



St. Angela Merici
Pray for Us

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

Archdiocese of New Orleans

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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Happy and Blessed New year to you and yours!!! May the Lord bless us and our parish in the New Year 2012!!!

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Fr. Ken, Sr. Paula, our deacons, and our entire pastoral staff, to thank all of you that sent cards, gifts, sweets, and well-wishes to us during this Christmas Season. Please know that they are all very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all of those who helped to make this Christmas Season so bright for our Christmas Masses...especially, our volunteers who decorated the church, our choirs who sang so beautifully and helped make our liturgies so special, our altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ministers of hospitality. It was also wonderful to see many of our college students return home for Christmas as well as the presence of many visitors to St. Angela this year.

Today, we celebrate a very special day in the life of the Church---the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Eight days after the feast of the birth of Christ, we remember in a special way, the Blessed Virgin Mary by celebrating her divine motherhood. As Mother of God, Mary is known as Theotokus, which means "God-bearer". It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When we as Catholics celebrate this solemnity, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary the Mother of God is the highest honor or title we can give her.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (721) states: Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the master-work of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because the Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among (us). In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."

On another note, I'd like to ask for your prayers as our C.Y.O. young people and their adult leaders head to Camp Abbey for their retreat being held on January 6th and 7th. We pray that the Spirit of the Lord be upon them and keep them safe during these days of reflection and fun.

Just a reminder to keep selling tickets for the Super Bowl Raffle which will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 12 noon in the Kern Center! Once again, this fund raiser has the potential to be a huge financial help our school and other ministries throughout our parish.

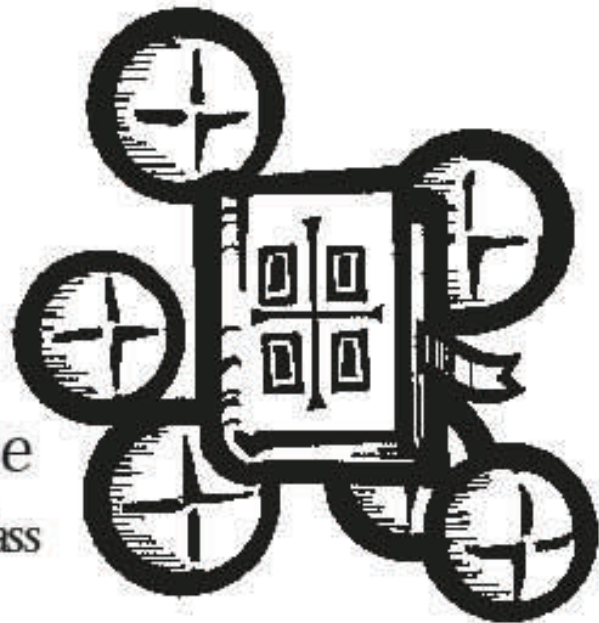
Lastly, please note that the parish office will re-open on Wednesday, January 4th.

Thank you and have a blessed week!

L. Peter

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 4

The Liturgy of the Word (b)

Lovers need to talk. Lovers need to listen. And even more, lovers *want* to talk and listen. And yet they do so in different ways which correspond to different times in their lives. They do not continuously share the same things with one another over and over again. The new and the unexpected in their lives is shared against the background of what is old and familiar.

So it is with the loving God who shares his message with us. We hear God's word through a prism of a changing yet constantly recurring cycle of feasts and seasons known as the liturgical year.

The Lectionary: The readers in your parish find the readings assigned for each day of the year in a liturgical book called the lectionary. The volume also includes various texts associated with the readings such as the psalms, and acclamations. One of the aims of the Second Vatican Council was that "the treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that a richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of the Lord" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, no. 51). Those who fashioned the system of readings found in the lectionary attempted to follow the desire of the Council by incorporating more selections from the Old Testament and by providing a more representative number of scriptural readings than were formerly proclaimed at Mass.

The book is divided into various settings, the first containing the readings for Sundays. What is characteristic about this section is that it apportions the Sunday readings according to a three year cycle, the main feature of each being the gospel: year A is based on Matthew, year B on Mark, and year C on Luke. St. John's gospel occurs on Sundays of Lent, during the Easter season, and on certain Sundays during the year B. Within these three cycles the readings are distributed to focus on the various seasons of the liturgical year.

The Liturgical Year: Many people seem to understand our Christian cycle of feasts and seasons as merely a type of dramatization of events in the life of Christ, something like a liturgical pageant. And yet Pope Paul VI reminded us that the liturgical year exerts "a special sacramental power and influence which strengthens Christian life."

Writers often use the term "paschal mystery" when commenting on these lines of the Pope. This term refers to the whole saving work of Christ which attained its highest expression in his passing over from death to new life. We, however, participate in this passover of Christ since our own experiences are intimately joined to his. Thus the liturgical year commemorates the numerous ways in which the Christ is born among us today, the many ways in which he heals and save us, the various ways in which we with Christ overcome death and are restored to a new life. Put another way, the liturgical year is our way of staying in touch with Jesus the Lord. We don't have to worry about him staying in contact with us. But we need to wrap ourselves in the mystery of God's loving action as we progress onward to the completion of the Kingdom begun on earth by Christ.

