



Dear Friends,

Congratulations once again to all the First Communion Children who completed their second stage of initiation into the Church by joining us at the Table of the Lord last weekend. Additionally, our congratulations and thanks go to the parents and teachers of our First Communicants. Without all of you, this milestone would not have been possible.

It was a joy to be with our young parishioners who completed their initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral last Sunday afternoon. Bishop Rizzotto reminded them that, "Confirmation is not a graduation, but a deeper commitment to the Lord" through the life and ministry of the Church Community. With the example and dedication of the newly Confirmed, the First Communicants, and their parents, our Church has a bright future. May God, who has begun this great work, bring it to completion as we continue our faith journey together.

Remember that the Sacred Heart Blood Drive is being held this weekend. Please consider donating. Hopefully, we will never need to receive blood ourselves, but if and when we do, we become very aware of how terribly vital this 'gift of life' is.

This weekend, at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, we are honoring all who care for their fellow human beings; especially those who are ill or incapacitated in any way. The Rose Mass used to be for nurses only, but this year we are broadening it to honor all health care providers. Everyone is welcome.

On a much lighter note, the Italian-American Society is joining us at the 10:00 a.m. mass. You will recognize them in their Royal Ascot-like hats! I think they are starting a new trend here, and of course, the best hat wins a prize; which at the moment is a highly kept secret. Maybe, we should all vote for whomever we think should win? It is actually a mother-daughter day out. Have great fun.

Finally, and finally, all the interviews with parents seeking the parish tuition subsidy for the 2007-2008 school year at Galveston Catholic have come to an end. The notice for this deadline has been posted in our bulletin for the last two months, at least. Interviews concluded on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. It has been a great opportunity for me to meet many of our faithful parishioners. Family members have recommitted to various ministries, and those who have never been asked to be involved before, are now active, participating members of our community. While the parish's financial assistance is very valuable and supportive of your child's Catholic education, it in no way comes near the value of the role played by you, the parents, who teach your children how to be Catholic by living the example yourselves. Interviews to determine those families eligible for the 2008-2009 school year tuition subsidy will commence in Spring of 2008, and will include an evaluation of participation in a ministry, attendance, and contribution history.

God Bless,

Fr.

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#### **DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2007**

#### ***MANY PARTS – ONE BODY: THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD 2007***

If you have not already offered your pledge to this year's Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. We are counting on you to respond to the words of St. Paul reminding us that "We are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another." We must succeed in reaching our goal of \$51,107.00 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. We have \$27,086.00 pledged and a balance of \$24,021.00. If you prefer to donate on-line, visit [archgh.org/dsf](http://archgh.org/dsf), Please specify that your donation is for Sacred Heart Church.

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#### **CCE REGISTRATION**

CCE Registration for the 2007/2008 School Year began Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. CCE includes preparation for First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation. You may register your child or children in person on Sunday from (10:30 am to 11:45 am) during CCE classes. **The registration fee is \$35.00 through May 6, 2007 and \$50.00 after May 6<sup>th</sup>.** This fee is for the first child. An

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additional \$10.00 registration fee will apply for the second and third child in the same family, for four or more children in the same family, there will be no additional fee. The following are the qualifications for CCE at Sacred Heart Church. The parent(s) and /or guardian(s) and the child/children must attend mass regularly. The previous year's CCE program must have been successfully completed, and those newly transferring from another parish must live within the parish boundaries and be able to demonstrate registration and satisfactory participation in their previous parish and CCE program. Some exceptions, including financial assistance, will be considered. For more information contact: Ray Hertel, at 281-703-1231 or email [sacramental-theology@hotmail.com](mailto:sacramental-theology@hotmail.com)

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**May 9, Wednesday, 5:30 pm**

Grace Lofaro

**May 12, Saturday**

**5:00 pm**

Cindy Schulz (B), H. C. Schulz (B), Lori Kusnerik (B), Margaret Scofelia (W), Tony Scofelia (W), Kathy Cole (W), Leslie Burgess (W)

