

February 6, 2011: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." — Mt 5:13-16

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 6 (Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Adele Richardson

Monday, February 7 (Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56)

7:00 am- Gene Szwarc

10:00 am- Joe Konvicka (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 8, Sts. Jerome Emiliani, priest & Josephine

Bakhita, virgin (Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13)

7:00 am- Alvin & Annie Schneider

Wednesday, February 9 (Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23)

7:00 am- Thelma & Ann Spies

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of George & Apolena Bujnoch Family

Thursday, February 10, St. Scholastica, virgin (Gn 2:18-25/ Mk 7:24-30)

7:00 am- Dorothy Svetlik

10:00 am- Joseph, Anna, Carolina, Alois & VC Labay (Stevens)

Friday, Feb. 11, Our Lady of Lourdes (Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37)

7:00 am- Special Intention

8:05 am- Henrietta Janak

Saturday, February 12 (Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10)

5:30 pm- Alois & Buck Leopold

Sunday, February 13 (Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37)

8:00 am- Fred & Angeline Pustejovsky

10:30 am- Anton Vavrusa, Stacey Harned, John & Mary Mozisek

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Adele Richardson by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Frances & Billy Moore in thanksgiving for their 60th Anniversary.

Vigil Light: In memory of Alvin & Annie Schneider by Leo & Evelyn Hoffer.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,703; Church in Latin America-\$311; Loose-\$865; Children-\$55; Catholic Education-\$567.

Anniversaries:

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| James & Mary L. Honish | 40 years | Feb. 6 |
| Leon & Emogene Kahanek | 50 years | Feb. 12 |

Radio Broadcast Mass and Bulletin sponsors are still needed. Radio Broadcast - \$50. Bulletin - \$80. Please call the Rectory if you are able to be a sponsor. *Thank you!*

January Baptisms: Isabelle Sloan, daughter of Travis & Heather Bludau; Braden Scott, son of Scott & Sharon Henrichs.

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

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| Total Donations Received To Date | \$35,475 |
| Remaining Balance | -\$4,525 |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

-First Communion Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Family Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

-JCDA meeting, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Family Center.

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

-Dave Ramsey Course, 6:30 p.m., SHCS Band Hall.

-Sacred Heart Credit Union Meeting & Supper, KC Hall. Registration 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by meal. All members invited to attend. There is no charge.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

-Adult Education, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

-CCD: Grades K-12th, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

-Christian Mothers Bunco Party, 6:00 pm, Family Ctr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

-St. Mary Church Festival, Victoria Com. Center. Fried Chicken meal 11am-1:30pm. Auction, booths, games.

-Firefall, 5:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Marge Rehm, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, John Pavliska, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Theresa Steffek, John D. Henneke, Bill Gohlke, Donald Zabransky, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Dr. Don Peterson, Charlene Wick, Genevieve Schulte, nursing home residents & the homebound.

The IWBS Sisters are hosting "Come and See" visits for single Catholic women (high school graduates through 50 years of age) on March 5-6 and April 9-10 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. If interested, check them out at www.iwbsvictoria.org, call 361-575-7111, or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com for more details or to make a reservation.

Catholic Daughters: Please mail your 2011 dues (\$20.00) to Anita Steffek, 549 CR 186, Hallettsville. Please make checks payable to Catholic Daughters. If you have questions on the amount you owe, please call Anita Steffek at 798-3771. *Thank you!*

TABC Certification Class will be held at the K. C. Hall, Hallettsville on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6:00 p.m. The class is open to the public. Cost - \$25 per person. For more information, contact the KC Hall at (361) 798-2311.

Christian Mothers Annual Bunco Social, Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Family Center. A short meeting will be held, followed by Chicken Noodle Soup and then Bunco. Members are asked to give a \$1 donation to cover expenses.

The question often arises who can be a godparent or sponsor for a Catholic baptism. The rules of the church in these matters are very clear. At least one Catholic sponsor is required at a Catholic baptism. According to the Rite of Baptism, the requirements for a single sponsor are mainly that the sponsor:

- 1.) be mature enough to take the responsibility to testify to the faith of an adult convert, or to profess with the parents the church's faith when a child is being baptized;
- 2.) be able to help the parents as necessary to bring up the child as a good Christian;
- 3.) have received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist;
- 4.) be a member of the Catholic Church who is living a life in harmony with that faith and with the role of sponsor;
- 5.) be at least 16 years of age, unless an exception is made for a special reason; and,
- 6.) not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

If there is only one sponsor, that sponsor may be a man or woman, regardless of the sex of the child. If there are two, it should be one of each sex.

When only one Catholic sponsor is assigned, a baptized non-Catholic Christian may stand in place of the second sponsor. However, this non-Catholic is not a godparent in the canonical sense of the word; he or she is officially referred to as a "Christian witness" to the baptism.

This is the universal teaching of the Catholic Church according to the Catholic Catechism.

Adult Education

Feb. 8: *Our Food for Eternal Life – the Holy Eucharist*

On the night before He died, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of Himself in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, through which we receive His totality: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. This celebration of our salvation in which bread and wine become the true Body and Blood of Christ, so that we might be nourished and made more like Christ is called the "source and summit" of our Christian life.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Office: 798-4251

Feb. 8-22: Magazine subscription drive. 40% of the subscription price remains with our school. Please renew your magazine subscriptions with one of our students.

Feb. 12: Junior/Senior Prom, KC Hall.

Feb. 21: No school. Teacher in-service.

A thank you letter was received from M.D. Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital for the donation of laundry detergent & bingo prizes donated by our students & staff.



Feb. 13: Firefall at 5:00 p.m. in church, followed by Youth Social 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth House for 8th-12th graders.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124 Angela McConnell, Coordinator

Feb. 6: First Communion Workshop, 2:00 p.m.
7th Grade youth involvement 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Feb. 27: Mandatory Jr. Confirmation Retreat.

Wanted: Faith filled individuals! 12th Graders & Adults to help with Confirmation Retreats. Retreat dates are Feb 27 and March 26th. Help is needed in set-up, food prep & serving, prayer leaders, music, group leaders, decorating, plus drivers with suburbans or vans. Costumes/robes that can be used for skits are also needed. Planning meetings will be Wednesdays at 7:30 in the CCD office. Please call Angela for more information (741-8730).

Victoria Diocese Organization of Catechetical Ministry Workshop, Feb. 17, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Chancery, Sacred Heart School Library & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wharton. For information or to register, call the Catechetical Office 573-0828.

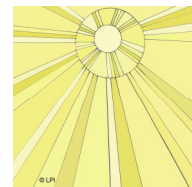


5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the 2002 World Youth Day in Toronto concluded, the lead organizer, Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, embarked on a new endeavor with the encouragement of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. He, and some of the young adults who were crucial to the success of World Youth Day, began a Catholic television network in Canada. In July 2003, Salt + Light Television began broadcasting as a digital cable channel, and has become a producer of solid Catholic programming that is recognized around the world.

The television station takes its name from the section of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today. Last week's Gospel of the Eight Beatitudes was just the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. We'll be reading from that part of Matthew's Gospel all the way up until Lent, and this week's Gospel follows immediately upon the beatitudes. It is important to have those in mind as we think about salt and light, both in the Gospel, and the television station as well.

The beatitudes are the positive law for Christians. Rather than prohibitions against certain activity, the beatitudes are the way we are supposed to act. In performing the Eight Beatitudes, we become salt of the earth and light to the world. That's why Jesus could say let people see your good deeds. Be a light in this world.



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Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

February 2011

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Others first

Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion.

What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief's soul, made final arrangements for his mother's care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

Always hope

Sin and negative thinking go hand in hand. We lose hope and think God isn't watching or doesn't care. Thinking positively and hopefully helps to avoid sin. Thanks be to God for second chances!

In the stars?

Wondering about your future? If you could read the future in the stars, decisions would be easier and success could be guaranteed. But only God knows your future. Don't trust the stars; trust the one who made them.



Simple ways to live a better life

The weeks before Lent are a good time to decide how to live a holier, happier life. Trying just one of these ideas can make a big difference in the way you live:

Live in the moment. We can't change the past and don't know the future. The choices we make right now are all that count.

Be the real you. Don't compare yourself with others or try to imitate people who are smarter, richer, or cooler. God loves each of us for who we are, not who we are like.

Avoid drama. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by others who do – try substituting

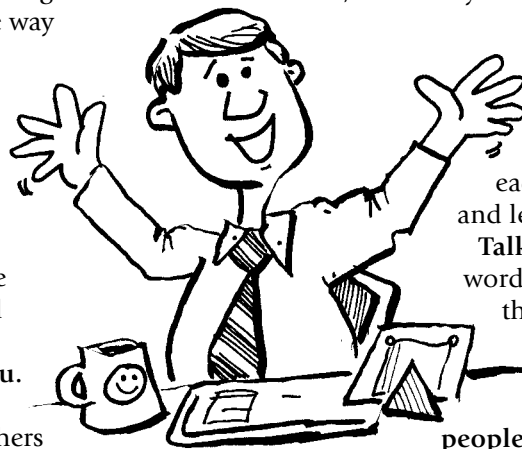
activities or people you find positive and interesting instead.

Face your fears. List your worst fears, the ones you are afraid to tell anyone. Are they realistic? If so, take action to resolve them. Otherwise, cross each off your list and let it go.

Talk less. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

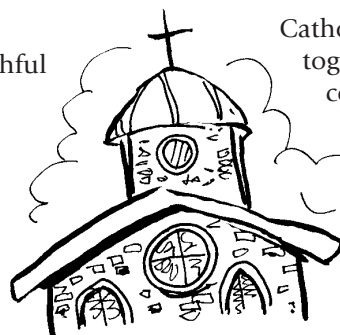
Spend time with happy people. Surround yourself with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

Work happy. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns a job into a prayer.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

A parish is "a stable community of the faithful within a particular church or diocese, whose pastoral care is confided by the bishop to a priest as pastor (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2179). It is where



What is a parish?

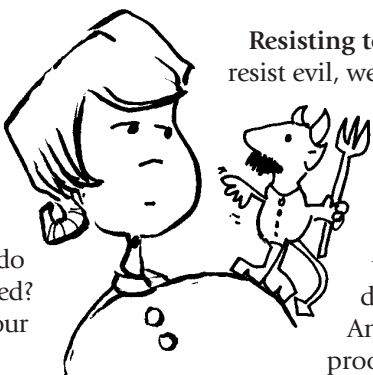
Catholics in the area can come together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

For Catholics today, our parishes are our spiritual homes. It is where we learn ways to live our faith, deepen our practice, exhibit charity, and join in worship.

“Please tempt me!”

Believe it or not, temptation can actually be good for us. In fact, the time to worry is when we don't feel we are being tempted.

Temptation guards against overconfidence. When life is easy, we can deceive ourselves into thinking we are stronger than we really are. That's when opportunities for sin can sneak up on us. How do we know we can resist if we haven't been tempted? Suffering from temptation helps us to identify our weaknesses so we can build defenses.



Resisting temptations strengthens virtues. In order to resist evil, we have to practice virtue. To resist pride, we practice humility. To counter selfishness, we practice charity. The more we use our virtues, the stronger they will become.

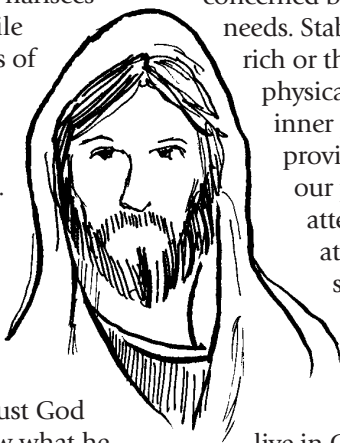
Temptation exposes our real selves. Our imperfect world full of temptations makes it tough to do the right thing all the time. How we deal with temptation shows us who we really are. Anyone can call himself a follower of Jesus but the proof is in the living.

from Scripture

Matthew 6:24-34, Our choice

In Jesus' day, scribes and Pharisees often lived comfortably while urging the people to heights of sacrifice and penance they didn't observe themselves. The message was right but the messengers were flawed. Instead, Jesus took on our humanity and spoke with authority. He experienced hunger and thirst, and didn't always have a place to sleep. So when he counseled his listeners to trust God with all their needs, he knew what he was asking.

Jesus said don't worry. By that he meant that don't be anxious and



concerned beyond our immediate needs. Stability in this world for the rich or the poor comes not from physical provisions but from the inner peace that only God can provide. By worrying about our physical needs, we draw attention away from attaining the inner stability so necessary for peace.

From experience, Jesus knows we have a choice. We can live in the world or we can live in God's Kingdom, but we cannot do both. Jesus wants us to invest in our future with him. God will take care of the rest.

Q & A What are the “Four Marks of the Church?”

When Jesus founded the Church, he gave it four characteristics called, “The Four Marks of the Church:” it is **one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic**. The Nicene Creed we profess during Mass repeats these Marks.



First, the Church is **one**, united by the Trinity, and all members are united in their belief, worship, sacraments, tradition, and leadership. For example, Catholics all over the world believe the same truths and celebrate the same Mass.

The Church is **holy** because Jesus established it and made it holy. He continues to share his grace with the Church and the Church helps her members live holy, Christ-like lives.

It is **Catholic**, meaning “universal,” and unites the faithful on earth with those in Heaven and in Purgatory. And, Jesus intended the Church for all of human kind – for all people, everywhere.

Finally, the Church is **apostolic** because Jesus gave authority to St. Peter, the first Pope, and the other apostles, the first bishops. This authority has been handed on to their successors throughout the centuries.

Feasts & Celebrations

February 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani (1537). While serving as a militia officer for Venice, St. Jerome Emiliani was imprisoned by the enemy. In prison he taught himself how to pray and was inspired to escape safely. In response, he became a priest and with his own resources opened orphanages, a homeless shelter, and a hospital.

February 14 – St. Cyril (869). Along with his brother Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in a

more easily understood manner. He died in Rome shortly after taking the monastic habit.

February 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a devoted and disciplined monk but was called to service as a bishop for many years and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.



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