

A Few Words From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all getting a “last hurrah” out of summer before school begins, and we are all back to so called “normal routines” again. I guess from the number of children at mass last Sunday, they were getting the last ounce of attention out of their grandparents, parents, siblings, and everyone else in between. However, I would like us all to remember that without such “noises” at mass, we as a parish and as a church would have no future; and I for one love to see you all here. Other than that, your parenting skills are going to be put to the test every now and then, regardless of where you find yourselves. Parents and grandparents, keep up the good work, and always bring the children with you. Remember that, in a small church like ours, the doors are never too far away if you feel you have to take whomever for a little walk.

You will be very happy to know that the smell of natural gas that was lingering in the church is now gone. We had a gas leak last Sunday, as you probably noticed. The gas company and the fire department were here until 4:00 p.m. and got everything in order. After mass, I spent the afternoon with them. The upshot is that I now know the position of every gas line, the location of all the pilot lights, and a whole heap of other details that I was never warned about in pastor school. We are all more than safe again. Actually, we were not in much danger anyway. The air handler was circulating some gas that had escaped outside the building. All is well again and the A/C is working even better than before.

I have to tell you, Archbishop DiNardo commented on the fact that it was very hot during mass when he was here. I decided there was no reason for him to know that the A/C was kaput that week, so I told him, “That’s Galveston!” I think he is now considering giving me hardship pay. I’m joking of course!

Have a great week, and enjoy all your family and friends before everyone returns to school, college, and wherever else life takes them.

God Bless,

Fr. Niall

Now, keep reading and immerse yourself in the world of church organs, as Leo Hock, our organist and choir master gives us a glimpse into his expertise and his recent visit to: **The 2007 Organ Historical Society Convention Indianapolis, Indiana.**

“The night before the convention opened, at a Methodist Church, I attended a concert which included a Latin Roman Catholic Mass by Joseph Rheinberger for choir and orchestra, and a Symphony for organ and orchestra by the French Catholic composer, Charles Marie Widor. There was, throughout the convention, much historically Catholic music by Catholic composers, and much music which underlined the Latin roots of Protestant music and worship.

The convention, visiting numerous instruments in many towns and cities, underlined the connection between older American organ building and our project at Sacred Heart! The literature from the convention also documented when carpets first stifled the resounding of the praises of God by both organ and voice. Each organ showed in a small recital what it could do on its own; and a hymn was sung to test accompanying a congregation, a choir singing in harmony, and solo singing.

For sake of example, this includes only the Catholic Churches we visited; Saint Patrick’s 1850s organ by Henry Erben in Lagro, Indiana; Saint Mary’s late 19th-century instrument by George Kilgen in Rushville, Indiana; Saint Charles Borromeo’s 1893 Louis van Dinter organ in Peru, Indiana; Saint Joan of Arc’s 1929 large George Kilgen in Indianapolis; and Sacred Heart’s own William Schuelke from the 1890s in Indianapolis. All five, nice instruments in their own right, demonstrated support for a congregation, and choir and singer accompaniment. There were some very interesting instruments in Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, and Disciples of Christ Churches in and around Indianapolis. Some grand enough for concerts, but many more modest instruments showed what could be done with smaller resources, especially if worship, congregations, and choral accompaniment were the priority; and not necessarily concerts and prestige.

This brings to mind past experience of two, small 19th-century Pfeffer instruments; one at a prep school in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the other at a Novitiate and College in Perryville, Missouri. They could be softer, sweeter, and more flexible; yet when there was need, both showed a more effective fullness than the instrument now in use at Sacred Heart here in Galveston.”

Leo Hock.

Sacred Heart Teens High School CCE

Although Sacred Heart’s High School CCE program has previously been for 9th and 10th grades only, it will now be expanded to include 11th and 12th grades. We are still in the planning stage, but are proposing to have High School CCE (HSC) in a single classroom that would include all four grades with the lessons taught over a four-year period. We are hoping to have some of the teens who were Confirmed last year come back, not only as students, but also as peer leaders.

Registration for High School CCE has been extended through August 15th, 2007, at the early registration fee of \$35.00. The same registration requirements for other CCE grades still applies to HSC. Briefly, they are:

Parents and students must be members of Sacred Heart for at least 6 months.

Parents and students must attend Mass regularly.

Confirmation

HSC would be separate from, but work in cooperation with, the teen Confirmation program; which will now take place every other year. The next Confirmation class will begin during the 2008/2009 school year.

Youth Group

Sacred Heart is considering forming a youth group for Sacred Heart teens. Teens, parents, and volunteers, please contact Ray Hertel if you are interested.

CCE Back to School Time

CCE Parent/Student Meeting

August 19th, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
School Cafeteria

Time to begin the joyous work of CCE is drawing near. This meeting will be an introduction to the CCE program, and will summarize the schedule, policies, etc. Parents, please attend with your children. CCE team, please come if you can. Cooperation, organization and foresight will make this process easier for everyone.

CCE Team Meeting

August 19th, 2007
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
School Cafeteria

This meeting will allow the CCE team to meet one another, inform volunteers of what they need to know, and provide an overview of the CCE Program from a facilitator's perspective.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for volunteers for CCE. The teacher is not the only role. If you love children and want to support their educational process, please join us. Contact Ray Hertel with questions or to volunteer.

RCIA Volunteers Needed To Help People Join the Church

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process for bringing non-Catholics into the Catholic Church. It has a branch for adults and a branch for children. As we form this ministry, we need people who want to teach about the Catholic faith, who are comfortable with faith-sharing in terms of the weekly Scripture readings, who can accompany someone on their faith journey as sponsors, and/or who can provide a warm and welcoming environment. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you know someone who would like to convert, or is thinking about converting and would like to ask questions, please contact Ray Hertel.

