

In the Heart of Christ

Dear Friends in Christ:

My room is on the second floor of the rectory and is on the front corner nearest the church. From my desk I can see the Pierce elevated and the front driveway. Last week my view received a welcome addition, the refurbished statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There he stands, arms outstretched inviting all to enjoy and experience the love and mercy of his Sacred Heart.

In a way, it seems like I am spying but as I work at my desk, I look out and see people pass and many stop. Maybe it is because the statue is in a new location or people are just curious, but I am amazed at the number of folks who stop and pause for a moment in front of our statue of the Sacred Heart. There are businessmen on their way to Pappas Bar-B-Q for lunch. There are those walking to catch the Metrorail and there are the homeless who wonder aimlessly - people from every walk of life stopping, looking and even praying! At the same time buses and cars pass by, ambulances on their way to the hospital and fire trucks screaming by with their sirens. They pass the image of Christ with outreached arms almost as if he is blessing all who come into his sight.

The statue of the Sacred Heart is a silent reminder that God is always here and is always blessing us in our daily lives. The people who stop or pause recognize the presence of God, the need for him in our lives and in our world.

The other day I was reading a history of the Church in Southeast Texas and came upon a letter written by Fr. Richard Hennessey who was stationed at St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston in 1840's.

"I remain in the neighborhood of Liberty, Texas for about three weeks going from house to house, village to village. At every house I say public prayers and give an exhortation. Most of the people heard talk of priests but very few of them had ever seen one. Hence, I was gazed on as a great curiosity."

"When it was known that I was to preach at a certain place, they would come ten and fifteen miles to hear the talk and feed their curiosity. I often preached without a single Catholic to hear me. Yet very few places paid more attention. Some days I used to baptize twelve persons. At one three week period, I baptized young and old totaling 57 and leaving 13 with catechisms to be prepared when I could return....There was one lady who heard priests wore horns. She could not be satisfied until she ascertained whether I was thus such a beast. Fortunately, she saw when I did not have my hat on and exclaimed that I was like other men!" (June 24, 1847).

Now as then, people are hungry for the truth; we long to love and to be loved; we want to believe; we want God. Now as then, we are blessed with faith and are presented with the opportunity to witness and to share our beautiful Catholic faith with others. For despite all the changes in our world, some things never change.

Have a blessed week,

Welcome! We welcome our newest registered parishioners: Carlota Casiano, Maria Moreno, Luis Muniz, and Johnny and Sylvia Cano. If you are interested in becoming a part of our parish family, complete a registration card located at the entrances to the church, mail it in, 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:

Robbin Backes, Pamela Banks, Veronica Carney, Kathleen and George Chipman, Isabelle Clark, Joe Corona, Liz A. Darilek, Tyler Farrar, Marvin Fikac, Baby Boy Freed, Jan Futrell, Leon Gottselig, Paula Hagan, Juanita Hernandez, Diana Hudson, Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Hudson, Jessica La Bove, John LaTour, Mindy Mata, Ray Mendiola, Sylvia Nudi, Annie Marie Porras, Stephanie Podraza, Amy Potts, Reese Gerard Potts, Anna & Frank Sprta, Augusta Spurr, Helen Syzdek, Popp Theriot, Mr. & Mrs Sal Tellez, Faye Stallings, Tannie Trappolino and Emma Walker.

Banns of Marriage

We Pray for those preparing for marriage:

Sanjay Pallegar & Kimberly Landrum
Stephen Harris & Gisele Sachs
Joseph Lohan & Angelica Diaz
Abel Cortez & Lan Nguyen
Saul Cruz & Maria Juarez
Phuoc Nguyen & Van Loan Pham
Andy Cao & Kim Nguyen
Cu Hoang & Phuong Tran
Bert Sintupant & Tram Tran

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

Saturday November 11

5:30pm Ernestine Sherrer †
7:00pm Class of 1961

Sunday November 12

7:00am Missa Pro Populo
8:00am Janice Futrell
9:30am James Lewis
11:00am Marcus & Doris Betancourt †
1:00pm Christopher Gale †
5:30pm Thelma Morenas †
7:00pm Beverly Gale

Monday November 13

7:00am Emma Bellew †
12:10pm Robert Bellew †

Tuesday November 14

7:00am Bernadine & Frank Pizzitola †
12:10pm Elizabeth Spellman

Wednesday November 15

7:00am Laurence Simon †
12:10pm Guadalupe Licea †

Thursday November 16

7:00am Liz Darilek
12:10pm James Lewis

Friday November 17

7:00am Ramona Vidal
12:10pm Maria Eva Bueso †

Weekday Mass Readings

Monday, November 13

Ti 1: 1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14

Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:

Wednesday, November 15

Ti 3: 1-7; Lk 17: 1-19

Thursday, November 16

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17: 20-25

Friday, November 17

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17: 26-37

Saturday, November 18

3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18: 1-8

Sunday, November 19

Dn 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32

Parish Life

The Co-Cathedral Parish Life Committee

invites you to come join the fun again at

Dickens On The Strand December 2 Galveston Island

Plans are being made for our annual bus trip to this great Galveston tradition.