**May 13, Sunday**

**8:00 am**

Jose & Roxanne Soto (B), Sheryln Cooke (B), Lise Van Borssum (W), Ann Halligan (W), Ben Parma (W), A. L. LeBlanc (W)

**10:00 am**

Norma Suayan (B), Larry Schwing (B), Claudia Mancuso (B), Jake Trost (W), Vernon Fredricksen (W), Kathy Dietrich (W), Hadden Dietrich (W)

**12:00 noon**

Judy Wolf (B), Betty Gounah (B), Aimee Botello (B), Christina Mendez (W), Karen Crummett (W), Jerome Rourke (W), Lillian Leyva (W)

**1:15 pm**

Zoila Contreras (B), Enrique Becerril (W), Maria Becerril (W)



### READERS

**May 9, Wednesday, 5:30 pm**

Betty Gounah

**May 12, Saturday**

**5:00 pm**

Leslie Burgess & John Pena

**May 6, Sunday**

**8:00 am**

A. L. LeBlanc & Matt Furlong

**10:00 am**

Grace Mansfield & Monica Ott



**12:00 noon**

Jerome Rourke & Corey Theriot

**1:15 pm**

Nicanor Prado & Agustina Arredondo

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, May 6,**

St. Anne's Society meet at 11:00 am in the cafeteria

**Wednesday, May 9,**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena & St. Jude Novena, 8:30 am, & 6:00 pm

O'Connell Ring Ceremony, 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study, 11:00 am

**Friday, May 11,**

Wedding Rehearsal of Norton & Kent, 6:00 pm

**Saturday, May 12,**

Wedding of Amber Norton & Matthew Kent, 7:00 pm

## Weekly Collections

**Contributions for April 29, 2007**

\$9,595.32

**Catholic Home Mission**

\$264.00



### Baptisms

Parents requesting a Baptism are asked to call the office 409-762-6374.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sat., May 5,**

**5:00 pm**

Migel Gutierrez (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his death), Eleanora Peters, Theodora Howell, Anna Marie Chandler & Jose D. Cano

**Sun., May 6,**

**8:00 am**

Corinto Carmigiani & Anna Marie Chandler

**10:00 am**

Mary & Sam Castorina, Annie Patane Valastro, Anna Marie Chandler, Joe A. Fichera Sr., June, Georgia & Roy Cantieri

**12:00 pm**

Anna Marie Chandler & Americo "Rico" Negrini Sr.

**1:15 pm**

Gustavo Mireles, Anna Marie Chandler & For the people of the parish

**Mon., 8:00 am**

Mary Ann & Bill Sayer, Anna Marie Chandler, In Honor of God & The Blessed Virgin Mary & Henry Porretto Jr.

**Tues., 8:00 am**

Antionette Piperi & Joe Maceo

**Wed., 8:00 am**

A Special Intention & Anna Marie Chandler

**5:30 pm**

Vittorio Giacono & Anna Marie Chandler

**Thurs., 8:00 am**

Madelena Nguyen, Fr. John Connolly, Anna Marie Chandler & Charles Demack

**Fri. 8:00 am**

Rick Vaiani & Anna Marie Chandler

**Sat., May 12,**

**5:00 pm**

Eleanora Peters, Theodora Howell & Anna Marie Chandler

**Sun., May 13,**

**8:00 am**

Anna Marie Chandler & For the people of the parish

**10:00 am**

Anna Marie Chandler, Florence & Mary Ann Arivello, Mary Driscoll, & June, & Georgia Cantieri

**12:00 pm**

Anna Marie Chandler, Sebastian & Giovanni Buzzurro & Karin Lynch

**1:15 pm**

For the people of the parish & Anna Marie Chandler

with heart, liver, lung, or kidney disease, uncontrolled Diabetes, or Multiple Sclerosis are not eligible to participate. Call Jan Halvorsen at 409-933-9600 with any questions.

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**ATTENTION  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY  
COMMUNION AND READERS**

The new schedules for May, June and July are in the sacristy. There will also be a copy of the schedule on the small table in the back of the church. Eucharist Ministers should check off their names upon arrival at mass, so that Father Niall will know if there is a full contingent.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's flowers were given by Health Care Ministry to commemorate the Rose Mass honoring all health care providers. This year we are posthumously acknowledging two outstanding care providers Florence Nightingale and Mother Teresa. The rose color of the flower is meant to signify life.

**FLOWERS ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
& ST. JOSEPH ARE IN MEMORY OF:**

"My beloved brother Gerald J. Arivello on the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death". From Cindy Arivello

**THE CROWN FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER**

In memory of Tennie Trost

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**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY**

The Health Ministry will sponsor a Blood Drive TODAY, Sunday, May 6, 2007 after all the Masses.

**"Join the Commit for Life Program"**

Donating blood is not painful. One unit is taken, which is a little less than a pint. Blood volume and plasma are naturally replaced within 24 hours. Red cells need about 4 to 8 weeks for complete replacement. You can donate again in 56 days. Every unit of whole blood goes through up to 12 tests to ensure patient safety. Your blood will be tested for ABO group. Blood is then screened for infectious diseases. Please give because you never know when you or someone you know will need it. To participate, you must be 17 years of age or older and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Sixteen year-olds may participate with parental consent. Please eat a nutritious, low-fat meal one to two hours before donation. Prizes are available for participants. Individuals

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**Mary's Day Mass**



On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. John LeBaue, SVD, will celebrate an 8:30 am mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in observance of Mary's Day. Its purpose is to honor Mary, the Mother of God, as our Spiritual Mother on the day preceding the American Mother's Day, when we honor our earthly mothers. Traditional Hymns will be sung by the congregation and a special solo will be presented by Thomas Clark. Charles Hudson will be the organist. An offering will be collected and proceeds will be given to the St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Everyone is invited to participate in this special Mary's Day Observance sponsored by the Ursuline Alumnae Association.

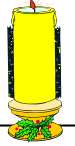
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### Pray for ...

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Asta, Serina           | Loudon, Fred                |
| Asta, Rachel           | Longoria, Suzanne           |
| Aymes, Melissa         | Martino, Julie Ann          |
| Bastien, Flo           | Mendoza, Sue                |
| Beebe, Debbie "Lucy"   | Micheletti, Sister Carmella |
| Bember George          | Miller, Willis              |
| Brown, Harry           | Morse, Gene                 |
| Carmignani, Anna Marie | Muscat Joe                  |
| Chandler, Anna Marie   | Novelli, June               |
| Chavez, Carmen         | Orapallo Mary Joyce         |
| Cooke-Schilling,       | Owens, Casey                |
| MacKenzie              | Peralez, George             |
| Curtis, Joann          | Perez, Marisela             |
| Demack, Vilma          | Platt Bustamante, Janie     |
| Dispensa, Joe          | Powell, Agnes               |
| Fichera, Joe & Tina    | Roberts, Ruby               |
| Foster, Kathleen       | Ross Colleen                |
| Frey, Norma Clare      | Rougeaux, Shelia            |
| Gonzales, Zachary      | Ruggiero, Donna             |
| Gonzalez, Rosaura      | Sampson, Elizabeth          |
| Hernandez, Clemente    | Sanchez, Ramiro             |
| Hernandez, Peter       | Semien, Cora                |
| Hines, Rosalie         | Siemssen, Craig             |
| Hoffman, Harry         | Siemssen, Lynn Prino        |
| Hogan, Lawrence        | Shannon, Sister Benedict    |
| Hypolite, Bernice      | Shannon, Sister Rebecca     |
| Jordan, Bryan          | Stein, Jay                  |
| Kaluza, Jerry          | Sterk, Katie                |
| Kollar, Andras         | Thomas, Karen               |
| LeBoeuf, Mary          | Vucanovich, Christine       |
| Llewellyn, Earl        |                             |

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of

Joe A. Fichera Sr.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Thursday: Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i  
Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras