

June 12, 2005 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Heart of Christ

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is amazing what things can happen in a day. Yesterday, while going crazy with work, I got a phone call from an old friend. It has probably been ten years since we last talked. No fights or arguments, just one of those things. He and his family moved out of town and it became more difficult to keep up. But thanks to his wife, I got a phone call and in minutes was catching up on the kids and the career, and laughing about things we did more than 20 years ago as if we did them last week.

Talk about perfect timing. God has it! The day was filled with stress and proving once again that 24 hours was a woefully inadequate number of hours in a day. But something as simple as a phone call from an old friend proved to be a moment of God's mercy. Something really rather small was enough to lighten the burden of the day. Oh, I am confident that a person could call it coincidence or unimportant. But for those with faith, there really is only God's providence and while not everything is of the same importance, God can and does use anything and everything to show us his infinite love for us.

I once knew a person who used the expression "throwing a pity party for yourself." So often that is exactly what we do. We can be experts at seeing and finding everything bad in our day, our work, our relationships and in our lives. It is really rather easy. But so is finding the good. All we have to do is look and we will soon discover that our graces and blessings far outweigh the negative. We shouldn't be "Pollyannas" (simplistically seeing everything as good and nothing bad). To be a person of faith shows us that God is truly with us and blesses us always. All we have to do is open our eyes to the blessings around us.

As I look back on that hectic day, filled with such great stress, I can see so many moments of God's love: the co-worker who helped me with a task without being asked, the chance to pray, the kind word, the things that went right, etc. When we look at our days, the good will always outweigh the bad. We just need to remember where to place the credit and it is not with ourselves.

"Thank you, Lord, for your abundant blessings, most especially the little ones and all the ones I failed to see."

Have a great week!

Fr. Jay

Welcome! We welcome our newest registered parishioners George Navarro, Sr.; Ellice Martinez; Carol Anderson; Nick Villalona; Tim Caruthers; and Odette Turnipseed. If you are interested in becoming a part of our parish family, fill out a registration card located in the back of the church and give it to an usher or place it in the collection basket or call the parish office.

Oremus *Let us pray for the sick in our parish:* Carlos Benitez, Gloria Bertrand, Joseph and Yvonne Booth, Harry Buri, Allen Butschek, Jr., Christopher Chappell, Thomas Checkle, Tana Crow, Teresa Dunn, Fedrick Ezekia, James Gaber, Joe Garcia, Hortence Gonzales, Tana Hellwig, Ysabela Hinojosa, Marilyn Hogan, Alyssa Jimenez, Jacqueline Johnson, Michelle Jones, Virginia Lands, Floyd Lindley, Bernadet Machado, Adolph and Doris Marcantel, Andon Mata, Raymond Mendiola, Kenny Newhouse, Erica Ramirez, Crystal Regulada, Yvonne Reyes, Toni Robinson, Anita Rosales, Maggie Rummel, Alice Sanders, Catherine Saylor, Drew Smith, Frank Sprta, Popp Theriot, Mark Tijerina, Rudy Tijerina, Tannie Trapolino, and Helen Witherspoon.

Let Us Pray: For the soul of Ernesto Sagullo. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Banns of Marriage Let us pray for those preparing for marriage: David Martinez & Simone Nguyen; David Lindsey & Jennifer Kowalski; Andrew Koska & Meilissa Blancas; Joe Tran & Christina Augustin; Andrew Friedl & Dianne Scott; Tuyen Van & Cassie Le; Fernando Sustaita & Carla Felici.

Mass Intentions for the week: *We pray for the living and the dead*

Saturday	June 11	Tuesday	June 14
5:30pm	Deacon Marvin	7:00am	Bonnie Kelley
7:00pm	Vocations	12:10pm	Cindy Tijerina
Sunday	June 12	Wednesday	June 15
7:00am	Irineo Rojas †	7:00am	Lynn Tijerina
8:00am	Vincent Duc Tong †	12:10pm	Alfred Darilek, Jr. †
9:30am	Maria Hutchings	Thursday	June 16
11:00am	Bettye Hill †	7:30am	Deceased Ursulines †
1:00pm	Mark Tijerina	12:10pm	Rachel †
5:30pm	Misa Pro Populo	Friday	June 17
7:00pm	Miguel Gonzalez †	7:00am	Fr. Kevin Thissen OP†
Monday	June 13	12:10pm	Veronica Chevalier
7:00am	Bernadine & F.R. Pizzitola †		
12:10pm	Ursulines Benefactors, Friends & Relatives		

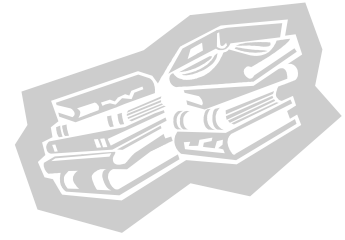
Weekday Mass Readings

Monday, June 13	Friday, June 17
2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23
Tuesday, June 14	Saturday, June 18
2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48	2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34
Wednesday, June 15	Sunday, June 19
2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Jer 20:10-13;
Thursday, June 16	Rom 5:12-15;
2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15	Mt 10:26-33

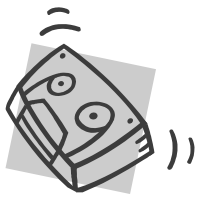
Parent Resource Library

Sponsored by the St. Anne's Society

(Located in the Ministries Office)



Videos for the entire family ... Novels ... Books on Parenting ...
There are books for the very young (ages 2-8), older children ,
teenagers (9 and older), and adults!



Videos including:

- ✓ *Let the Little Children Come: A Rosary Story for Children.* Video of a group of children praying the rosary.
- ✓ *Jesus.* Biblically-based film about the life of Christ that the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen called "a masterpiece."
- ✓ *Nicholas: The Boy who Became Santa.* Animated film about the life of St. Nicholas, who became the basis for the legend of Santa Claus.

For *parents* there are books that include:

Christian Family Resource ... *For the Children.* A beautiful book of photographs of John Paul II visiting with children around the world ...

... **Theology of Marriage** Kimberly Hahn's *Life-Giving Love: Embracing God's Beautiful Design for Marriage ...*

... **Papal documents** including John Paul II's exhortation on *The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*

... **General Catholic Books/Novels** such as *Strangers and Sojourners* by O'Brien, Michael.

Books for *older children & teenagers* (Ages 9 & up)

Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons?: And 199 Other Questions from Catholic Teenagers. by Matthew J. Pinto.

Books for all ages ...

- ✓ Encountering the Saints Series
- ✓ Ignatius Press Vision Book Series (kids spirituality)
- ✓ Stories of the Saints for Young People Series
- ✓ The World of Narnia (adapted from *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis)

For *younger children* (ages 2-8 years)

Lademan, Miriam, Irene Hooker & Susan Brindle. *The Caterpillar that Came to Church: A Story of the Eucharist.* Written in both Spanish and English, this delightful story explains the beauty of the Eucharist as seen through the eyes of a caterpillar.



Library Guidelines For Parent Library

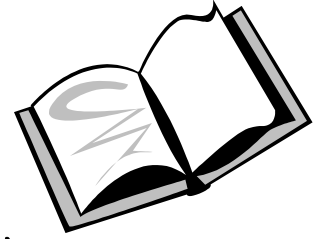
- 📖 The library is located in the **Ministries Office** and is open Mon-Thurs, 8:30—5pm; and Sun 8:30am—12:30pm; or by apt.
- 📖 Parishioners may check out up to 3 books and 1 video at a time.
- 📖 Books may be checked out for 4 weeks, and videos for 2 weeks. Items are renewable if no one else has requested them.
- 📖 A \$5 refundable deposit is due at the time materials are checked out. The deposit is refundable when you return the materials. One month after the due date, your deposit is no longer refundable.
- 📖 To learn more about the library contact Jaclyn Jarzombek, 713-659-1561 ext 30.

PARISH LIBRARY



Located in
The Old Chapel

Scripture Study Books



Spiritual
Reading Resource

Bibles



Biographies

Morality

Liturgy
Resources

Theology Books



Vatican II Documents



Open Sunday (8:30am—Noon) or daily by appointment. Contact Yvonne Gill in the Parish Office for more information. 713-659-1561 ext 15.

Book Donations welcome!

FAITH ALIVE

Saint of the Week ~ St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, near the end of the twelfth century. He joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, but, shortly after ordination to the priesthood, transferred to the Friars Minor to devote himself to spreading the faith among African peoples. He had his greatest success, however, preaching in France and Italy and converting heretics. He was the first member of this Order to teach theology to the brethren. His sermons are notable for their learning and gentleness. St. Anthony died in Padua in 1231.

PRAYER: Almighty God, you gave St. Anthony to your people as an outstanding preacher and a ready helper in time of need. With his assistance may we follow the gospel of Christ and know the help of your grace in every difficulty. Amen

Serving Christ in the Disguise of the Poor. In May, our parish, through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, assisted 94 individuals in rent, food, clothing, utilities and other needs. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who give so generously of their time and effort.

EM's and Ushers Needed: Help! Additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers are needed for the Saturday and Sunday 5:30pm Mass. If you are interested in serving in one of these ministries, please contact Yvonne Gill in the Parish Office.

New Moms: The St. Anne's Society welcomes all new mothers and their babies to the parish by preparing and delivering a meal to the household. If you are an expecting mom or would like to help with meal preparation and delivery please call Marissa Wadlington at 713-528-2853.

If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of Bread, because He is calling us to faith, that we many come to Him in humility. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, Credo of the People of God)

~ Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament ~ Thursdays from 7am—6pm, Benediction at 5:45pm

Did you know? There is symbolic meaning to the various parts of the church building. The roof symbolizes charity, which covers a multitude of sins; the floor symbolizes the foundation of faith and the humility of the poor. The nave symbolizes Noah's Ark and the Barque of St. Peter, outside of which no one is saved. The direction of the East represents the Heavenly Jerusalem, and the direction whence the Messiah will return in glory; West represents death and evil. (Catholic Encyclopedia)

FAITH ALIVE

Adult Education Little Rock Scripture

We will resume the exploration of Luke's gospel next Sunday, June 19, from 12:30 – 1:45 in room 26.

CO-CATHEDRAL MEDICAL MISSION: Plans are underway for Sacred Heart's mission trip to South America. An informational meeting and slide presentation will be offered on Tuesday, July 12, at 6:30 pm in the Old Chapel for those interested in learning more about this very special mission. Please call 713-659-1561 ext. 15, to RSVP for this meeting.

Vacation Reminder If you are blessed to get away on vacation, Praise God! Unfortunately our parish does not get a vacation from our bills (utilities, insurance, salaries and other financial obligations). Your financial support is crucial all year long. Thank you for remembering your donations while away.

Is travel in your summer vacation plans this year? Don't forget to attend Mass. You can go to www.masstimes.org to locate a church and Mass time that will be convenient to you.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DSF PLEDGE FOR 2005? We're counting on you!

YOUTH NEWS

VacAtion BibLe sChOI
Kingdom of the Son ~ A Prayer Safari
~ Saturdays ~ June 18, 25, & 26
Children ages 4-12 years ~ Call to register 713-659-1561
It's not too late to join!!
Hey Kids, Join Us on
Silly Sunglasses Saturday
Bring your silly sunglasses and let's have fun!
'Beginners Scrap Booking – June 18
Bring 5-7 pictures, all other
materials provided; \$10.00 fee

Early registration for '05-'06 Religious Education (CCE) is underway. Parents who would like to register their children for the 2005-2006 CCE year can do so by calling the Parish Office 713-659-1561 ext 30 or by visiting the Ministries Office on Sundays between 9 am-noon. Early registrants will receive a tuition discount.

YOUNG ADULTS

Laff Stop ~ Our group will meet at 7:30 on June 15 at the Laff Stop on West Gray. For ticket information and details call Kimberly at 713.294.5983.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars for the following social events! June 22, Dinner and Movie @ Edwards Theater on I10. June 29, Pot Luck Dinner. July 7, Astros game. RSVP to Kimberly Brown 713.294.5383.