

Sunday, October 4th

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, October 11-

9:15 a.m.-Mass of Thanksgiving-
Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch's
60th Wedding Anniversary &
Rudolph & Rosia Bujnoch,
Anton & Mathilda Tupa &
Jamie Bujnoch

Sunday, October 18-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of
The Fred & Julia Netardus Family

Sunday, October 25-

9:15 a.m.-Frank & Bessie Mozisek

Sunday, November 1-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of
The KJZT Society #3

Rosary Leaders:

Oct. 11-Sandy Konvicka
Oct. 18-Ruth Rouse
Oct. 25-Lucille Klekar
Nov. 1-Dorothy Schneider

Cantors:

Oct. 11-Richard Rouse
Oct. 18-Emily Schimcek
Oct. 25-Ruth Rouse
Nov. 1-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

Oct. 11-Maria Hermes
Oct. 18-Dorothy Schneider
Oct. 25-Dedie Dobbs
Nov. 1-Anthony Matula

Altar Servers:

Oct. 11-Eric Klekar, Jacob Janak,
Hunter & Kolby Janak
Oct. 18-Kyle & Kelly Janak, Samuel &
Simon Machicek
Oct. 25-Ross & Clay Rother, Kelly Janak
& Adam Hermes
Nov. 1-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka
& Alexis Mizera

Ministers of Holy Communion:

Oct. 11-Tony & Joyce Bludau &
Evelyn Bujnoch
Oct. 18-Bev & Billy Hrcir & Janice
Rother
Oct. 25-Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Scott Sommerlatte
Nov. 1-Pat Mladenka, Dedie Dobbs &
Mary Urbish

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Oct. 11-M/M Glenn Dobbs
Oct. 18-M/M Billy Gerke & Sons
Oct. 25-M/M Marvin Bujnoch
Nov. 1-M/M Ronnie Hermes

Ushers:

Oct. 11-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka,
Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish
Oct. 18-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis
Klekar & Sidney Jasek
Oct. 25-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois
Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte
Nov. 1-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Church Cleaners:

Oct. 10-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek,
Joyce Bludau & Rita Migl
Oct. 17-Betty Bujnoch, Lucille Bujnoch &
Susan Janak
Oct. 24-Bernice Schulte, Gerda Janak &
Evelyn Mozisek
Oct. 31-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola &
Angeline Ulcak

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is Respect Life Sunday. We are reminded to pray for a greater respect for human life from conception to death. Let us pray especially for a decrease in abortions.

On October 4, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We are reminded of his great love for animals and how we are to treat God's creatures with care.

October is the month of the Holy rosary. We pray this special prayer thoughtfully and prayerfully as we meditate upon the various mysteries in the life of Jesus and of our Blessed Mother. October 7 is the official Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. It recalls the rosary and its meditation on the mysteries of Christ and our salvation.

Thank you to St. Mary's parish from Fr. John Peters & Fr. Bob Knippenberg for the annual donation to our Catholic schools in Hallettsville & Shiner. Each year, \$3,000 is donated to each of the schools from the St. Mary Parish Picnic in appreciation for the help received from both parishes and to show our support for Catholic education.

Our Gift to God:

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Sept. 6-	\$120.00	\$490.00
Sept. 13-	\$165.00	\$565.00
Sept. 20-	\$153.00	\$309.00
Sept. 27-	\$159.50	\$453.00
Children's Collection:	\$51.19	
Building Repair Fund:	\$577.00	

Mass Attendance:

Sept. 6—	305	Sept. 13—	315
Sept. 20—	300	Sept. 27—	310

Messages & Announcements

Bulletin Sponsor: M/M Phillip J. Bujnoch in Honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Thanks to *Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch* for donating \$100.00 to the altar society as partial payment for a new chasuble with the Blessed Virgin Mary's emblem on it in honor of *their 60th Wedding Anniversary*.

Flowers on the altar (October 4th) are in *Honor of M/M Franklin Stary on their 50th Wedding Anniversary*.

CCD News

As required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Dioceses of Victoria, St. Mary's will be presenting Safe Environment Sessions to our youth and for adults. The sessions for youth will be presented during our regular CCD Class time.

Oct. 14 (Grades K-4) Bullies: Stand Tall, Be Strong

Oct. 21 (Grades 5-8) Bully No More: Stopping the Abuse

Oct. 28 (Grades 9-11) Youth Code of Conduct

Parents are invited to attend these sessions with their children. If you choose for your child not to attend you must fill out an opt-out form. (Contact Mrs. Svetlik @ 798-4654 and one will be provided to you.)

A session for adults, Internet Safety: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Child, will be presented at 7:00 pm, Oct. 28th in the parish hall.

Altar Servers training will be Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00pm after CCD classes for new & current members.