Let's briefly look at each of the major seasons of the liturgical year and the readings assigned to them.

Advent: During this four week season of quiet and restrained joy we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time and prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of Christ's first coming. Our sure conviction is that just as God once came in the person of Jesus, so Jesus will come again. The Old Testament readings for Advent are, quite naturally, prophecies about the Messiah. The second readings are exhortations; while the gospels focus on the Last Coming, John the Baptist, and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.

Christmas Season: Extending from the first Mass on Christmas to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this season embraces a series of feasts which generally focus on what it means for the Word to have become flesh and dwell among us. The readings, chosen in light of the mystery of each feast, tell us that human life and all of creation is holy, is blessed, is graced, and is worthy of God. They tell of the Lord who revealed himself as the Messiah sent by the Father not only to the Jewish nation but to all peoples.

Lent: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues till the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Thus this season is not a preparation for Easter alone, but rather for the "Paschal Triduum" which begins on Holy Thursday night and continues till Easter Sunday evening.

Three practices are traditionally associated with Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. According to the ancient writers of the Church, Christians fast, not only in imitation of Christ who fasted forty days in the desert, but also to have something to share with the poor (almsgiving). Lent has often been called a retreat before baptism, a time when Catholics by prayer and good works join the catechumens who are preparing to be baptized during the Easter Vigil, a time when Catholics prepare to renew their own baptismal promises at Easter.

During this time the Old Testament readings focus on the main events of the history of salvation. The gospels begin by recalling Christ's temptations and continue with the presentation of certain baptismal themes (e.g., the man born blind) or with other themes appropriate for this season. The readings from the letters of the apostles often correspond with the other readings and provide a connection between them.

Paschal Triduum: These three days ("triduum" is Latin for "three days") are the high holy days of the Church. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and reaches its climax during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night when the catechumens are baptized, confirmed, and receive the eucharist (the sacraments of initiation). During these days we celebrate the passion-death-and-rising of Jesus Christ. It is a time when we enter the timelessness of God, not merely looking back at a past event, but participating in a present reality. What happened to Jesus continues to happen to us.

The scriptures proclaimed during this great feast highlight various aspects of the paschal mystery, and yet

the liturgy never loses sight of the whole mystery. For example, the Lord celebrated in the eucharist on Holy Thursday is the Risen Lord; the sufferings and death recalled on Good Friday only have meaning in light of the Resurrection.

Easter Season: Easter is so overwhelming a mystery that it needs time to run its course. The Easter Season, called "the great Sunday" by St. Athanasius, is a period of seven weeks and ends on Pentecost. It is a season when the joy and happiness of Easter are extended. It is also a time when those who were sacramentally initiated at the Vigil are encouraged to reflect on the meaning of the sacraments that were celebrated. The first readings, from the Acts of the Apostles, show how the primitive Church responded to the love of the Risen Lord. The gospels recount the appearances of the Risen Christ, recall that he is the Good Shepherd, and present us with excerpts from the Lord's discourse at the Last Supper.

Ordinary Time: By Ordinary Time we mean that period of the year having no special seasons. Actually, it is not very ordinary at all, since it is the whole mystery of Christ, without any particular emphases, which is now celebrated. During these weeks the gospels present the Christ who spoke in parables, who instructed the people, and worked miracles. The Old Testament readings, highlighting the unity of the two Testaments, are generally chosen to correspond to the gospel selections. The readings from the apostles provide us with instruction, exhortation, and encouragement on what it means to live a Christian life. Toward the end of Ordinary Time our attention is once again turned to the Second Coming of Christ.

To be a Christian is to be a person whose life is nourished by the scriptures. We are to be a community of faith and, as St. Paul reminds us, "faith comes through hearing, and what is heard is the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). As we gather together and celebrate our yearly cycle of feasts and seasons, we do so that we may continually be touched and transformed anew by the announcement of God's love and power in our lives.

Next time we will conclude our reflection on the Liturgy of the Word by considering several factors which help us more fully to experience the word of God proclaimed in our liturgical celebrations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

8:30a.m. Fr. James Schott (*)

Sunday, January 1

4:00p.m. Vigil

Claire Bode	Patrick Freeman
Jackie Miele	Connie Dumun Weisdorffer
Marie Aspelund	Dorothy B. and Lee Roy Soignet
Irene Lacrouts	Henry H. Pugeau
Michael Neeb	Frank Barousse
Toyoko Reilly	Myra C. Murphy
Carol Shoen	Elaine Hemard
Emile Haro, Jr.	Petrina Johnson
Rene Naccari	Rodric Singleton
Horace Bouvier	Purgatorial List
8:00a.m.	Michael Bagert
9:30a.m.	For the Parish
11:00a.m.	
Rosemary Canale	Nathan Trepagnier
Joey Sansovich	Vinca Delesdernier
David Monroe	Angelica Mendoza
Al Landry	Dr. Milos Vujnovich
Elizabeth Petagna	Vic Pizzolatto, Sr.