Opportunity for Catechists

Southern Catechist Day is a great opportunity to brush up on your catechist skills. It will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 8th, 2007 at Shrine of the True Cross on FM 517 in Dickinson. The early registration fee of \$10.00 is due by August 28th. Lunch, if you choose to order it, is \$7.50. For those on the CCE Team and others volunteering in educational ministries, contact Ray Hertel by August 20th, and Sacred Heart will pay your registration and lunch fees.

Regarding CCE, RCIA, or Southern Catechist Day, please contact Ray Hertel at 281-703-1231 or sacramental-theology@hotmail.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUS CLASS

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston. The three-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms that an adult is a potential risk of harm of children and how to know that a child is being abused or exploited in some way. Clergy, staff, and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. All other adults are invited and encouraged to participate as part of the Church's commitment to make the world a safe place for our children. The class will take place on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. You may register on line: http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=17091&theme=0

For more information, feel free to call: Vivian Kleinschmidt, Virtus coordinator, 409-939-8772; or Ray Hertel DRE at 281-703-1231.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



Wednesday, Aug. 15th, 5:30 p.m.

Grace Lofaro and Pacienca Tuazon

Saturday, Aug. 18th, 5:00 p.m.

The Body of Christ: Hadden & Kathy Dietrich, and Leslie Burgess

The Blood of Christ: Yolanda Lloreda, Michael & Barbara Reyna, and Pacienca Tuazon

Sunday, Aug. 19th

8:00 a.m.

The Body of Christ: Roxanne & Jose Soto and Andrea Chiarchiaro

The Blood of Christ: J. D. & Barbara Roberts, Jared Chiarchiaro, and Ann Halligan

10:00 a.m.

The Body of Christ: Carmen Eced, David Millican, and Lulu Encarnacion

The Blood of Christ: Tina Crunkright, Tinh Ngo, Angelo Grasso, and Jake Trost

12:00 noon

The Body of Christ: Bartosz Szczesny, Lillian Leyva, and Christina Mendez

The Blood of Christ: Gilbert Silva, Karen Crummett, Vivian Kleinschmidt, and Jerome Rourke

1:15 p.m.

The Body of Christ: Ana Boleman

The Blood of Christ: Nicanor Prado and Maria Becerril

READERS

Wednesday, Aug. 15th, 5:30 p.m.

Norma Suayan

Saturday, Aug. 18th, 5:00 p.m.

Poldi Tschirch and Luisa Dumon

Sunday, Aug. 19th

8:00 a.m.

Matt Furlong and A. L. LeBlanc

10:00 a.m.

Lulu Encarnacion and Judy Buckley

12:00 noon

Angela Crummett and Betty Gounah

1:15 p.m.

Ofelia Nava and Marcelo Arredondo



Ministers and readers, if you are unable to attend, please find a replacement to fill in.

Schedules for August through October are in the sacristy.

Masses for the Week

Sat., Aug. 11th, 5:00 p.m.

Eleanora Peters, Jose J. Rodriguez, and Joe Centenio

Sun., Aug. 12th

8:00 a.m.

James Traynor, Gertrude Butler Macha, and Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Traynor

10:00 a.m.

Giuseppe & Giovannina Grasso and Bertha Hoffman

12:00 p.m.

Americo "Rico" Negrini, Sr. and Guillermo Hernandez

1:15 p.m.

For the people of the parish

Mon., 8:00 a.m.

Joan Trochesset

Tues., 8:00 a.m.

Antoinette Piperi and Dr. Anthony Hempel

Wed., 8:00 a.m.

Charlie Demack

5:30 p.m.

Frank Tropea, Mattia Campanello, and Mary Lozica

Thurs., 8:00 a.m.

For the people of the parish

Fri., 8:00 a.m.

Rick Vaiani and In honor of God and the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat., Aug. 18th, 5:00 p.m.

Eleanora Peters and Joe Centenio

Sun., Aug. 19th

8:00 a.m.

Gerome & Minnie Anselmo and Rosalie Traynor

10:00 a.m.

June, Roy, & Georgia Cantieri

12:00 p.m.

Anthony Conde

1:15 p.m.

For the people of the parish

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, Aug. 15th

Holy Day of Obligation

Office closed

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and St. Jude Novena, 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Contributions for August 5, 2007

\$13,077.49

ISLAND-WIDE VIGIL MASS OF THE
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

There will be a vigil mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. This island-wide celebration will be held to commemorate the Holy Day of Obligation and to acknowledge the importance of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica as the Mother Church of Texas. This will be the only vigil mass on the island for the Feast of the Assumption, and it will be concelebrated by the priests of Galveston

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA COURT STAR
OF THE SEA # 228 OF GALVESTON

The members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Star of the Sea #228 will be selling raffle tickets in front of Sacred Heart Church on September 15th and 16th, 2007 after all the masses. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are being offered on a Party Basket, a Paper Basket, and 100 Scratch-Off Lottery Tickets. The names of the winners will be drawn on Sunday, December 9th, 2006. As always, the money raised will benefit O'Connell High School, Galveston Catholic School, and several other local charities. Donations will also be accepted in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Please help if you can.

HEALTH MINISTRY NOTES

HOW OFTEN IS VACCINATION NEEDED?

In most people, vaccination for specific diseases is needed only once in a lifetime. However, for others, including those people at highest risk for serious disease, revaccination may be necessary. Individuals should consult their physicians to determine if revaccination is recommended.

The office will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th in observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.

 Pray for ...

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

For the people of the parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <u>Day:</u> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Tuesday:	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Wednesday:	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary