunday, August 23-  
9:15 a.m.-August (Gus) Fikac

Sunday, August 30-  
9:15a.m.-Joe & Cecilia Janak, Freddie  
Jansky & Timmy Kostelnik

First Friday, September 4-  
7:00 p.m.-Frankie & Lucille Klekar-In  
Thanksgiving on their 59<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 6-  
9:15 a.m.-Dale Schulte

**Rosary Leaders:**

Aug. 7-Angela Hermes  
Aug. 9-Katherine Kahanek  
Aug. 16-Dorothy Schneider  
Aug. 23-Sandy Konvicka  
Aug. 30-Ruth Rouse  
Sept. 4-Lucille Klekar  
Sept. 6-Janie Fikac

**Cantors:**

Aug. 9-Ruth Rouse  
Aug. 16-Emily Schimcek  
Aug. 23-Richard Rouse  
Aug. 30-John Hemmi  
Sept. 6-Lucille Klekar

**Lectors:**

Aug. 9-Garrett Henke  
Aug. 16-Maria Hermes  
Aug. 23-Deddie Dobbs  
Aug. 30-Anthony Matula  
Sept. 6-Dorothy Schneider

**Altar Servers:**

Aug. 9-Kelton Koehne, Shelly & Shawn  
Rainosek & Kasey Hairell  
Aug. 16-Kyle & Kaitlyn Rother, Simon &  
Samuel Machicek  
Aug. 23-Erik Klekar, Jacob Janak, Hunter  
& Kolby Janak  
Aug. 30-Kelly Janak, Adam Hermes, Ross  
& Clay Rother  
Sept. 6-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka  
& Alexis Mizera

**Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Aug. 9-Patrick Pesek, Mary Urbish &  
Janice Rother  
Aug. 16-Evelyn Konvicka, Nancy Etzler &  
Vivian Mozisek  
Aug. 23-Edward & Sandra Pustka & Evelyn  
Bujnoch  
Aug. 30-Patrick Pesek, Janice Rother &  
Angela Hermes  
Sept. 6-Evelyn Konvicka, Nancy Etzler &  
Vivian Mozisek

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

Aug. 9-The Joe & Katherine Pesek Family  
Aug. 16-M/M Mark Threadgill & Family  
Aug. 23-M/M Scott Blaschke & Family  
Aug. 30-M/M Donald Bludau & Family  
Sept. 6-M/M Tony Bludau

**Church Ushers:**

Aug. 9-The Joe & Katherine Pesek Family  
Aug. 16-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances  
Klekar & Sidney Jasek  
Aug. 23-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois  
Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte  
Aug. 30-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,  
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch  
Sept. 6-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka,  
Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

**Church Cleaners:**

- Aug. 8-Lucille Bujnoch, Betty Bujnoch & Susan Janak
- Aug. 15-Bernice Schulte, Gerda Janak & Evelyn Mozisek
- Aug. 22-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola & Angeline Ulcak
- Aug. 29-Helen Janak (Wied) & Gussie Kelnar & Helen Janak
- Sept. 5-Lucille Klekar, Janice Rother & Sue Cinadr

**Our Gift to God:**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
July 5-\$	95.00	\$670.00
July 12-\$	109.00	\$540.00
July 19-\$	130.25	\$446.00
July 26-\$	125.00	\$295.00

Children’s Collection: \$92.13  
 Building Repair Fund: \$465.00

**Mass Attendance:**

July 5---305	July 12---315
July 19---300	July 26---310

**MEMORIALS**

Memorials to St. Mary’s Altar Society  
In Memory of John P. Pustka  
 Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch.....\$10.00

Memorials to St. Mary’s Cemetery Fund  
In Memory of John Pustka  
 Gussie Kelnar.....\$20.00

Memorials to St. Mary’s Church  
In Memory of John P. Pustka  
 Daniel & Jeanette Pustka.....\$25.00

**Dear Members & Friends,**

Say, “CHEESE!” It is time to update our pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 8: 40 pm and on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:40 pm.

Church ministries and committee members will take group pictures on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.

There is no cost to have your photograph taken. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait and directory book. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Also, your help is needed in providing any church related activity photos or relatives serving in the armed forces photos. The picture should be developed with a glossy finish and no larger than 4x6. Please include all necessary information to identify the people in the photo. **The photos will not be returned.** There is a picture drop off box located at the church entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Migl @ 798-5738.

