

OCTOBER 6, 2013

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, October 13-

9:15 a.m.- Ronnie Kanak

Sunday, October 20-

9:15 a.m.- Anton Bujnoch

Sunday, October 27-

9:15 a.m.- Daniel Opela

Friday, November 1 – All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 p.m.- Herman Hanslik

Sunday, November 3-

9:15 a.m.- Edwin & Selma Shimek

Rosary Leaders:

Oct. 13-Dorothy Schneider

Oct. 20-Sandy Konvicka

Oct. 27-Ruth Rouse

Nov. 3-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

Oct. 13-Dedie Dobbs

Oct. 20-Dorothy Schneider

Oct. 27-Anthony Matula

Nov. 3-Daniel Matula

Cantors:

Oct. 13-Lucille Klekar (Choir)

Oct. 20-Laurence Bludau

Oct. 27-Pat Mladenka

Nov. 3-Ruth Rouse

Extraordinary Ministers:

Oct. 13-Carol Rother, Billy & Bev Hrcir,

Richard Sommerlatte

Oct. 20-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Ed & Sandra

Pustka

Oct. 27-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Vivian Mozisek

& Evelyn Konvicka

Nov. 3-Janice Rother, Pat Mladenka, Dedie

Dobbs & Trina Sommerlatte

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Oct. 13-Donald & Judith Opela

Oct. 20-Keith & Amy Orsak & Family

Oct. 27-Stanley & Henrietta Orsak

Nov. 3-Bernard & Marci Patek

Altar Servers:

Oct. 13-Josh Bludau, Clay & Blake Rother,
Luke Scherer

Oct. 20-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Michael
& Robbie Perdziak

Oct. 27-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Emilie & Ryan
Mudd

Nov. 3-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera
& Kaitlyn Rother

Ushers:

Oct. 13-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar &
Sidney Jasek

Oct. 20-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Oct. 27-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Nov. 3-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert
Urbish & Charles Grafe

Church Cleaners:

Oct. 12-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar &
Helen Janak

Oct. 19-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother &
Sue Cinadr

Oct. 26-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen
Technik & Ruth Rouse

Nov. 2-Katherine & Victor Kahane &
Sharon Janak

Messages & Announcements

October Bulletin Sponsored in memory of Anton
Bujnoch, Sr.

Promise of Marriage: Derek Steffek and Jade
Bujnoch on October 26th; and, Paul Hanslik &
Ashley Schwenke on November 8.

Visitation & Blessing of Graves – All Souls Day

Sunday, November 3:

St. Mary – 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart – 3:00 p.m.

St. Augustine, Worthing – 3:45 p.m.

St. Anthony, Witting – 4:30 p.m.

St. Ludmila, Wied – 5:15 p.m.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today, October 6th, we will be joining in the Life Chain for Respect Life Sunday. You are invited to come out from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the K.C. Hall and help form a line. Posters to hold will be provided.

There have been some questions about who can be a godparent or sponsor for Baptism and a sponsor for Confirmation.

These are the official requirements of the Catholic Church: A candidate for Baptism must have at least one godparent. The godparent cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. The godparent must be at least sixteen, a practicing Catholic (one who is in good standing with the Catholic Church and practices his or her Catholic faith regularly) who has been confirmed and has received the Holy Eucharist. There can be two godparents, a man and a woman. Non-Catholics cannot be godparents, but can be admitted as a witness to the Baptism.

Those to be confirmed are required to have a sponsor – someone to guide them in living a full Christian life. It is appropriate that the sponsor for Confirmation be one of the baptismal godparents. A sponsor must be at least sixteen, be a practicing Catholic (one who is in good standing with the Catholic Church and continues to practice his or her Catholic faith regularly) who has been confirmed, and has received the Holy Eucharist. A sponsor for Confirmation should not be the mother or father of the one to be confirmed.

A godparent or sponsor must be Catholic in order to share the Catholic faith by word and example, and by being able to receive the sacraments.

Free Drive-thru medication disposal, 9am-1pm, November 7, parking lot of Lavaca Medical Center. Please bring your meds and vitamins, prescription and over the counter. Also, bring syringes, needles & lancets in sturdy container. Call Barb Koehn 798-4674 for more information.

CCD News

Trunk or Treat, 6:30-7:30 pm, Thursday, Oct. 31

St. Mary's will once again be sponsoring a "Trunk or Treat" on Halloween Night! All youngsters are invited to participate; however, they MUST be accompanied by an adult.