Monday, January 2

No masses

Tuesday, January 3

6:15a.m. Edward J. Appel, Jr.

8:30a.m. Scott Paul Fonte

Wednesday, January 4

6:15a.m. Marjorie Curry

8:30a.m. Virginia Mumme

Thursday, January 5

6:15a.m. Marian Phillips

8:30a.m. Michael Sublette

Friday, January 6

6:15a.m. Carol Shoen

8:30a.m. Claudia "Sis" Lund

Saturday, January 7

8:30a.m. Al Landry

(*) denotes living



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Emma Jeansonne
Calvin Howard Deimel, Sr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ *May all of our beloved dead rest in peace* ~

SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, December 31.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 3 will clean linens on Saturday, December 31.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

REMINDERS:

The parish office will be closed the week after Christmas and not reopen until January 4.

No Masses on Monday, December 26 and January 2.

No activities will take place the week following Christmas.

Joint Council Meeting is **Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center.**

PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL LITURGY

Due to more requests, we will have 2 more preplanning our own funeral liturgy sessions. These sessions last about one hour. The 2 upcoming dates are January 21 from 9:30 to noon in the Religious Education Library and on February 4 from 9:30 to noon in the Religious Education Library. I hope these dates are good for you. You may arrive anytime between 9:30 and noon. Please come to the Beverly Garden Drive entrance.

ST. ANGELA MERICI SENIORS

St. Angela Merici Seniors held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 1. The guest speaker was Mr. Art Callergia, Director of Marketing for Notre Dame Hospice. He showed a film which explained what hospice is and how it relates to Catholic Doctrine. There were 82 members present.

On Thursday, December 8, we held our Christmas Luncheon at Chateau Country Club, there were 51 members present and each received a present and enjoyed a delicious meal.

The Seniors will next meet on Thursday, January 5, 2012, noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center.

2011 SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPORT

In order to qualify as an active, supporting parishioner for tuition purposes in the **2012-2013 school year** the **minimum contribution for the year is \$520**. Please also note that this contribution is made by using your weekly or monthly contribution envelopes, second collections do not count. If you have any questions about your individual contributions, or if you are a school family not receiving contribution envelopes, please contact the rectory (835-0324) before December 23. The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years and will not reopen until January 4, 2012. **Contributions must be received by December 30, 2011 (may be dropped in mail slot).**

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Russell Talamo



CALENDAR

Saturday, December 31

Mass Time: 4:00 Vigil

Sunday, January 1

Mass Times: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 2

No Masses today

Parish Office Closed

School Closed

Tuesday, January 3

Parish Office Closed

School Closed

Wednesday, January 4

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Rm

12:30-2:30 p.m., CYO Adult Advisory Board Meeting,
Conference Room

3:15-4:15 p.m., Daisy Trp. 450 Meeting, Downstairs
Classroom

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:30 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Education Library

7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Rm.

7-8:00 p.m., Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, January 5

Noon-2:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Meeting, Kern Center

3:30 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

6:30 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

Friday, January 6

1:45 p.m., Early School Dismissal

2:00 p.m., Faculty Meeting, Conference Room

CYO Retreat, Camp Abbey

Parish Clergy and Staff

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Tomczak

Deacons: Mr. Raymond Heap, Mr. Gilbert Schmidt
Mr. Nicholas Chetta, Mr. David Aaron

Dir. Of Religious Education:

Sister Paula Marie Derise, O. Carm.

Business Manager: Mrs. Jackie Appleton

Minister of Music: Mr. Peter Weilbaeher

School Principal: Mrs. Colleen Remont (504) 835-8491

Minister of Youth: Mrs. Diane Kratochvil

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Father Peter and all the members of our Pastoral Staff, I want to thank all of you who sent Christmas cards and notes, candy, food and other goodies to us at Christmastime. We are recipients of so much goodness from you, and we all find ourselves honored and humbled by your thoughtfulness. Thank you!

On behalf of all of our parish family, I want to express deep gratitude to all those who helped to make our celebrations of Christmas so delightful, prayerful and rewarding.

Thanks to those who decorated and prepared the church so beautifully. Thanks to our liturgical ministers who offered their services and whose leadership in prayer helped to make our holiday liturgies so prayerful and inspiring.

I believe that special recognition needs to be given to our parish music ministers. Many hours of their time is given in rehearsals for major feasts. Our adult choir sings at both the 4:00 p.m. anticipated Mass on Christmas Eve and again at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. Such a generous sharing of time on a busy and important family day is service above and beyond the call of duty! Our Children's Choir, who sang at 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, certainly could not have done so without the cooperation of the other members of their families, and so we thank them too!

I always look forward to our parish Christmas Caroling on the Sunday night before Christmas, and this year's gathering was wonderfully-attended. Again, thanks to our choirs who lead us in song, to our 3rd Graders for the Living Nativity, and to the parish organizations who coordinated, set up for and cleaned up after the gathering, to those who cooked and who served, those who prepared desserts. This is a great coming-together of parish organizations, and is a model of the cooperation and mutual support we can be and are to be of each other throughout the year.

THANKS to all of you who participated in our Masses and caroling. None of this would be meaningful without YOU.

And we extend our gratitude again to all those who participated in our annual Angel Gift Project during Advent and Christmas. Your generosity and care made Christmas brighter for many young people in our community. This annual project, which we do in cooperation with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is always a great success and is a true expression of the care that is in your hearts for all of God's people, especially those most in need. Thank you!

As we come to the end of this Christmas Season, let us all take with us the message of the birth of the Lord: God has come to live among us, to save us, to restore us, to bring us God's mercy and forgiveness, to show us the way to transformation of life. God wants to live among us to bring us new hope and the gift of peace. May we continue to open our eyes ever wider to see the Light of the Nations. May we open our hearts to welcome the Prince of Peace.

And, as we enter into a new year, let us all pledge to make this a time of growth in Christ. A new year is a new season of grace, a gift from God. Let us work to put aside the "old way of life," and to allow God to make us new in Christ.

All those who serve in leadership roles in parish ministries and organizations, please remember the very important gathering on **Tuesday** of this week, **January 10** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Mmgr. Kern Center**.

If you serve as an officer of one of our parish organizations, are on the Board for an organization, please come to this gathering.

F. Kern

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 5

The Liturgy of the Word (c)

Some Catholics appear to believe that they have very little to do during the Liturgy of the Word. "If God wants to speak, then all we have to do is be present and listen. Right?"

Well, yes and no! Certainly our task is one of listening, but of a very *active* listening. This demands that we not only pay careful attention, but that we encourage those who minister to us during the liturgy and that we prepare ourselves long before Mass to listen actively to the scriptures.

Visual Reminders of God's Word: It's often so easy to be distracted during Mass. In spite of the best intentions our attention can easily wander off to our jobs, problems with relatives, financial concerns, and the like. We need all the help we can get to be able to concentrate on what we are about when we gather for prayer together. To help focus our attention during the Liturgy of the Word we have two visual reminders of the importance the community gives to the scriptural proclamations.

The first is the *ambo* (from a Greek word meaning a "platform"). It is also called a pulpit or lectern. What the altar is to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the ambo is to the Liturgy of the Word. These are focal points, the places around which the Mass is celebrated. Perhaps you have noticed in your parish that the ambo is used only for proclaiming the scriptures, not for the giving of announcements or the leading of the singing. The reason for this is that the ambo is holy in the liturgical life of the community. It is the place reserved for proclaiming God's sacred word.

The second visual reminder of the importance of God's word is the *lectionary* itself. This book containing the scriptural passages is a very special book. In today's culture we have many forms of books. There are the popular paperbacks, usually to be read once and then often discarded. We also have the more

expensive and longer lasting hardbacks which we keep and place on our bookshelves. There are also the very expensive leather-bound volumes which are cherished and say so much about their contents and about those who possess them.

The lectionary is the most important liturgical book the community possesses since it contains the written word of God. Thus it is a book to be handled with reverence. Perhaps your parish uses two books for the scriptures, one a "book of the gospels" and the other a lectionary for the other readings. This is a way of showing the unique importance of the gospels. The book of the gospels is carried in procession, incensed and venerated with a kiss. It is always given a place of honor.

Ministers of God's Word: As important as these visual reminders of God's word are, still more important are the persons who serve or minister to us during the Liturgy of the Word. Just as the Church is a community of persons rendering service to other persons in Christ, so the liturgical assembly is characterized by its members serving one another. Insofar as the Liturgy of the Word is concerned, this means that we need other people so that God's word may readily nourish his community which has gathered in response to that word and which continues to respond to it.

First of all, we need *readers* who approach the public reading of the scriptures with a full awareness of what it means to be a *herald* of the word of God. Their task is to make the word come alive for God's assembled people. We need readers who believe what they read, who are so well prepared that by their voice, attitude, and bearing, they convey the meaning of the words they speak. We need and we have a right to excellent readers, not just good ones.

We need *psalmists* and other *musicians* who not only know the notes and can sing or play well, but who also know how to

draw us into their art so that we want to sing our prayer together.

We need *homilists* who have lived and prayed with the bible texts all week long. We need preachers who know how to speak both to our heads and to our hearts about Jesus and his kingdom. We need preachers who can not only affirm us as God's good and holy people but who also have the courage to challenge us to become more and more like God.

Finally, we need each other. We need to support one another by a shared love for the scriptures, by an attentive listening together, by a living practice of the word proclaimed. We also need to support our ministers for they need us just as much as we need them. Our prayerful attention needs to be so obvious, so intense that it encourages the reader, musician, and preacher to do their ministry well. Our intent listening, our robust singing tells the ministers that we are paying attention. Then they, in turn, read, sing, and preach better. As a result, we can more fully listen to God speaking because their ministry is now more effective. And so it grows: better reading fosters better hearing fosters better reading fosters better....

When each one of us contributes our part to the Liturgy of the Word, then the message of God can penetrate and stir our very being. Simply put, we need one another if God's word is to take root in our hearts.