A great day for the whole family!

*Admission and chartered bus
at one low price!
\$30 each*

*Get on board, join the fun and
leave the driving to us*

For reservations and information call the parish office at 713.659.1591, ext. 15, or Maria Forero at 281.395.2517.

Join the Parish Life Committee for Catholic Night with the Houston Aeros. A limited number of seats are available for the game on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:35pm. in Toyota Center; Houston vs. San Antonio Rampage. \$17 and \$12 seats are in the lower bowl behind the end zone. Call Andrew Stevens at 713/361-7954 and say you're with the Co-Cathedral to get the special seats.

You Asked For It!!!

The Parish Life Committee invites all children and youth of the parish to submit a design for a parish t-shirt. Two designs will be selected from the entries—one for younger parishioners and another for teens. Entries should be submitted to Yvonne Gill in the Parish Office or can be emailed to: ygill@sacredhearthouston.org

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study *Our Father's Plan.* Enrich your faith, explore scripture. Come right after work. No pre-registration needed, materials are provided. Every Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m. To join our group or for more info visit the parish website: www.sacredheartco-cath.org/young_adults

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Advent Retreat for High School Youth

"Joy to the World"

December 2
12 noon-5pm

This retreat is open to all high school youth and is required for all second year confirmation candidates. For information contact the CCE Office.

"Let the children come unto me"

Do You Desire Your Children To Receive Their Sacraments?

Sacrament Preparation for children and youth, 8 years old and older, who need to be baptized or receive their First Communion meet on the first Saturday of the month. Our next class will be Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.– until 12:00 noon, in the school building. For more information contact Johanna Tamez, johannatamez@yahoo.com.

FAMILY LIFE

MARRIED WITH CHILDREN?

Don't let your faith life become a bad comedy. Give your family the best by strengthening your spiritual life. **The Saint Anne's Society** is for mothers with small children. **Familia (Family Life In America)** has groups for men and women which meet weekly. Call the parish office for more details or check the website: www.sacredheartco-cath.org/saintannesociety

The Nursery & Cherub Room

For Infants and Pre-schoolers

*Available
During the 9:30 and 11:00 am Mass every Sunday.*

LITURGY & LIFE

ATTENTION ALL DOCTORS, NURSES AND MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:

You are invited to the "White Mass" to be celebrated at the Co-Cathedral on Wednesday, November 15, at 7pm. For more info contact Janie Gautreau at 936-524-2689.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Come and join one of the choirs in our great Cathedral Music Program.

Rehearsal Times:

9:30 Choir - Thursday 7:00 p.m.

5:30 Choir - Sunday 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact Crista Miller, Director of Music, at 713-659-1561 X 32 or e-mail: cmiller@sacredhearthouston.org.

LECTORS: a new liturgical year begins on Sunday, December 3. Please pick up your cycle C workbook in the sign-in sacristy.

May They Rest In Peace

November is the month where we pray for our faithful departed. We pray for the souls in purgatory that they may soon enjoy the wonderful and beautiful light and glory of heaven.

All are welcome to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in the *Book of Remembrance* located near the Baptismal Font. These loved ones will be remembered at all Masses celebrated during November.

We remember and pray for our faithful departed of our parish whom the Lord of Life has called to Himself during 2006:

George Frazier+
Anna T. Tran+
Tony Nguyen+
Harry V. Buri+
Bernice A. Porter+
Jesse E. Assaf, Sr.+
Gerald P. Monks+
W. E. "Gene" Allison+
Paul G. Pradia+
Julia H. Tuc+
Melva Rose Handley+
Tran V. Binh+
Edward E. Quinn +
Carmen Reina+

ADULT ED

TABLE TALK

A Conversation in Faith Series finale Sunday, November 12

Fr. Paul Lockey, Ph.D.
Parochial Vicar at St. John Vianney

The former professor of theology at Rice University and the University of St. Thomas, among others, and former Protestant minister will conclude the series with:
Evangelization: What Catholics Can Learn From Protestants and Protestants from Catholics.

