

**July 4, 2010**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sunday, July 11-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
The Janca Family

Sunday, July 18-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
The Prasek Family

Sunday, July 25-

9:15 a.m.-Jimmie V. Smolik

Sunday, August 1-

9:15 a.m.-Daniel Opela

**Rosary Leaders:**

July 11-Dorothy Schneider  
July 18-Ruth Rouse  
July 25-Sandy Konvicka  
Aug. 1-Janie Fikac

**Cantors:**

July 11-Ruth Rouse  
July 18-Emily Schimcek  
July 25-Richard Rouse  
Aug. 1-Lucille Klekar

**Lectors:**

July 11-Dedie Dobbs  
July 18-Anthony Matula  
July 25-Daniel J. Matula  
Aug. 1-Maria Hermes

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

July 11-M/M Marty Henneke & Family  
July 18-Richard & Ruth Rouse  
July 25-M/M Robert Rother & Family  
Aug. 1-Robert & Florence Sciba

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

July 11-Tony & Joyce Bludau & Janice Rother  
July 18-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Mary Urbish  
July 25-Evelyn Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek &  
Scott Sommerlatte  
Aug. 1-Billy & Bev Hrcir & Patrick Pesek

**Altar Servers:**

July 11-Ross & Clay Rother, Kyle & Kaitlyn  
Rother  
July 18-Jacob Janak, Adam Hermes, Hunter &  
Kolby Janak  
July 25-Kelton Koehne, Kasey Hairell, Joshua  
Bludau & Kelly Janak  
Aug. 1-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &  
Alexius Mizera

**Church Ushers:**

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

**Church Cleaners:**

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

**Mass Attendance**

June 6---305                      June 13---300  
June 20---290                     June 27---295

**Our Gift to God:**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
June 6-	\$118.00	\$636.00
June 13-	\$146.50	\$294.25
June 20-	\$110.50	\$455.00
June 27-	\$ 97.46	\$427.00

Children's Collections: \$ 44.42  
Building Repair Fund: \$445.00

**Thank God for our  
freedom. Pray for our  
military personnel who  
continue to fight for our freedom, & for  
our veterans, living & deceased.  
God bless America!**



***From the desk of Father John.....***

We bid farewell to Fr. Michael as he moves on to be the associate pastor at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria. We thank him for all he has done here in Hallettsville and wish him well.

We also welcome Fr. Tommy Chen as our new associate pastor. He comes to us from Shiner. Fr. Tommy has been ordained two years and this will be his second assignment. We wish him well in Hallettsville.

On this Independence Day we do well to come together to praise and thank God for our gift of freedom. The United States of America is founded on a belief in God; without God it can not stand.

The founding fathers recognized that their rights had come from God and that without God there would be no human rights. There is no liberty or even hope for liberty without God.

Today we stand before God to profess before the whole world our belief that freedom is not the fruit of political adeptness or military power but the gift of God. "God who gave us life, gave us liberty." Indeed it is right that we give thanks and praise to God for this gift of freedom.

**Thank you to all who participated in any way in making our St. Mary Parish Picnic another wonderful success. It was a wonderful warm day enjoyed by many people.**

**Thank You** to the following businesses that contributed to the success of our Parish Picnic:

**Rainosek's True Value**-Donated the Plastic Bags for our plates-to-go meals.

**Ludwig Repair Shop**-Anthony Ludwig & Family-Use of a Lawnmower for the popular train ride.

June 6, 2010

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners –

Thank you for the graduation scholarship. It will be very helpful in the Fall when I attend TSTC in Waco. I really appreciate your support in helping me achieve in my education.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely, John Janak

The Pastoral Institute classes for August are listed below. They are listed by date. People may call 361-573-0828 for more information or to register. A full list of all the classes is posted on the diocesan website as well as printed in *The Catholic Lighthouse*. **Also, please note that people may go to [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and register online.**

**Liturgy:** August 3 & 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m. @ St. Philip/El Campo

**I Believe/We Believe:** August 3 & 10-6-9 p.m. @ Sts. Cyril & Methodius/Shiner/Activity Center

**Role of the Catechist:** August 4, 6-9 p.m./ @ St. Agnes/Edna

**Methods 1 /2:** August 4, 7 p.m. -9 p.m. @ St. Philip/El Campo

**Methods 3/ 4:** August 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. @ St. Philip/El Campo

**Methods 5/ 6:** August 4, 7p.m.-9 p.m. @ St. Philip/El Campo

**Methods 7/ 8:** August 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. @ St. Philip/El Campo

**Roles of Catechist:** August 4, 6-9 p.m. @ Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

**Methods 1/ 2:** August 11, 7p.m.-9 p.m. @ Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

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**St. John Parish Picnic, St. John – July 4.**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. Flag raising ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. Veterans are encouraged to attend. Stew & Fried Chicken Dinner begins 10:30 a.m. Auction 1:00 p.m. Bingo, cake walk, country store, ball throw, ring toss, fish pond & train rides. Hamburgers & refreshments all afternoon. Free dance under the pavilion. Music by Shiner Hobo Band, Czech & Then Some, Dujka Bros. & Red Ravens. *Fun for all – young & old!*

**Ascension Parish Picnic, Moravia – July 18.**

Mass 10:00 a.m. Stew & Fried Chicken Dinner begins 11:00 a.m. Auction 1:00 p.m. Bingo, cake walk, country store, toy walk, dunking booth & games. Hamburgers, cold refreshments & entertainment all afternoon. Music during the day & night by Ennis Czech Boys & Texas Sound Check. *Great fun for all ages!*

**Financial Report for May 2010**

Income

Sunday Collections	\$2,590.35
Children’s Collections	43.18
Special Collection-Home Mission	264.00
Other Church Donations	400.00
Pavilion & Hall Rental/Deposits	<u>850.00</u>
Total Income for May	<u>\$4,147.53</u>

Expenses

Utilities	\$ 763.25
Health Insurance	705.20
Special Collection-Home Missions	264.00
Church Expenses	193.45
Hall Expense-Checking	60.00
Hall Expense-Supplies	596.17
Priest Pension Plan	435.00
Salaries	675.00
Repair & Maintenance	<u>1,087.35</u>
Total Expenses for May	<u>\$4,779.22</u>

Balance from April	\$4,743.06
Income from May	<u>+4,147.53</u>
Sub-Total	\$8,890.59
Less May Expenses	<u>-4,779.22</u>
Operating Balance	<u>\$4,111.37</u>

“While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free, let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.”

*God Bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her & guide her thru the  
night with a light from above. From the  
mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans,  
white with foam, God bless America, my  
home sweet home.* – Irving Berlin

**Prayer For Our Country:**

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great.

Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly **Your will**, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and **the restoring of all things in Christ**. Amen.

**Prayer For Our Troops:**

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



**Prayer for Deceased Veterans:**

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of Your Son they may share in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in You with Your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
(4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY)**

# Growing in FAITH™

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

July 2010

## One Minute Meditations

### Dress for Mass

Warmer weather in many parts of the country means wearing lighter, more casual clothing. Still, something that could be worn to play a sport, clean the garage, or work in the yard may not be appropriate for Mass. God deserves your "Sunday best" even in the Summer.

### Rest

Jesus knows that we become weary as we work and when his disciples came back from their first missionary trips, he took them to a quiet place to rest. The same is true for us. When Jesus sees us grow weary from work, he invites us to rest in his company.

### Pray for priests

"God wants us, as priests, in one tiny moment of history, to share his concern about people. As priests, we want to be persons who share his concern for men and women, who take care of them and provide them with a concrete experience of God's concern." Pope Benedict XVI

Benedict XVI



## Help inactive Catholics claim their prize

Would you quietly watch while a friend threw away a winning lottery ticket without claiming his prize? In a way, seeing a baptized Catholic neglect his faith is similar. Catholics who don't attend Mass each week, don't partake of the Sacraments, and don't grow in their faith are throwing away the riches Christ has offered. Instead, encourage all Catholics to claim their promised prize.

**Listen.** Perhaps a painful past episode associated with the Church or a sin that seems unforgivable is keeping your friend from coming to church. Offering gentle attention and comfort makes you an instrument of grace.

**Invite.** Some Catholics don't practice

their faith because they haven't found a parish home where they feel welcome. Inviting your friend to attend Mass with you is a first step.

**Encourage.** Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are freed from our sins and reminded of God's forgiveness. Encourage your friend to go to Confession and receive the peace of Christ.

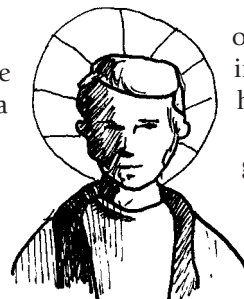
**Share.** Your friend may know about God but he may not know God's love. Sharing the ways in which God has blessed you can help him to start noticing God's love in his own life.

**Show.** When you live a joyfully Catholic life, your joy becomes contagious. Continue to grow in your own faith and others will want to share it.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Canonization is a solemn declaration by the Pope that a person lived a life of heroic virtue on Earth or remained faithful to God through martyrdom, and has received eternal life. Such a person is worthy



## Why does the Church canonize saints?

of imitation and can act as an intercessor for us as we try for holiness.

Proposing saints as models gives us hope and help to achieve the same reward.

Offering us holy people to inspire us is another gift from the Church to her people.

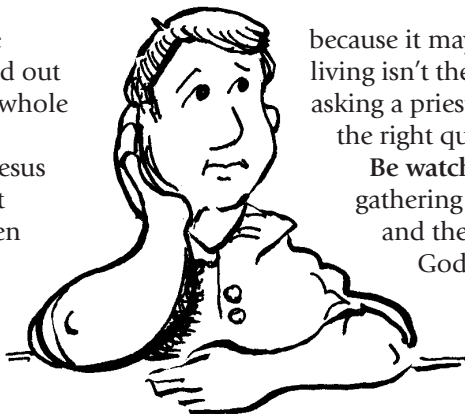


## Give me a sign, Lord!

We can only be truly happy when we live according to God's will, but how do we find out what that is? Instead of trying to guess the whole plan, try letting him lead a step at a time.

**Quiet down.** Listening in silence is key. Jesus often went off alone to pray. Set aside quiet time every day just to listen to God. Even ten minutes a day helps.

**Question.** Don't be afraid to ask tough questions. "What is my heart's desire?" can be a frightening question to ask



because it may mean accepting that the life you are living isn't the right answer. For extra help, consider asking a priest or other religious to guide you in asking the right questions.

**Be watchful.** Learning God's will involves gathering information. Learn about your choices and then watch for signs to indicate which ones God wants you to choose.

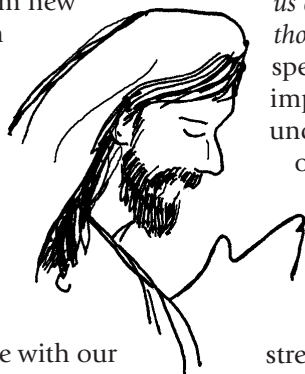
**Don't worry.** If you make a mistake, God can redeem even bad choices. Let him pick you up and try again.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 11:1-13, Our Father

The disciples were used to formal Old Testament prayer rituals, and expected that Jesus would teach them new ones when they asked him how to pray. He surprised them by introducing the "Our Father," a very warm and informal prayer.

In teaching this prayer, Jesus made a strong point to the disciples that God is our Father and we should be as intimate and familiar with him as we are with our dads on earth. Knowing how much God loves each of us gives the confidence that he will always provide for us.



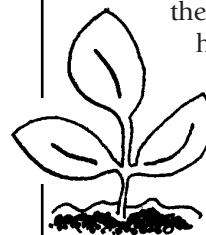
There was another stunning point in the prayer Jesus taught them. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," speaks volumes about how important it is for us to unconditionally forgive each other. As we forgive, so will we be forgiven.

Finally, we ask God not to give us more than we can endure.

Of course God knows our strength better than we do. But we pray this way to remind ourselves that he will always be with us throughout all of our trials.

### Q & A What does stewardship mean?

Remember the parable of the three servants who looked after the master's money while he was gone? The first two servants invested the money wisely, but the third was punished for having done nothing with what was given him. (See Matthew 25:14-30.) He was a poor steward of his master's goods.



A steward is someone trusted to manage an employer's affairs and possessions. We have each been trusted with talents and strengths to use in God's service and to further his mission. He expects us to use these gifts to help others know him, love him, serve him, and be happy with him in Heaven.

Today, stewardship means committing the best portion of our time, talent, and treasure to the mission of the Church. Generous sharing of resources, including money, is central to caring for God's Church and his people. When you realize that everything you have and everything you do is from God, then you want to give back to God in thanksgiving. That's modern day stewardship in action.

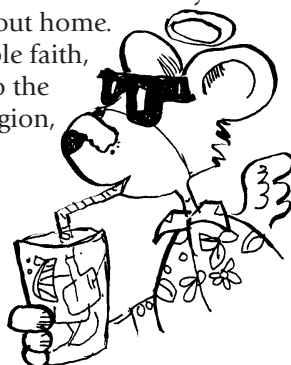
### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 3 - St. Thomas (1st century).** Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received that proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 11:16). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and ultimately reached India. He was martyred at Calamine.

**July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene (1st century).** Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to financially

support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood with Jesus' mother at the foot of the Cross. And, she was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

**July 26 - St. Joachim and St. Anne (?).** Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.



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