Family KJZT Social - Hosted by St. Zdislava Wied KJZT Society #53 on October 25 at Wied Hall. The doors will open at 11:30. Lunch is at 12:30. You may bring a dessert or a door prize. RSVP by October 19 to Anita Grabarkievtz (361) 594-2196 or Helen Janak 798-2014.

All Souls' Day

Visitation & Blessing of graves will take place on Sunday, November 1st.

St. Mary's @ 8:30 am
(Before the 9:15 am Mass)

Sacred Heart @ 3:00 pm
Worthing @ 3:45 pm
Witting @ 4:30 pm
Wied @ 5:15 pm

CATHOLIC FAMILY FRATERNAL OF TEXAS—KJZT # 3-ST. MARY'S WILL SPONSOR A BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 AT 8:30 AM IN FRONT OF WAL MART.

Annual Bake Sale
By KJZT Society #53 of Wied
(Benefiting the LAMB Organization)
November 8, 2009
At St. Mary's Catholic Church
After 9:15 Mass

Memorials to St. Mary's Church
In Memory of Hedwig (Heddy) Greer
Donna Rainosek & Bernice Sevcik...\$15.00
Frank & Theresa Tuttle..... 50.00
M/M Gary Appelt..... 20.00
Gilbert & Faye Melnar..... 20.00
Caralyn Lipinsky..... 10.00
Donna & Glenn Leopold..... 10.00

St. Mary's Cemetery Fund
In Memory of Hedwig (Heddy) Greer
Daryl Bludau.....\$11.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Hedwig (Heddy) Greer
Brenda & Joe George.....\$20.00
Larry & Barbara Janak..... 15.00
Gilbert & Bea Butschek..... 10.00
Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch..... 20.00
Victor & Katherine Kahanek..... 20.00

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

Financial Report for August 2009

Income
Sunday Collections.....\$3,088.00
Children's Collection..... 46.62
Bulletin Sponsor..... 80.00
Memorials..... 25.00
Parish Hall Rental & Deposits..... 1,140.00
Total Income for August.....\$4,379.62

Expenses
Utilities.....\$1,186.64
Health Insurance..... 705.85
Church Expenses..... 149.79
Parish Hall Expenses..... 185.00
Priest Pension Plan..... 451.00
Salaries..... 675.00
Repair & Maintenance..... 650.26
Total Expenses for August.....\$4,003.54

Balance from July.....\$3,537.20
Income from August.....+4,379.62
\$7,916.82
Less August Expenses.....-4,003.54
Operating Expenses\$3,913.28

Pastoral Institute Fall Program

The Pastoral Institute is continuing the 3 year Extended Program with 6 week Scripture course "The Pauline Writings & New Testament Letters" taught by Sr. Digna Vela at the Chancery in Victoria & via distance learning in Hostyn on Tuesday mornings at 9:15-11:30 am & on Tuesday evenings at 7:00-9:15 pm from Oct. 12th (morning class) through November 17th. The first evening class will be on October 13th. Fee is \$15. For information or to register, call 573-0828 or email bparkan@victoriadiocese.org or go to www.victoriadiocese.org.

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One Minute Meditations

Silence of the heart

Jesus often went off to be alone with God in quiet. Take some time each day just to keep company with God. Even as few as 10 minutes will help keep you connected to your loving Father. "In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

Ignore more

Ever notice how good it feels to walk away from a fight? Jesus knew that when he said, "When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). He wants us to make a point of ignoring slights or insults, even if they sting. Next time you feel annoyed or hurt, turn your cheek and walk peacefully away.

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).



Father knows best

After months of unemployment, Tony was glad to find a job but was disappointed that it paid considerably less and had poorer benefits than the old one. Ashley and her husband had their hearts set on buying a beautiful house in their favorite neighborhood but the financing fell through and they ended up with a smaller house on the other side of town. What happened to the power of prayer?

Our way isn't God's way. God always listens to our prayers but he doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Yet we know no one is more qualified

to lead us than the creator of the universe. We must trust his way.

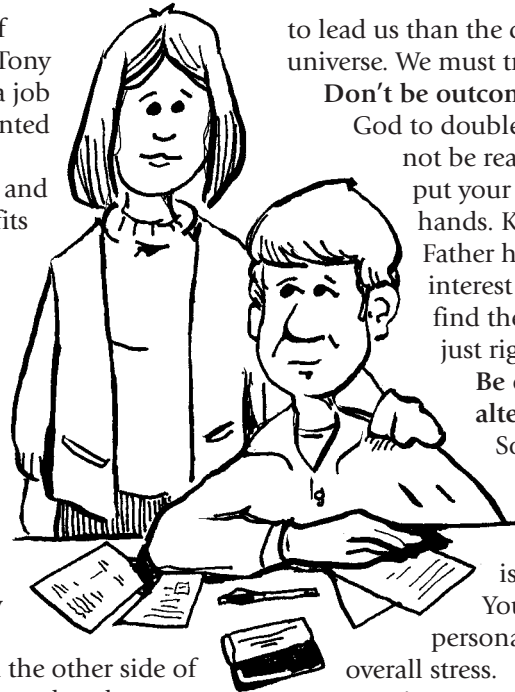
Don't be outcome specific. Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that your Father has your best interest in mind and will find the solution that is just right for you.