The presentation begins at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
Bring a friend!

Admission is Free

It's Not Too Late ***To Become Catholic!***

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, WE WANT TO HELP!

Call Yvonne Gill, Pastoral Associate, at 713/659-156, ext. 15, for more information about the RCIA.

STEWARDSHIP

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewardship means that we give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to his promise.

Looking for a quick and easy way to tithe?

Contact your bank to set up your weekly offering as an automatic payment to the CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART. No more checks to write, no hassle and when you are out of town, your offering still makes it here to help the good work of the parish continue. For more information contact Sr. Louis Marie Carter or John Carrara in the Business Office at 713/659-1561.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V.
November 13*

Foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Maria Francesca Xavier was born on July 15, 1850. The youngest of 13 children, Maria worked as a teacher though her heart and mind were set on missionary work. After many trials and obstacles she was given permission to establish the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Her love for God and his people took her back and forth over the western hemisphere from Rio to Rome, from Sydenham to Seattle. By the time the constitutions of the congregation were finally approved in 1907, the eight members of 1880 had increased to over a thousand in eight countries. Frances had established more than 50 foundations including free-schools and hospitals. In 1911 Mother Cabrini's health began to weaken; she was then sixty-one and physically worn out. No one was present when Frances Xavier Cabrini died in the convent in Chicago on Dec. 22, 1917. In 1946, Mother Cabrini was the first U. S. citizen to be canonized.

FAITH ALIVE

CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN are invited to join the *Legion of Mary*. It is a great way to nourish your spiritual life. Meetings are held Thursday at 7:00 pm in Room 26 in the School Building.

For more info contact Holly or Charlene McQuitty:
hollycharlena@peoplepc.com

SACRA PAGINA

Prayer Group

gathers on

*The Second and Third Tuesday of each month
6-7pm in the Old Chapel*

A small, faith sharing prayer group contemplating the sacred page (*sacra pagina*) of scripture.

*Discover the power of God's dynamic Word
in your everyday life!*

All are welcome!

How long has it been for you? Confessions are heard daily 15 minutes before each weekday Mass at 6:45 a.m. and 11:55 a.m. and on Saturdays at 4:45 p.m. Let the mercy of God's forgiveness come to you through the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no sin that God does not want to forgive!

Each One Bring One!

Do someone a big favor

Bring them to Mass with you next Sunday!

**Thou Shall Not
go anywhere without thy
CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
GOLF SHIRT AND T-SHIRT
OR
HUNGRY HEARTS COOKBOOK!**

**AVAILABLE only in the Parish Office!
Call or come by Mon.—Thurs. 9am -4pm**

RETIRED BUT NOT TIRED? The parish office can use your help for a few hours, one day a week. Contact Yvonne in the parish office to see how you can help!

Plentiful Parking is always available on Sundays across the street in the Amegy Bank Garage and beneath the Pierce elevated. Both of these areas are patrolled by our security and HPD for your peace of mind and security.

ADULT ED

The Legacy Series

A continuing education program for adults

Part II: The New Testament

Now in session!

*It's not too late to join!
Two Convenient Times on Sundays*

And always - No Charge!

**Morning:
9:30 am -10:45 am
Afternoon:
4pm - 5:15pm**

In the Old Chapel.

***It's never too late for an update!!
Get Spiritually Fit!***



THEOLOGY ON TAP

PRESENTS



FROM THE TOP SHELF



DECEMBER 4

Gold, Frankincense, and *Gucci*
Dr. Randy Smith



MondayNights
The Amazon Grill
5114 Kirby

6:00-6:30 Happy Half Hour | 6:30-7:30 Speaker and Q&A

\$5 suggested donation

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TABLE TALK

Don't miss the series finale!!!

- ❖ Thirty minute introductory presentation by guest speaker.
- ❖ Small group discussion on topic at tables.
- ❖ Speaker facilitates large group discussion addressing comments and questions.
- ❖ Concluding comments by guest speaker.

Evangelization: What Catholics Can Learn From Protestants and Protestants from Catholics!

Sunday evening

November 12, 2005

6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Parish Hall

Fr. Paul Lockey, Ph.D.

Parochial Vicar, St. John Vianney

*The former protestant minister offers
a bird's eye view of evangelization.*

Why are some people “converted” by glitz rather than gospel?

*Is Catholicism an outdated conventional religious institution
offering only prepackaged piety?*

What “moves” you?