We encourage ALL parishioners and organizations to participate in this enjoyable evening! Also, decorating your vehicle for the event will make it that much more special! Please arrive and park your vehicle by 6:10 so that we may then rope off the parking lot.

Please come out and enjoy fellowship, fun and a safe evening for youngsters, family and friends!

Call Cindy Svetlik if you have any questions, 798-4654.

All CCD Students will have Safe Environment Training during their regularly scheduled CCD Classes during the month of October. Letters will be sent home with the students.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Daughtry, Safe Environment Trainer, at 979-562-2381 or 713-822-3019.

Messages & Announcements

KJZT #53-Wied will hold their annual family social on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at Wied Hall. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. A catered meal will be served at 12 noon. Bring a dessert or door prize. Please RSVP by October 23, 2013 to: Anita Grabarkievtz @ 594-2196
Gussie Kelnar @ 798-5465
Helen Janak @ 798-3589

BAKE SALE

The Wied KJZT #53 will have their annual bake sale on Sunday, November 3 at St. Mary's Church before and after the 9:15 a.m. Mass. Proceeds will benefit the Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department & Shiner Volunteer Fire Department.



Sacred Heart-Hallettsville 62nd annual Apple Strudel Bake set for Saturday, October 26, 2013. Unbaked strudels-\$14, Baked-\$16. Pickup from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the S.H. Family Center in Hallettsville. To order, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224 or Annette Henke 798-5374 or email charlene_bradbury@hotmail.com. (Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.)

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month, of course, is to pray the rosary.



On September 1, 1883, Pope Leo XIII released the first in a series of encyclicals on the rosary. (He would issue 11 such encyclicals throughout his reign.) Entitled *Supremi apostolatus officio* ("The supreme Apostolic office"), this encyclical urged Catholics to increase their devotion to the Virgin Mary, especially through the use of the rosary. To foster such devotion, Pope Leo dedicated the month of October (from the 1st of October to the 2nd of November) to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!

This short invocation to Mary, the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, is an appropriate prayer for October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, as well as for reciting at the end of the rosary.

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In memory of Helen Kresta
Melvin & Joyce Janak.....\$20
In memory of Charlie Patek
Mike & Helen Technik.....\$20
Joyce & Melvin Janak.....\$20
In memory of Dorothy Hass
M/M Mike Johnson.....\$20

Memorials to St. Mary's Fund

In memory of Dorothy Hass
Kenneth Henneke Family.....\$20
Elda Cejka & Family.....\$40

Memorials to St. Mary's Music Fund

In memory of Dorothy Hass
Darwin & Paulette Darilek.....\$25
Mieko Mahi Photography.....\$20
Unknown/Anonymous.....\$15

Financial Report for September 2013

Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$5375.00
Retired & Needy Diocese Priests	165.00
Children's Bulletin.....	61.65
Memorials.....	120.00
Hall Rentals.....	250.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	50.00
	<u>\$6,021.65</u>

Expenses:

Office.....	\$ 536.49
Utilities.....	786.99
Maintenance.....	265.82
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Pension Plan.....	94.00
Administration.....	357.00
Church	203.00
Hall.....	283.98
Diocese of Victoria/Priests.....	<u>115.00</u>
	<u>\$ 3,048.28</u>

Beginning Balance:	\$42,520.67
Parish Income	6,021.65
Parish Expense	<u>3,048.28</u>
Balance.....	\$45,494.04

Building Fund: \$852.00

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October 2013

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

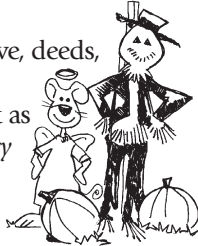
Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti. To escape civil unrest, he and his master came to the United States and Pierre was apprenticed to a hair dresser in New York City. Pierre became a popular stylist loyal to his owners. He cared for his master's wife after she was widowed and was freed shortly before her death. Pierre married, and he and his wife attended daily Mass and devoted themselves to caring for the sick and orphaned.

Father is waiting

In the prayer, "Our Father," we are reminded that our true Father lives in Heaven – our eventual home. We are only temporary travelers on Earth. By asking us to pray this particular prayer, Jesus helps us to keep our eyes on our home where our Father waits patiently for us.

From St. Therese of Liseux

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." (*Story of a Soul*)



We can make a more peaceful world

Ordinarily we think of violence as physical – a blow, a gunshot, a bombing. It seems that we hear and read about acts of war every day. But wars escalate from everyday acts in homes, neighborhoods, and communities that can be as subtle as words or gestures that dampen the spirit of another person. As Christians, we can prevent violence by living our faith.