Preparing to Hear the Word: All of us expect our readers, musicians, and preachers to prepare themselves for their tasks in the Sunday celebration. We would be offended if they did otherwise. And yet all of us share in this necessity of preparation.

For years now the Church has been urging us to reflect and pray with the scriptures long before the Mass begins. How much richer our experience of the Sunday readings would be if we would meditate and pray with the texts beforehand.

Why not make room in your busy life for five or ten minutes of peace and quiet. Tell yourself: "God has something to say to me today. God is speaking to me through this bible passage." Then slowly read one or more of the passages assigned for the following Sunday. Many parishes list the next Sunday's readings in the bulletin. If your's doesn't, why not make a suggestion

that it begin to do so? Or else obtain a hand missal or other printed aid that gives the texts of the readings.

Let God lead you in your reading. He will certainly speak, but we must be patient. You might find it helpful to read around the passage. Or perhaps read the whole chapter. The context will give a better sense of what God is saying.

Many people, in addition to preparing privately, find it helpful to reflect on the scriptures with others. Sometimes this is called "faith sharing." No expert knowledge is required here. The purpose here is to share what God is saying to me and to listen to what God is saying to others. We all share the scriptures, and our individual experience of the scriptures is also shared.

Another step may be to obtain a good scriptural commentary and do some "head work." Such bible study helps us get inside the separate authors to know the intention, audience, and circumstances that each book of the bible addresses. By so doing our understanding of God's word is greatly enhanced and deepened.

If the bible becomes our prayer book outside of the liturgy, then our liturgical experience of the scriptures will profit. Perhaps we might even share our love of for the word with others. Perhaps we have the technical ability (or are willing to obtain it) to be a reader in our parish. Perhaps we can serve as catechists or helpers for those preparing for initiation into the Church. Perhaps we can visit the sick and homebound parishioners who hunger for God's spoken word. It is through sharing our love for the scriptures that we more fully come to understand and appreciate the riches found in the Christian community's sacred book.

In our next issue we will begin our reflection on the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

8:30a.m. Al Landry

Sunday, January 8

4:00p.m. Vigil

Brian Leonard	Rosemary Canale
Irene Lacrouts	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Lawrence Chigoy	Ventura and Piglia Families
Horace Bouvier	Lorraine L. Keen
Emma Jeansonne	Douroux and Delise Families
Rodric Singleton	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Emile Haro, Jr.	Annamae and Joseph Serio
Michael Neeb	Patrick J. Farrelly, Sr.
Janice Ritchie	Myra C. Murphy
Rene Naccari	Nolan Adoue

8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. Leo Richardson

11:00a.m.

James Lorio	Nathan TArepagnier
Al Landry	Elizabeth Petagna
David Monroe	Vinca Delesdernier
James Lorio	Vic Pizzolatto, Sr.
Purgatorial List	

Monday, January 9

6:15a.m. Elaine Hemard

8:30a.m. Ethel A. Olsen

Tuesday, January 10

6:15a.m. Carol Shoen

8:30a.m. Virginia Mumme

Wednesday, January 11

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)

8:30a.m. Claudia "Sis" Lund

Thursday, January 12

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)

8:30a.m. Jennie Lavigue

Friday, January 13

6:15a.m. David Monroe

8:30a.m. Michael Bagert

Saturday, January 14

8:30a.m. Albertha S. Lore

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BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday morning from 9:15 to 10:45 p.m., the Scripture Study group meets in the Religious Education Library. Old and New Testament passages are read while commentaries are given. The group, made up of men and women, study the current Mass readings for the following Sunday Mass to better understand and apply the Scripture more fully in our lives. We will begin on Tuesday, January 10 but anyone is welcome to come any time.

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 7

CYO Retreat, Camp Abbey

Noon-3:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball Pizza Lunch, gym

Sunday, January 8

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church

9:30 a.m., Scout Mass, Church

10:30 a.m., Donuts for Scouts in the gym

11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal

3:30-5:30 p.m., Boys Volleyball, gym

Monday, January 9

3:15-4:15 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 3 Meeting, Mrs. Troups' Classroom

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., KC Officers' Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

7:00 p.m., Co-Op Meeting, gym

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 a.m., Lower Grade School Mass, Church

9:15-10:45 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

10:15-11:45 a.m., NAIM Bereavement Meeting, Conference Room

3:10-4:15 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 561 Meeting, Mrs. Dee's Room

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

6:30 p.m., Den 7 Tiger Cub Meeting, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Joint Council Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, January 11

10:00 a.m., Upper Grade School Mass, Church

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Rm.

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

4:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

5:30 p.m., Liturgy Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed. Library

7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Rm

Thursday, January 12

9:15 a.m., Senior Citizens Executive Board Meeting, Board Room

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

6:30 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., Grounds Committee Planning Meeting, Board Room

Friday, January 13

3:00-4:15 p.m., Girl Scouts Trp. 280 Meeting, Mrs. Lalla's Classroom

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

7-8:00 p.m., Scout Pinewood Derby Tune-up, gym

INSPIRATIONAL READING

Have you checked our book rack in the Pomona section of church recently? You may find some interesting and inspirational materials that interest you.