Be open to alternatives.

Sometimes taking a different job or buying a less expensive home is the better choice.

You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

Let scripture speak to you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).



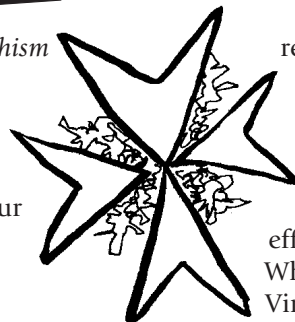
Why Do Catholics Do That?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), a virtue is "an habitual and firm disposition" to do good. Virtues help us control our passions and guide our behavior to help us live morally good lives.

Four virtues that the Church

What is human virtue?

recommends as necessary for a moral life are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. These are called the Cardinal Virtues and they are acquired by effort and determination. When we practice the Cardinal Virtues, we freely practice the good God asks of us.

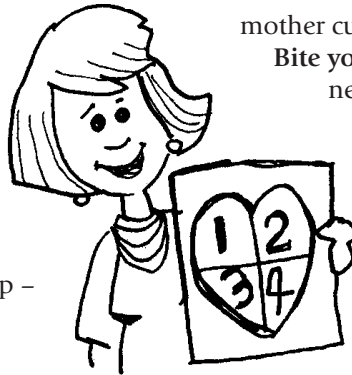


Four ways to show love

Making a practice of acting with kindness and love can make a difference to the people in your life. Try these ideas:

Be empathetic. Try looking at life from someone else's view. For example, service may be slow but perhaps the clerk is tired from nursing a sick child or working a second job. Instead of complaining, be friendly.

Put others first. Notice when others need help – no matter how minor. Hold the door open for someone disabled or infirm. Let the harried



mother cut in front of you in the grocery line.

Bite your tongue. You can't take back a critical or negative remark. Instead, find something positive to say or say nothing at all.

Offer your gifts. Make a list of what you do well and figure out how to use your gifts for others. Can you play the piano or guitar? Perform at a nursing home to cheer up the residents. Are you a good cook? Bring dinner to coworkers or neighbors. Don't expect thanks or rewards.

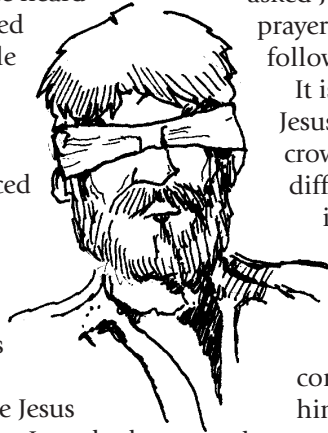
from Scripture

Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard that Jesus was near he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed and called him over.

Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus' side. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Jesus.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's gospel to



call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as his disciple.

It is this profound trust that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd – and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in a secular world can blind us to the joys of following Jesus. Try to approach Jesus with excitement and confidence. When we trust him as Bartimaeus did, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

Q & A What does the "Year for Priests" mean to those who aren't ordained?

Celebrating the "Year for Priests" is a way to learn about the priesthood, to encourage vocations to the priesthood, and to honor the priests who care for us. Being a priest involves great personal sacrifice and commitment.



A priest gives his life in service to the Church.

First, consider offering a special prayer for your priest every day, and encourage others to do the same. Then tell him you are praying for him. Your prayers will sustain him in tough times.

Second, the most important thing you can do for your priest is to come to Mass every weekend. Do what you can to help your parish grow. Attend parish events and support your parish financially.

Finally, remember that your priest is human and may occasionally need your understanding. Respect his day off, forgive his mistakes, avoid imposing unrealistic expectations on him. Show appreciation by sending an encouraging note or leaving a positive message on his voicemail.

And don't forget to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. Praying the Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection and invokes Mary's powerful intercession.

October 14 – Pope St. Callistus I, (223). Callistus was a Roman slave who was jailed for losing his master's money. After his release, he became superintendent of Church land and was ordained a deacon. Known for his merciful treatment of sinners, he was elected pope but was opposed for 18

years by an antipope, creating great division in the Church.

October 16 – St. Hedwig (1243). Born to the Duke of Croatia, Hedwig was given in marriage at age 12 to Duke Henry of Silesia, the head of the Polish Royal family. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. After his death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun but didn't take vows so she could spend her fortune on charity.



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