Embrace diversity – don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

Develop more empathy – see situations from another's perspective. It's the best way to understand the impact of our actions on those affected

by them.

Treat everyone with dignity – don't ignore others as a way of expressing anger or disapproval. Giving the "silent treatment" instead of working out problems denies much needed human contact and fails to solve conflict.

Choose entertainment carefully – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and

to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, pray for victims of violence and for the souls of those who perpetrate it.

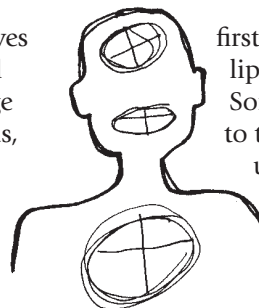
Detach – value people more than things. Share what you have. Don't take more than you need. Don't get so attached to achieving an outcome that you forget that love matters more.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we cross our forehead, lips, and chest before hearing the Gospel at Mass?

One reason we cross ourselves before listening to the Gospel is to ask God to let its message dominate our thoughts, words, and feelings.

Before the priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, we trace the sign of the cross



first on the forehead, then the lips, and finally over the heart. Some even say a prayer similar to this, "May the Lord purify my understanding, my speech, and my heart, so that I may receive the words of the Gospel."

5 tips for greater holiness

Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

1. **Become aware of Jesus' presence every day.** If you struggle to find him, ask for his help. Not only will awareness of him help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

2. **Don't be afraid of work or suffering.** Jesus experienced both in his time on Earth and used



them to pave our way to Heaven.

3. **Give God your full attention.** Speak to him, ask him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell him you love him. Visit him regularly in Church.

4. **Nurture your faith.** Just as air and food keep our bodies alive, faith feeds our souls. It's the bond that unites us to God. Read Scripture every day. Learn about the saints. Listen to the Pope.

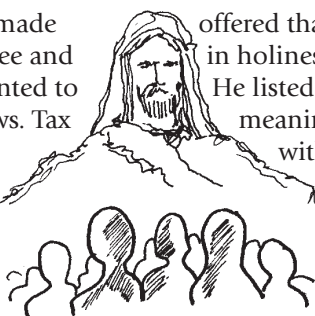
5. **Practice patience.** It's the first step toward holiness.

from Scripture

Luke 18:9-14, God wants only love

Imagine the impact Jesus made when he compared a Pharisee and a tax collector. Pharisees wanted to be emulated by everyday Jews. Tax collectors were usually Jews who collaborated with the hated Romans to collect unfair taxes from fellow Jews – and often cheated to gather a little extra for themselves. Yet in Jesus' example, the Pharisee didn't fare so well when both approached God in prayer.

The Pharisee marched up to a position of honor in the temple to pray, presumably to be seen and admired. He focused his prayer on himself and



offered thanks that he was superior in holiness to all around him.

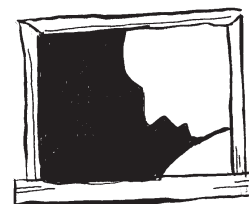
He listed his many good (but meaningless) deeds, and looked with disgust upon the tax collector.

By contrast, the tax collector humbled himself before God and offered only a simple prayer casting himself on God's mercy. He was aware of God's graciousness in loving him despite his sinfulness. Jesus said that only the tax collector went home in a right relationship with God.

He said that our sincere love matters more than anything else.

Q & A Why does God make us suffer?

As Catholics, we know that God is infinitely perfect and incapable of doing evil. In fact, he created us out of love so that we could share in his own blessed life. It was his plan for us to live in harmony with him.



When our first parents sinned, they disrupted the harmony by which we were protected from suffering and death. The world we have now is not the original perfection of God's creation but a fallen one with sin and evil that God didn't put here. We suffer because of the disorder created by that Original Sin compounded by our own sin, not because God makes us suffer.

Sometimes God does allow us to suffer, though. The purpose of our lives on Earth is to determine where we shall be for eternity, either with God or separated from God. Sometimes God allows suffering in order to awaken us to the fact of our sin, our impending death and judgment, to help us repent and turn back to him.

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

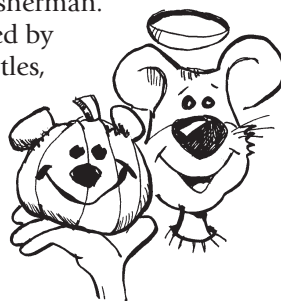
Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch (1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the

second bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman.

After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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