

Dear Friends,

You won't believe it, but the parish office has received only a 25% return from our mail out to inactive parishioners. If you happen to be sitting here in church today, and are not registered with Sacred Heart, but would like to be, please sign your "John Hancock" on the dotted line. There are registration forms on the credenza to your immediate right as you enter the main doors of the Church, and they are available on the parish webpage for you to download, as well. Just log on to [www.sacredheartgalveston.org](http://www.sacredheartgalveston.org), and click on the link to the registration form on the left side of the main page.

Here is another little reminder, and please don't leave it until the last minute. Interviews for the parish subsidy of \$1,000.00 per child for Galveston Catholic School will be held through the end of April. The subsidy is how our parish supports Catholic education. It has nothing to do with your income or W-2 form. It is the example you set that matters. I know this sounds strange but, to receive the subsidy, parents do have to be practicing Catholics, involved in our church community and, basically, leading their children by example. You would not believe the stories I heard last year, from people who don't even darken the church door, but expect our parish to subsidize their children and grandchildren's Catholic education. Wonders never cease!

Did you know that the single, married, or divorced status of a parent is never a reason to prevent or postpone the baptism of a child? It is the religious practice and example that is paramount. I always get ever so slightly suspicious when grandparents inquire about the baptism of their children's children. I think it would be much more beneficial if you encouraged your children to practice their faith, involve themselves in their local church community, and continue the traditions you began with them in raising their own children. This should take place in their own local church, where they will worship, grow in the faith, prepare for their sacraments, and be wonderful children of God. If you keep pestering your children, I think you do more damage than good. That, by the way, is just my personal opinion. Example and respect always seem to win the day.

Did you know that if you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, you cannot be a godparent? If you are an adult and would like to be confirmed, the classes and discussion sessions will be held on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Centennial Room from March 31<sup>st</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Registration ends March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ray Hertel at (281)703-1231 or at [sacramental-theology@hotmail.com](mailto:sacramental-theology@hotmail.com) with any and all questions. Confirmation will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, on Pentecost Sunday, with a Pot Luck Supper to discuss

the experience on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Next Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, a special mass will be celebrated by Fr. Frank Fabj at 12:00 noon to commemorate the Dominican Order's presence for 125 years on Galveston Island, and to celebrate their great contribution to so many people's lives here at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Have a wonderful week and God bless,

Father Niall

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## Mass Schedule

**Sat., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, 5:00 p.m.**

Rudolph & Ophelia Raven, Joe Muscat, Madeline & James Bennett, Joe Centenio, and Carl Meier

**Sun., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**8:00 a.m.**

Lena Sedgwick and Deo Sore

**10:00 a.m.**

Aline Daigle

**12:00 noon**

Tilman J. Falgout, Maria & Salvatore DeStefano, Frances Howard, and Richard Albright

**1:15 p.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Mon., 8:00 a.m.**

Pete Hernandez

**Tues., 8:00 a.m.**

Mamie Ellen Megna

**Wed., 8:00 a.m.**

Pete Hernandez and Georgia Broz

**Thurs., 8:00 a.m.**

Cathy Harris

**Fri., 8:00 a.m.**

Vincent Medina

**Sat., March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 5:00 p.m.**

Peter B. Rodriguez, Rudolph & Ophelia Raven, Joe Muscat, Madeline & James Bennett, and Pete Garcia

**Sun., March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

**8:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**10:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**12:00 noon**

Carol Kunz

**1:15 p.m.**

For the People of the Parish

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## Third Sunday in Lent

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

The Body of Christ: Patsy Phipps and Michael & Barbara Reyna

The Blood of Christ: Jo Llewellyn, John Pena, Yolanda Lloreda, and Lori Kusnerik

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00 a.m.**

The Body of Christ: Andrea & Jared Chiarchiaro and Terry Jackson

The Blood of Christ: Barbara & J. D. Roberts, Ann Halligan, and Roxanne Soto

**10:00 a.m.**

The Body of Christ: Carmen Eced, Claudia Mancuso, and Maryellen Leduc

The Blood of Christ: Jan Halvorsen, Tina Crunkright, David Millican, and Vernon Frederickson

**12:00 noon**

The Body of Christ: Joan Killebrew, Judy Wolf, and Karen Crummett

The Blood of Christ: Vivian Kleinschmidt, Aimee Botello, Lillian Leyva, and Gilbert Silva

**1:15 p.m.**

The Body of Christ: Zoila Contreras

The Blood of Christ: Maria Cuello and Guadalupe Juarez

### READERS

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

Margie Kusnerik and Neil Calnan

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00 a.m.**

Jocelyn Paz and Mike Tramonte

**10:00 a.m.**

Grace Mansfield and Monica Ott

**12:00 noon**

Angela Crummett and Jerome Rourke

**1:15 p.m.**

Agustina Arredondo and Wendy Salazar



### CHURCH COLLECTIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

\$9,175.64



### Religious Education

**Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

CCE Classes, 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

St. Anne Society's Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday after the 8:00 a.m. mass, here at Sacred Heart Parish.

**LENT**  
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The Friday evening Stations of the Cross will be at island-wide, as they have been in the past several years.

Each parish will sponsor a dinner on the evening that they host the Stations. The schedule follows.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sacred Heart Church, 7:00 p.m.

February 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Rosary Church, 7:00 p.m.

March 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Church, 7:00 p.m.

March 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter the Apostle Church, 7:00 p.m.

### ST. ANNE SOCIETY

The members of the St. Anne Society will have their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Centennial Room. All members are urged to attend, and all women of the parish are invited, as well.

### THE EUCHARIST CALLS US TO REACH ALL PEOPLE 2008 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

If you have not already offered your pledge for this year's Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), please do so today. We are counting on you to answer the call of the Eucharist to Reach All People. Through your generous support of the DSF, we can bring Christ's comfort and support to the many pressing needs and priorities that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone.

Our parish goal for this year is **\$51,475.00**. With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount. With your help we will do our share to help so many in need and advance the work of the church in our community. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude and know of our prayers that your gift will be returned to you through Christ. To donate online, log on to [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf)

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## EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

The Easter Flower Envelopes are located at the doors of the church. If you wish to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, please fill out the envelope and return it by March 10<sup>th</sup>. You may drop it in the mail slot at the parish office or into the collection basket. This will give us time to send the names to the printer for the Easter Sunday weekend bulletin. For those of you who receive church contribution envelopes, you will find the Easter Flower Envelope in your packet.

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## GALVESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARISH DISCOUNT INFORMATION

The annual interviews for parents seeking parish assistance will begin soon and will continue through the end of April. If you have a child or children who are, or will be, enrolled at Galveston Catholic School and wish to receive the parish discount, please call the Sacred Heart Office at (409) 762-6374 to make an appointment with Father Niall.

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## YOUNG ADULTS' SPIRITUAL GROUP

Share fellowship and spirituality with a group designed just for you. This ministry is targeted to serve people in their 20s and 30s, but is open to any person who is at least 18 years old and out of high school. The meetings will be held on Mondays from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the member's homes. For more information, check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shgalvya/>.

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## St. Peter the Apostle presents Thirsty Thursdays

6:30-8:30 pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall.  
\$5.00 donation suggested

March 6th Cardinal Daniel DiNardo speaks on 'Exciting to be Catholic.'

Contact Ray Hertel at [sacramental-theology@hotmail.com](mailto:sacramental-theology@hotmail.com) to request a registration form via e-mail attachment or stop by the parish office to pick up a paper copy.

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## Ray's Corner

### Confirmation: What it *Is* and What it *Is Not*

**Confirmation is not uniquely a sacrament of the Holy Spirit.** It shares this honor with Baptism. Indeed, the two sacraments are not really separate. Confirmation continues what was started with Baptism. Confirmation is never

independent of Baptism; rather it is a completion of Baptism. With the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, one's Baptism is completed, and one becomes a full member of the Catholic Church.

**Confirmation is not a rite of passage into adulthood, nor is it merely a renewal of Christian commitment.** When confirmation is administered to those who are older, the candidates must be given a choice in the matter. This choice, though, while perhaps quite significant, is not the main point of the sacrament. In fact, some legitimate and ancient Catholic liturgical traditions prescribe the Confirmation of infants immediately after their Baptism and immediately before their First Eucharist.

**Confirmation is not a way to keep teens in religious education classes, nor is it a graduation from religious education.** Religious education is a life-long process. Parishes do well to have religious education classes for all four grades of high school, as well as adult education programs.

**So, what is Confirmation then?** I believe Daniel Cardinal DiNardo sums it up well. Confirmation is *"a strengthening of [one's] Baptismal faith and a more intimate union with Christ through a deeper familiarity with the Holy Spirit,"* and *"a completion of [one's] baptismal grace."*

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## ADULT CONFIRMATION SIGN-UP NOW THROUGH MARCH 10TH

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## THE DOMINICAN SISTERS CELEBRATE THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN GALVESTON

Calling all former students of the Dominican Sisters! The sisters are celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their arrival in Galveston with a special mass. It will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Frank Fabj will be the celebrant. There will be a reception immediately following in the gym. Come and congratulate the sisters, and visit with old friends.

## Third Sunday in Lent

### Pray For the Sick of the Parish

Asta, Serena	Llewellyn, Earl
Asta, Rachel	Loudon, Eddie
Ames, Melissa	Loudon, Fred
Andersen, Delores	Loudon, Marie S.
Bastien, Flo	Marabella, Dorothy
Beebe, Debbie "Lucy"	Martino, Julie Ann
Bember George	Mendoza, Sue
Bray, Jimmy	Miller, Willis
Carmignani, Anna Marie	Millo, Liz
Chandler, Anna Marie	Morse, Gene
Chavez, Carmen	Novelli, June
Cooke-Schilling,	Orapallo Mary Joyce
MacKenzie	Owens, Casey
Curtis, Joann	Peralez, George
Demack, Vilma	Perez, Marisela
Decker, Joan	Platt Bustamante, Janie
Fichera, Joe & Tina	Powell, Agnes
Foster, Kathleen	Powell, Maggie
Frey, Norma Clare	Roberts, Ruby
Garcia, Carlos	Ross Colleen
Gluski, Anne	Rougeaux, Shelia
Gonzales, Zachary	Ruggiero, Donna
Gonzalez, Rosaura	Sampson, Elizabeth
Harris, Cathy	Sanchez, Ramiro
Hernandez, Clemente	Schmidt, Gigi
Hines, Rosalie	Semien, Cora
Hoffman, Bertha Margaret	Siemssen, Craig
Hogan, Lawrence	Siemssen, Lynn Prino
Hypolite, Bernice	Sterk, Katie
Jacobson, Richard (Duck)	Thomae, Karin
Jordan, Bryan	Tropea, Angelina
Kaluza, Jerry	Vollert, Thomas
Kirschner, Marie	Vucanovich, Christine
Koch, Claudia	Walker, Betsy
Kollar, Andras	Waters, Phyllis



### Sanctuary Lamp

In loving memory of  
Peter B. Rodriguez

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday

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