

August 1, 2010: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” — Lk 12:20-21
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, August 1 (Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk

12:13-21)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- August & Emilia Linhart

Monday, August 2, Sts. Eusebius, bishop, & Peter Julian

Eymard, priest (Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21)

7:00 am- Martha Tomsu

10:00 am- Rudolph & Stazie Jurena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, August 3 (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36)

7:00 am- Felix & Mary Janecek

Wednesday, August 4, St. John Mary Vianney, priest

(Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28)

7:00 am- Daniel Opela

8:05 am- Ludwig C. Lanik

Thursday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary

Major in Rome (Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23)

7:00 am- Hilda & Hilton Elstner & Bill Sobotik

10:00 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann (Stevens)

Friday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dn 7:9-

10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36)

7:00 am- Jerome Haas

8:05 am- Anton & Mathilda Tupa; Rudolph, Rosa & Jamie Bujnoch; George & Mary Tupa; Joe & Helen Pekar

Saturday, August 7, Sts. Sixtus II & his companions & St.

Cajetan (Hb 1:12---2:4/Mt 17:14-20)

5:30 pm- Herbert, Hedy, Robert & Wilbert Greer, H. G. Cobb

Sunday, August 8 (Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48)

8:00 am- Pete Steinberg

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of August & Emilia Linhart by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Matthew, Martha & John Bludau.

Vigil Light: In memory of Anton & Mathilda Tupa; Rudolph, Rosa & Jamie Bujnoch; George & Mary Tupa; Joe & Helen Pekar.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,941; Manna-\$770; Loose-\$1,225; Children-\$49.

Anniversaries:

David & Barbara Jansky	35 years	August 2
Donald & Donna Shimek	30 years	August 2
James & Joyce Bucek	58 years	August 3
Jim & Melba Hynes	25 years	August 5
Richard & Rita Wachel	56 years	August 7

Promise of marriage: Amber Barnes & Blake Zidek on August 14.

We don't change the message; the message changes us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

-St. Joseph Parish Picnic, Yoakum Community Center.

-St. Anthony Shrimporee, Recreation Center, Palacios.

-Sts. Peter&Paul Church Picnic, Frelsburg. Mass 8:45am.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Christian Mothers Swim Social, 6-8 pm, H'ville Pool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-K.C.'s General Meeting, 8:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

-Scripture study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in church. The intention for this month is *for all those who are ill, especially the terminally ill.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in church.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

-Spiritual Retreat, 8:30 am – 4 pm, Family Center.

-Serra Club Mass for vocations, 8:30 a.m., Moravia.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

-World Youth Day Game Day, 3–7 p.m., Family Center.

-ACTS Family Picnic, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm, Splashway.

-St. Michael Church Picnic, Veteran's Park, Weimar.

Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner. Auction, bingo, booths.

Music by Czechaholics, Red Ravens, Southbound 955.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Louise Tesch, Thelma Mikulenska, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Helen Mitchon, Marcella Henke, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Josh Mann, Faith Del Castillo, Theresa Steffek, Edna Key, Orelia McCord, Judy Johnson, Donna Avant, Kirk Remmers, Danielle Grady, Royce Chudej, Sandra Mozisek, Dalton Bubela, Daniel A. Wick, Soila Sanchez, William Hermes, Kenneth Hermes, Fr. John Peters, Rose Thumann, Marian Morris, Betty Orsak, Elmo Grant, nursing home residents & homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Josephine Matejek* of our parish family. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

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.

School is right around the corner. Much work is being done in getting some renovations done before school starts.



The Youth ConneXion



August 15: Youth to meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m., followed by youth gathering at the Youth House. (Firefall was rescheduled to the 15th this month due to the ACTS Family Picnic on the 8th)

Have a great summer!!!

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Office: 798-4251

Final Registration: August 3 & 4, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All high school students must come to finalize their schedule. Spirit & dress shirts can be purchased & ordered on these days.

Pastoral Institute Classes offered by Diocese of Victoria:
Aug 3 & 5: Liturgy, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Phillip, El Campo.
Aug 3 & 10: I Believe/We Believe, 6-9 pm, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Activity Center, Shiner.

Aug 4: Roles of the Catechist, 6-9 pm, St. Agnes, Edna.
Aug 4: Methods 1/2 - 7/8, 7-9 pm, St. Phillip, El Campo.
Aug 4: Roles of the Catechist, 6-9 pm, O.L.G., Bay City.
Aug 11: Methods 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 7-9 pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bay City.

Spiritual Retreat, Saturday, August 7, 8:30 am– 4 pm, Sacred Heart Family Center, offered by Michael Fonseca, Facilitator for Spiritual Formation in the Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Victoria. No cost to attend; however, a good will offering will be accepted. Bring your own lunch or purchase something that day. If interested in attending, contact Michael Fonseca (michaelfonseca@verizon.net) or Kenneth Fishbeck (kwfishbeck@sbcglobal.net or 361-596-4650).

Registration Forms for the Men's ACTS Retreat, Sept. 23-26, are in the foyer of the church.

Part time help is needed in the SHCS Cafeteria. For application, call David Smolik at SHCS Office 798-4251.

Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic – September 5

Items are needed for the auction. If you have cattle, antiques, or other interesting items, please call the rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin advertising.

Auction: Anne & Alan Rowbotham- 20pc French Iris China Set, oven to table, dishwasher & microwave safe.