Thank you,

Rita Migl

**Pastor's Desk:**

We thank everyone for your wonderful support of our parish. Through your generosity & your help, we are able to maintain a beautiful place of worship, education, and community building.

At this time we are in the process of repairing & repainting the Hall, repairing some boards on the church and cleaning the outer walls and cleaning the windows between the windows and protective covering. We are also refurbishing the rectory, giving the inside a face lift.

We are in the process of publishing a new pictorial directory. I hope everyone will be able to have your picture in the directory. Rita Migl is in charge of this project and is doing an excellent job. We only do this once every five years. I ask everyone's support of this pictorial directory project.

**St. Mary's Church,**

I would like to thank you for choosing me as one of the St. Mary's Catholic Church Scholarship recipients. It means so much to know that my religion family, found through the parish, cares so much about my education. The money that I have received from the scholarship will help in furthering my education in the engineering field at A&M. I could not have asked for a better place to go to church, religion classes, or picnics than St. Mary's. St. Mary's has been a huge part in my growing up and to have the support throughout the years means so much to me. Even though I am going to college, I promise that I will come back and be present in church on Sunday mornings. Thanks for all your support!

**Garrett Henke**

**Financial Report for June 2009**

**Income**

Sunday Collections.....	\$2,468.00
Children's Collections.....	56.00
Special Collection- Catholic Communication-Black & Native Catholic University.....	150.00
Memorials.....	385.00
St. Mary's History Books.....	20.00
Other Church Donations.....	170.00
Church & Hall Rental/Deposits..	1,150.00
Peter's Pence-(Holy Father).....	<u>137.00</u>
Income from June.....	\$4,536.00

**Expenses**

Utilities.....	\$ 998.09
Health Insurance.....	649.85
Special Collections.....	287.00
Church Expenses.....	173.80
Hall-Supplies.....	1,464.40
Hall-Checking.....	100.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	553.00
Salaries.....	650.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	568.00
CFCA Sponsorship.....	<u>250.00</u>
Income from June.....	\$5,695.02

Balance from May.....	\$4,183.38
Income from June.....	<u>+4,536.00</u>
	\$8,719.38
Less June Expenses.....	<u>- 5,695.02</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$3,024.36

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## One Minute Meditations

### U.S. Catholics grow

The number of Catholics in the U.S. increased by 1 million last year, according to the 2009 Official Catholic Directory, to 68.1 million Catholics. Approximately one in four Americans is Catholic. That makes the Catholic Church the largest denomination in the country – and it continues to grow.

### Be a star

With all the bad business news in the media, now is the time to become an all-star player at work. In addition to contributing to the organization, hard work and extra effort have rewards all their own.

### It all starts with love

*"Charity is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine. Every responsibility and every commitment spelt out by that doctrine is derived from charity which, according to the teaching of Jesus, is the synthesis of the entire Law. It gives real substance to the personal relationship with God and with neighbor ..."*

(Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas In Veritate).



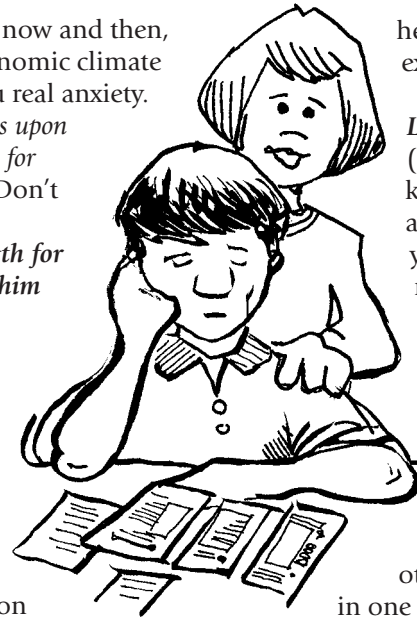
## "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ..."

Everyone worries now and then, but the current economic climate may be causing you real anxiety.

*"Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:1). Don't lose faith or heart.

*"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me"* (Philippians 4:13). Your troubles may seem overwhelming but God won't leave you to deal with them alone. Take prayerful action to resolve your situation and God will supply what you need to succeed.

*"More precious than gold is health and well-being"* (Sirach 30:15). Worry can erode your health so it is important that you take care of yourself. Eat



healthfully. Make time for exercise. Pray often. Rest.

*"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good ..."* (Psalms 106:1). Worry can keep you from appreciating the good in your life. Reserve ten minutes each day to give thanks to God for all you have.

*"Give and gifts will be given to you"* (Luke 6:38). One way to escape worry – even for a short time – is to help others. You may need help

in one area of your life, but have the ability to give help in another. Caring for others helps to take your mind off yourself and your troubles. Plus, Jesus promised, *"For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."*

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are bishops, priests, and deacons. However, the bishop can appoint others to help as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for an occasion or a period of time.

A pastor recommends parishioners to the

## Why do people other than priests distribute Communion?



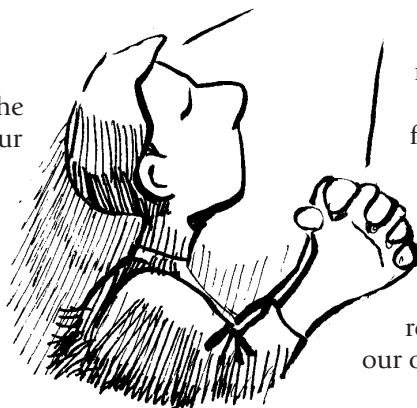
bishop to serve in his parish as Extraordinary Ministers when the congregation is so large that distributing Holy Communion during Mass would take too long or when there are too many sick and homebound for the Ordinary Ministers to visit without help.

## Pray the all-purpose prayer

Like us, the disciples needed Jesus' help to grow in holiness. When they asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he gave them (and us) the perfect formula for prayer. In fact, in the "Our Father," he gave us four prayers in one.

**First**, it is a prayer of praise and gives God the glory that he is due. Recognizing God's greatness is the right place to start.

**Second**, it is a prayer of petition in which we ask God to provide what we need. He knows better than we do what



we need, but giving it voice helps us to recognize the answer when it comes.

**Third**, the "Our Father" asks for forgiveness. Plus, we ask for strength to be as generous in forgiving as we would like God to be toward us.

**And last**, it is a prayer of acknowledgement. It forces us to admit that God knows what is best for us and reminds us to submit to his will rather than our own. That's what makes it an essential prayer.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Clean hearts vs. clean hands

The religious leaders sent investigators to check up on Jesus and didn't like what they saw. Not only were Jesus and his followers ignoring some traditional rituals, Jesus scolded the leaders for being hypocrites when they did observe them. They were outwardly obedient so they could look holy instead of taking steps to actually be holy.

For example, devout Jews performed a cleansing ritual before each meal. The Pharisees liked to believe this ceremony kept them from being considered unclean. They were critical because Jesus'



followers didn't perform this ceremony. Jesus told them that they were wrong to think being clean on the outside made them acceptable to God. God cares more about the state of our hearts than our hands.

Hypocrisy is when we pretend to be something we aren't and have no intention of becoming. Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because they went through the motions of worshiping God so they could appear holy in the eyes of the Jews. We become hypocrites when we follow religious practices carefully but allow our hearts to remain distant from God.

### Q & A Why hasn't God answered my prayer?

God is always listening and he always answers prayer. He loves you more than you can imagine and only wants the best for you. He doesn't want you to be unhappy, sick, or worried. In fact, he knows what you need better than you do.

If it feels like he isn't listening or hasn't answered you, don't lose hope. God's answers usually fall into one of three responses: 1) Yes, 2) Not right now, and 3) I have a better idea. The best approach is to make your request, trust him to do the right thing, and then look for the answer.

Maybe he wants you to wait a while before he grants your request to increase your appreciation or because he doesn't think you are ready yet. Perhaps he has something better in mind. Whatever the answer – and there is always an answer – remember that it comes from his love.



### Feasts & Celebrations

**August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord.** Tradition says that Mt. Tabor was the site of the Transfiguration during which Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty. The Lord appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah, and 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.** 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 27 – St. Monica (387).** A Christian in North Africa, Monica was given in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, whose bad temper made life difficult for her. Monica's patience, piety, and prayers won over her husband who was baptized before he died. Monica is also credited for influencing the conversion of her son, Augustine, who became one of the great saints of the Church.



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