

SUNDAY-JULY 6, 2014

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, July 13-

9:15 a.m.- Deceased members of Joe & Pauline Janca Family

Sunday, July 20-

9:15 a.m.- Living & deceased members of Matus & Anna Prasek Family

Sunday, July 27-

9:15 a.m.- Daniel Opela

First Friday, August 1-

7:00 p.m.-Living & deceased members of the Josef & Katherina Pesek Family

Sunday, August 3-

9:15 a.m.-Special Intention

Rosary Leaders:

July 13-Sandy Konvicka

July 20-Ruth Rouse

July 27-Lucille Klekar

Aug. 3-Joyce Janak

Lectors:

July 13-Daniel Matula

July 20-Pat Mladenka

July 27-Dedie Dobbs

Aug. 3-Dorothy Schneider

Cantors:

July 13-Pat Mladenka

July 20-Ruth Rouse

July 27-Lucille Klekar

Aug. 3-Laurence Bludau

Altar Servers:

July 13-Jacob Janak, Emilie & Ryan Mudd

July 20-Josh Bludau, Clay & Blake Rother, Luke Scherer

July 27-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera Kaitlyn Rother

Aug. 3-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Samuel & Simon Machicek

Extraordinary Ministers:

July 13-Pat Pesek, Carol Rother, Leon & Nancy Etzler

July 20-Trina & Richard Sommerlatte, Dedie Dobbs & Janice Rother

July 27-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Vivian Mozisek & Evelyn Konvicka

Aug. 3-Edward & Sandra Pustka, Billy & Bev Hrcir

Offertory Gift Bearers:

July 13-Marty & Rhonda Henneke & Family

July 20-David & Kathy Bujnoch

July 27-Glenn & Dedie Dobbs

Aug. 3-Leon & Nancy Etzler

Ushers:

July 13-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

July 20-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish & Charles Grafe

July 27-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar & Sidney Jasek

Aug. 3-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Church Cleaners:

July 12-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola, & Mary Jo Bludau

July 19-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar & Helen Janak

July 26-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother & Sue Cinadr

Aug. 2-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Ruth Rouse & Helen Technik

Promise of Marriage:

Tamara Klekar & David Belcik - July 12th.

Angela Jasek Pardo & Chad Lala - July 19th.

McKenzie Schindler & Jared Krischke - Aug. 9th.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

We are celebrating the 4th of July weekend. We celebrate our independence as a country and thank God for our freedoms. Even though we have lost some of our freedoms, we are still more fortunate than most other countries. Let us never forget to thank God for all His blessings and keep preaching and working to maintain the freedom we have and the Christian values we have.

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the Supreme Court's decision this week supporting Hobby Lobby's right to refuse paying insurance for certain birth control and abortion medications.

We welcome Deacon Jacob Koether to our parish family. He will be with us until school starts. He will return to St. Mary Seminary in Houston for his final year of preparation for the Priesthood, which will take place on June 6, 2015. During this school year, he will be with us two weekends a month. Please welcome Deacon Jacob.

Father Daniel Danso has been our Associate Pastor since August of last year. He is being transferred to Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton to be the Associate Pastor there. We thank Father Daniel for his presence with us this past year and wish him well in the future.

In the second week of July, Father Barnabus Kyeah, will be coming from LaCrosse, Wisconsin to be our new associate.

We congratulate Joshua Blaschke on being accepted to Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas where he will be studying for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Victoria. Joshua is the son of Scott and Diane Blaschke of St. Mary Parish and a 2014 graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High School. Please keep Joshua and all our seminarians in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the St. Mary Parish Picnic a great success.

Messages & Announcements

Thank you to Francis Klekar, Brian Klekar and Mark Klekar for their work on the barbecue pit.

Financial Report – June, 2014

Income:

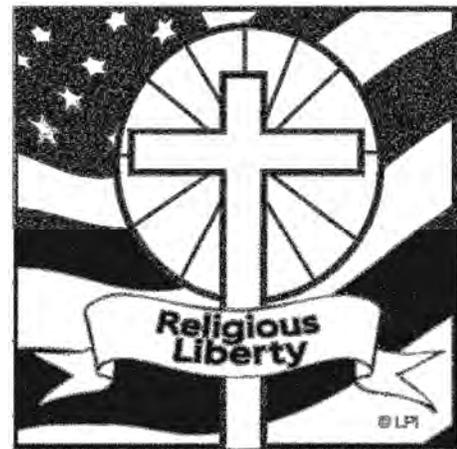
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,472.50
Children's Collection	99.65
Hall Rental	855.00
Education of Seminarians	100.00
Holy Father	40.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 6,567.15</u>

Expenses:

Office	\$ 549.20
Utilities	1,527.06
Maintenance	593.99
Health Insurance	406.00
Administration	357.00
Pension	94.00
Church Expense	425.08
Hall Expense	978.72
Education of Seminarians	100.00
Holy Father	40.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,071.05</u>

Beginning Balance	\$48,366.41
Income	6,567.15
Expenses	- 5,071.05

Parish Balance \$49,862.51





“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

— Mt 13:41-43a

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July 2014

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Joachim and St. Anne

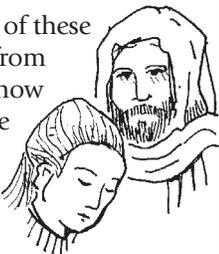
What we know of these two saints comes from tradition. We know that they were Jesus' grandparents and that they raised Mary, Jesus' mother. We also know that they were faithful Jews who raised their daughter in a devout Jewish home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, her comfort with being mother and wife, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.

Remember ...

Jesus gave us a great gift when he created the Sacrament of Confession (John 20:23). He knew we would want to hear the words of absolution to know he forgives us. Remember that no matter what happens, you are just one Confession away from coming home.

Begin to change

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



Growing strong through spiritual training

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) is a place where we can speak directly to God and get his invaluable help for renewing our lives. To truly benefit from this connection, it's best to approach this Sacrament with sincerity, openness to change, and to welcome the inevitable trials that help us resist temptation.

Sincerity is the key. Holiness, like healthiness, is an ongoing process. It starts with a sincere desire to live the way God wants not the way society suggests. Progress toward holiness means avoiding sin but also living with virtue.

Keep moving forward. Although we

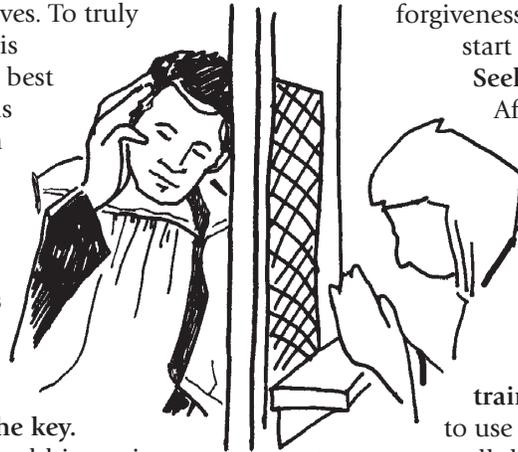
may want to be healed, if we continue to damage our souls by not avoiding temptation, we won't progress. We must change. Fortunately, we can seek forgiveness in Confession and start fresh.

Seek the priest's advice.

After all, it is Jesus speaking through him. This is our special time with the Lord who wants to help us overcome our weaknesses.

View trials as training. Jesus wants us to use Confession to learn

to overcome all that separates us from him. When we fail to resist temptation, we can thank God for the trial and start again. Jesus wants so much to help us to grow closer to him. He created this Sacrament as a way for him to lead and guide us.



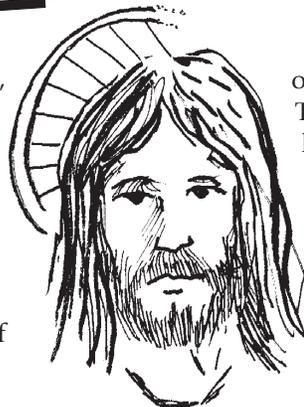
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics say that Jesus is true God and true man?

Jesus, as the Son of God, assumed a human nature and became one with us in all things except sin (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #470). That made him true God and true man.

This is a great mystery of

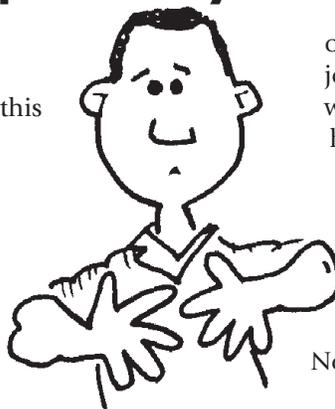
our faith: (John 1:14). The divine nature and human nature united in the person of Jesus "without confusion or division" (Council of Chalcedon, A.D. 541). Jesus is "Emmanuel," God with us.



How "poor" is your spirit?

To be "poor in spirit" conjures up images of people who are depressed or down-hearted with little or no spiritual life. In fact, people who live this beatitude are spiritual giants fully aware of their absolute need for God and live with complete dependence upon him. In that way, they grow stronger through their trials and personal crosses. When we live this beatitude we are most likely living the other seven, too.

Happy to live in union with God. Poor in spirit means that we depend upon God for all



our needs and we are happy to live our lives joined to him. Someone who lives in union with God knows that there is nothing the world has to offer that can compare.

Happy to be secure with God. Poor economy, bad health, loneliness, insecurity in an imperfect world can rob us of safety and happiness in the world. Yet, when we rely on God for what we need, nothing can steal the joy or happiness that he provides. Nothing.

from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, Hidden treasure.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus described several scenarios of extraordinary good fortune and compared that feeling to discovering the kingdom of God. When people from Judah were sent into exile in 587 BC, some buried their treasures in the hope of returning. People in Jesus' audience would have known that coming upon such a treasure would have changed their lives. So, discovering the hidden treasure of the Kingdom now revealed through Jesus can give new meaning to our lives.

In a barter-based economy like that of ancient Israel, a merchant's fortune



depended upon the quality and desirability of what he had to sell.

Discovering a valuable pearl would have been irresistible to him. Also irresistible would be the answers to someone searching for truth when he or she discovers the reign of God. When we possess Godly treasure, we are truly rich.

Then Jesus described the separation between the evil and righteous like the sifting that takes place when a catch is brought ashore. The message of the Kingdom now takes precedence over any old messages and gives them new meaning.

Q & A Is the Church always right?

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised his disciples he would send the Holy Spirit to guide them "to all truth" (Jn 16:13). "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14:26). The Apostles handed on their authority and mission to their successors, -- the pope and the bishops. Together, they are responsible for "giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God" (CCC #85; *Dei Verbum*, 10, § 2). The whole Church, because it is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, cannot err in matters of faith and morals.

Also, "The whole body of the faithful...cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of faith (*sensus fidei*) on the part of the whole people" (CCC 92). That means that individual members may make mistakes, sometimes publically. Then the Church must clarify "what has always and everywhere been believed by all" (St. Vincent of Lerins).

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Feasts & Celebrations

July 6 – St. Maria Goretti (1902). Twelve year-old Maria was attacked by a neighbor who tried to defile her. When she fought rather than submit, he stabbed her repeatedly. She forgave him before dying shortly after. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while in prison and his first act when released 30 years later was to beg Maria's mother's forgiveness. He wept tears of joy when he attended Maria's canonization.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Jesus expelled seven demons

from Mary (Luke 8:2) and she supported his ministry with her own money. She stood by his Cross with his mother and was the one who informed the Apostles of his Resurrection.

July 25 - St. James (42). St. James and his brother left their father in a fishing boat to become Jesus' Apostles. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemani. St. James was the first Apostle to be martyred.