Fund Drive for house at 318 S. Texana: Goal \$40,000

Previous donations	\$5,300
Rosalee Gaskamp	100
Marie Ridgeway	50
Total Donations To Date	<u>\$5,450</u>

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this past week & this weekend are in memory of Tim Schaefer by his family.

Welcome to the parish: Theresa & Drew Nidey, & daughter Haley; and Scott & Stephanie Rainosek.

Baptisms in July: Mia Monceratt, daughter of Alfonso & Juana Estrada; Trent Daniel, son of Ronnie & Danielle Sevcik; Aiden Michael & Ava Renee, children of Gregory & Ivy Frazier.

Christian Mothers Swim Social, August 2, Hallettsville Pool, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Members to bring sandwiches, chips, dip or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Chadder Movie Night for K–5th Grades, August 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Family Center. Join us for fun, watch movies, play games & sing songs. We'll also have popcorn & lemonade. Hope you can come! Have questions? Call Angela 281-455-0051 or 798-9494.

Organization of Catechetical Ministry (OCL) meeting, August 12 at the Chancery, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fr. Gary Janak will give presentation of **The Sacrament of Marriage: Implications for Catechetical Ministry**. RSVP by August 6, 573-0828 ext. 27.

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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One Minute Meditations

Attitude of gratitude

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

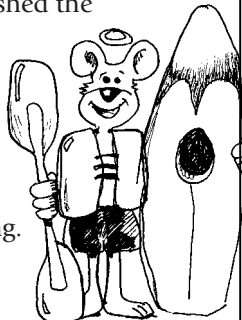
"A tranquil mind gives life to the body, but jealousy rots the bones" (Proverbs 14:30).

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?

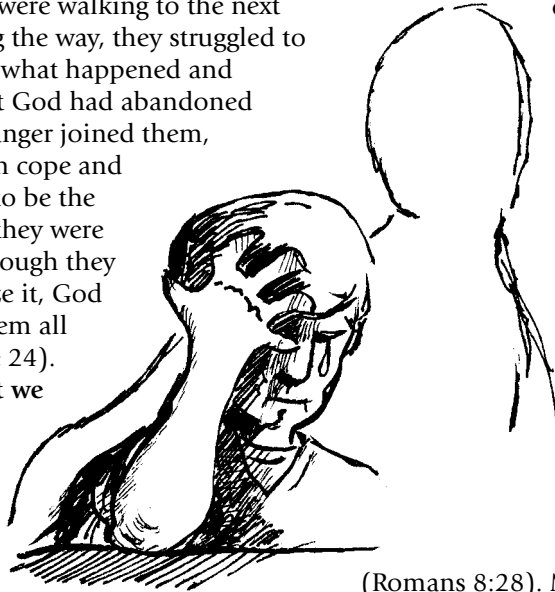
Events or experiences in our lives can lessen our awareness of God and make him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two friends on the road failed to recognize God walking with them.

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.



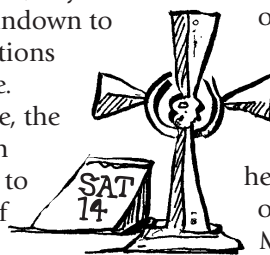
Why Do Catholics Do That?

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.

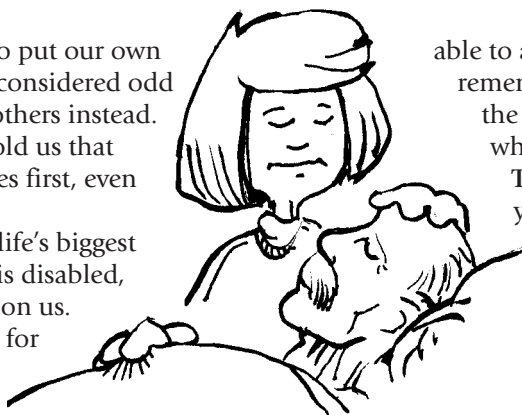
Such Masses of anticipation, also called Vigil Masses, have been helpful to workers, caregivers, or others for whom attending Sunday Mass may be difficult or impossible.



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.

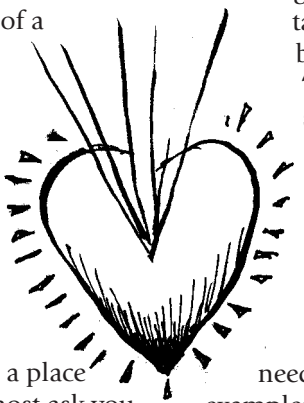
There is a reward. Mother Teresa said, "if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." When we take another into our care or go out of our way to help, we aren't just serving our neighbor. We are serving the Lord who loves us.

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

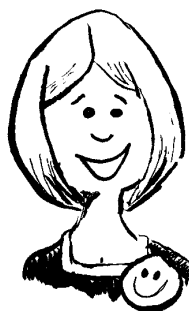


suggested behaving with true humility and taking the lowest place at the table. There is great honor in being invited by your host to "move up" but even if no such invitation comes, those around you will appreciate your desire to put others first.

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

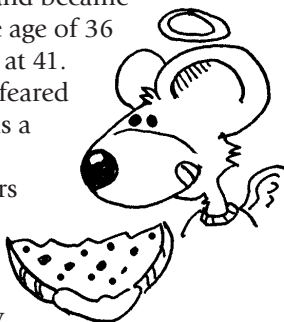
August 11 – St. Clare. Born to a noble family in Italy, St. Clare followed St. Francis of Assisi into poverty over her family's strenuous objections. She founded a sister order to the Franciscans called the "Poor Clares."

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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