We also now have a working Religious Library in the Administration building, across from the gym. Please feel free to come in a browse. We have many topics and many authors represented on our shelves.

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8
and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

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Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

We have a right to be proud of our parish school. We have an outstanding principal in Mrs. Colleen Remont, assisted by a wonderfully skilled and caring group of administrators, faculty and support staff. Our teachers, many of whom have been with us a long time, are truly dedicated to care for and instruction and formation of our youth in a solid Catholic environment. Our parents are supportive of our efforts and cooperative with us in guiding our children.

Over the years, St. Angela Merici School has produced graduates who have gone on to excel in high schools, colleges and careers. Fully accredited with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, our faculty remains committed to constant improvement and advancement in the quality of education we offer. We offer regular school Masses, various prayer services and opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance throughout the school year, so that our children will continue to grow in understanding and expressing our Catholic faith. Through service projects and activities, they learn, too, how to live that faith with each other and in their homes and neighborhoods.

If you have children not attending our school or relatives or friends who are looking for a great school for their children (grades Pre-K 2 through 7th), please let them know that our School Open House will be on **Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center**. Invite them, actually, *encourage* them, to come and hear about our school ministry. I know they will like what they hear and see!

In January each year, a week is dedicated as a special Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Jesus himself prayed for this: "May they be one, Father, as you and I are one . . . May they be completely one, so that the world will know that you have sent me."

It is sad that there is a division among Christians into so many churches, and we all should try, by prayer, understanding and mutual service, to seek to heal those wounds of division.

The Ecumenical Committee of the Archdiocese, in cooperation with other area churches, sponsors during this week a special prayer service for Christian Unity. This year's prayer service will be on **Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church on Tulane Avenue**.

Archbishop Aymond will join with the leaders of other Christian Churches to lead this time for worship. The Notre Dame Seminary Schola and the Shades of Praise Choir will serve as ministers of music. Prelude music begins fifteen minutes before the service.

If you are interested in participating in this ecumenical service and would like to ride with me, please contact our parish Secretary, Dianne Goodrow, at the rectory. I can bring three people with me. I'll be leaving here at 6:30 p.m.

Claudette Craven, who is the Coordinator of planning for our parish's 50th Anniversary, has asked me to pass along this message to you: *As our parish prepares to celebrate its **50th Anniversary**, we remember the many Advent seasons and joyous Christmas liturgies. We recall the traditions within our parish families of Mass attendance on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the Christmas Caroling, all those baskets of food distributed, and the generous gifts for others around the altar.*

*While June, 2014 may seem far away on the calendar, there is much preparation needed for a year of remembering and celebrating. A committee has stepped forward generating plans and ideas and would **value YOUR input!** What are your fondest memories of parish life? Were you part of the founding family group? How have you ministered and served? Can you share your time and talents in this planning process?*

Please take a few minutes to jot down the answers to these questions and send your response to the rectory, Or, you could call or email the rectory with name and contact information. Our parish has grown through the years by the generosity and perseverance of our parishioners. Don't miss this opportunity to share your memories and ideas!

If you would like to take part in the planning as a member of the planning committee or one of its subcommittees, please come to the meeting on **Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish Conference Room**.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 28, 5:00 p.m. – Parish Feast Day Dinner! More info in next week's bulletin!

F. Kern

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 6

The Liturgy of the Eucharist (a)

As we celebrate the eucharist each Sunday we are faithful to Christ's command "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24). Never in the history of the world has such a liturgical command been obeyed by so many people, under so many diverse circumstances, and in so many ways.

This directive has been followed by popes in Rome and by missionaries in remote areas of the world, by peoples in hamlets, towns, and cities, by powerful monarchs and by unlettered peasants, in prison camps and in majestic cathedrals, by our long forgotten ancestors, by our grandparents, our parents, and by us, Sunday after Sunday, week after week, year after year down through almost twenty centuries. This action of "doing," of celebrating the eucharist, has been the most cherished action of the Church since its very beginnings.

In this first reflection on the Liturgy of the Eucharist we will consider the general structure of the eucharist and then mention several major themes which high-light the meaning of its celebration.

The Tradition of the Eucharist

Jesus' words, which we hear at every Mass, were "do this in remembrance of me." But just what is it that we "do" as we carry out this command. These words of the Lord were said at the Last Supper, which most scholars believe was a Jewish Passover meal. And at this meal celebrated by Christ several actions stand out as especially significant according to the scriptural accounts of the event. The New Testament writers

tell us that toward the beginning of the meal Jesus

1. took bread;
2. said a prayer of blessing (i.e., praise) over the bread;
3. broke the bread;
4. and distributed the bread.

Then toward the end of the meal Jesus

5. took a cup of wine;
6. said a prayer of blessing (i.e., praise) over the cup
7. and shared the contents of the cup

The early Christian community, conscious of Christ's example and command, continued these actions of Jesus and did so within a meal setting. And yet there is no reason to believe that the first Christians followed all the ritual details of the Passover meal.

At a very early period a number of factors influenced the shape of the eucharistic celebration. As the numbers of Christians increased, it became more and more difficult to serve a regular meal every week. There is also evidence that certain divisive abuses at times occurred in conjunction with the common meal (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:18).

Furthermore, as Christianity began to spread into a Gentile milieu, there was a danger that the eucharist could be confused with meals associated with certain pagan religious and political movements. As a consequence, two major changes took place, perhaps taking place somewhat simultaneously.

First, the eucharist was gradually separated from the meal: the bread and cup rites to which Christ had given a new meaning in reference to himself were at first celebrated either before or after the meal, and eventually completely apart from the meal.

Second, since there was an evident parallelism existing between the bread rite and the cup rite, a process of ritual simplification took place. The seven actions of Jesus became four actions. Bread and wine were "taken" and placed on the table together; one prayer of praise to God was offered over the bread and wine together; the bread was then broken; and finally the eucharistic bread and wine were distributed at the same time. This four-action shape of the eucharist has been preserved to this day.

1. PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS — taking of bread and wine.
2. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER — praise of God over the bread and wine.
3. COMMUNION RITE
Preparation — the breaking of the bread.
Distribution — the giving and receiving of the consecrated bread and wine.

At Sunday Mass we are faithful to Christ's command when we make ready the altar and gifts for what is to come, when we praise the Father in the eucharistic prayer, when we break bread as a preparation for sharing at the table of the Lord. Throughout the centuries many embellishments (i.e., auxiliary prayers, actions, and gestures) were added within this basic framework. And yet these additions, many of which were reordered or modified as a result of the Second Vatican Council, must never cause us to lose sight of what is basic when we gather in obedience to Christ's command.

Meaning of the Eucharist

So rich is the meaning of the eucharist that it can be viewed from any number of aspects. Space allows us to focus on only eight of them.

Banquet of the Church: The eucharist is a meal, a banquet in which the Church shares at the table of the Lord. It is an eating and a drinking together that is done without speed and efficiency, so different from our fast-food meals common today. As we take time to be with one another and the Lord, we are nourished to become one people by receiving the sacramental body and blood of the Lord.

Sacrifice of Christ and the Church: In the eucharist the Church enters into the total self-giving of Christ. The sacrifice of the cross is made present and perpetuated till Christ comes again. We enter into this sacrifice by our surrender to Christ, by our dedication to doing the will of God.

Memorial of Christ: The word "memorial" or "memory" might be misleading to some who understand the term to mean just a "recalling" of something that took place

centuries ago. By celebrating the eucharist, however, we do much more. We enter the timelessness of God in order to be touched and changed by God's loving action which extends beyond the past and into the future. We share in what Christ once did; we continually experience it anew. What was once accomplished lasts till the present and is the basis for our hope that Christ will indeed come again.

Sign of the Kingdom: The eucharist is a sign foreshadowing the eternal banquet in heaven to which we are all invited. By participating in the eucharist we anticipate that day when we shall enjoy eternal communion with the Lord. For this reason the eucharist is called a "pledge of future glory given to us" (Feast of Corpus Christi, Evening Prayer II, Antiphon for the Canticle of Mary).

Transformation: It is our strong belief that at Mass the material elements of bread and wine are changed, are transformed into Christ's body and blood. This belief is grounded in the very words of Christ "this is my body," "this is my blood." It is also our belief that the purpose of this change is that we too may be changed or transformed into one people, into the body of Christ on earth, into a people who know that we have been redeemed and made holy by the saving action of Christ.

Our Central Action: The eucharist is our central sacrament. We are called to celebrate it every week. And in that celebration we are nourished and shaped as Church. Thus the eucharist is at the center of our lives as Christians. It is an affirmation of what we believe and the nourishment that enables our belief.

A Sunday Celebration: Although through venerable tradition the eucharist has come to be celebrated on weekdays, it is especially on Sunday, the Day of the Lord, that the Church has constantly gathered to do what Jesus did. The Sunday eucharist has been the hallmark of the Church. It has even been said that Christians have a right to the Sunday celebration of the eucharist. But due to lack of ordained priests, Sunday services without the celebration of the eucharist are becoming more common. Yet this can never be considered the norm. The norm, as is evident from the command of Christ, is for the whole eucharist to be celebrated, including the eucharistic prayer.

A Call to Justice and Peace: The whole life of Jesus was one of self-giving, an action which reached its high point in the giving over of his body and the pouring out of his blood on behalf of the world. Our own sharing in the eucharist then demands that we follow his example, giving ourselves as reconcilers and peacemakers.

Next time we will consider the preparation of the altar and the gifts.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14

8:30a.m. Albertha S. Lore

Sunday, January 15

4:00p.m. Vigil

Rosemary Canale	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Irene Lacrouts	Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families
Horace Bouvier	June W. Calcagno
Rodric Singleton	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Michael Neeb	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Rene Naccari	Virginia R. and Maurice B. Punch
Patrick Freeman	Harvey Lee Ducote
Jackie Miele	Sidney and Alice Serio
Emma Jeansonne	The Maxwell Family (*)
Alice Barrios	Lucretia Achary (*)
Anna O'Lear	Collette Dufour (*)
Marlyn Seavo	Amanda and Fred Bullinger (*)
8:00a.m.	For the Parish
9:30a.m.	Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
11:00a.m.	
Frank Barousse	Nathan Trepagnier
Lorraine Keen	Lloyd and Ada Aguillard
Charles Eck	Vinca Delesdernier
David Monroe	Veronica Saunders Fleming
Alton A. Landry	

Monday, January 16

8:30a.m. Vinca Delesdernier

Tuesday, January 17

6:15a.m. Elaine Hemard
8:30a.m. Virginia Mumme

Wednesday, January 18

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)
8:30a.m. Claudia "Sis" Lund

Thursday, January 19

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)
8:30a.m. Josephine P. Morgan

Friday, January 20

6:15a.m. Marjorie Curry
8:30a.m. David L. Laurent, Jr.

Saturday, January 21

8:30a.m. Pearl Dies

(*) denotes living

SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, January 14.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 5 will clean linens on Saturday, January 14.

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 25

Weekly Collection\$15,261.01
Christmas Collection\$20,245.77

January 1

Weekly Collection\$13,331.02

January 8

Weekly Collection\$15,290.36

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

ST. ANGELA MERICI FEAST DAY PARISH DINNER

Please join us for our annual Parish Dinner in celebration of St Angela Merici Feast Day on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 5:15 PM (after 4:00 PM Mass) in the Kern Center. Mark your calendar for great food and fellowship. For more information call Kim Schaff at (504) 834-8048 or Kay Dornier at (504) 834-4689. Sponsored by Family Life Apostolate, SAMA, Knights of Columbus, SALA, Adult Faith Formation, and Senior Citizens.

SAMA MEETING

SAMA meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Kern Center (gym). The Cooking Team will prepare a good meal, as usual. We will have tickets available to purchase for the Super Bowl Raffle. SAMA prepared 75 meals for St. Vincent De Paul Society, which were distributed to needy people in our parish for Christmas. We also prepared the food served following the parish Christmas caroling. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Mipro at (504) 390-3342.

MARCH FOR LIFE

On Saturday, January 21st, the Louisiana Bishops and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a March for Life from the old State Capitol to the new State Capitol (one mile) in Baton Rouge from 10 am to Noon. Bus transportation is available from the St. Philip Neri parking lot, leaving at 8 am. Bring a bag lunch. Water will be provided. The bus will return by 3 pm. Send \$10 for a bus reservation to Richard Kelt, 4648 Jasper, Metairie,

Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of

Barreca and Kaiser Families



Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar This Week
are in loving memory of

Lucien O. Jourdan



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Blanche Andrews, David Monore and
Emile Schayot, Jr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 14

8:00A-1:00P, Scout Pinewood Derby, gym
4:00P, KC Quarterly Mass, Church. Following Mass
a get together will be held off campus.

Sunday, January 15

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal
3:30-5:30P, Boys Volleyball, gym
6:30-8:00P, CYO General Meeting, gym

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Day

8:30A Mass only
Parish Office Closed
School Closed
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:30P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, Youth Adhoc Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, January 17

9:15-10:45A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
9:30-11:30A, Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome, Church
7:30P, SAMA Meeting, gym
7-8:30P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, January 18

9:30-11:30P, Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conf. Room
3:15-4:15P, Daisy Trp. 450, Downstairs Classroom
3:15P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:30P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, RCIA, Religious Education Library
7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, January 19

School Open House
7:00P, KC Meeting, Religious Ed Library

Friday, January 20

No School
Parent /Teacher Conferences
3:30-6:00P, Boys Basketball, gym
7:00P, Pro-Life Mass, Church

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Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Dear Parishioners,

Don't forget: our local chapter of the Knights of Columbus sponsor their Spaghetti Dinner TODAY in the Msgr. Kern Center. Eat in or take out. Join together for great food, good fellowship for those who dine together, support of an outstanding organization's ministries and activities. And, of course, you'll be the first to find out who is going to the Super Bowl when the drawing takes place during the dinner! (By the way, tickets available until the time of the drawing.)

The Knights, while not a parish-based organization, are very active in and supportive of our parish, and so I urge you, in turn, to support them. The Knights are exceptional in their support of the Church and take an active stand in support of the dignity of human life. They merit our support.

I will be on retreat this week at the Abbey Christian Life Center at St. Joseph Abbey. I will be leaving on Monday and return to the parish on Friday afternoon. Please keep me in your prayers, that I may truly be open to the direction of the Holy Spirit during the week and know that you will be in my prayers each day as well.

Father Peter will make his annual retreat the week of February 6-10.

Each year, in January, the Pastoral Staff has a joint meeting with the members of our Pastoral Council, Finance Council and School Board. There are several reasons for this annual gathering: to maintain good and open communication among these parish leaders, to review progress on our parish goals, to give me input on any serious concerns (positive or negative) about parish life. Sometimes at these meetings we have taken time to process voiced needs into parish goals, sometimes to review progress on those goals.

We had this annual meeting last week and, this year, in addition to the members of these consultative groups, I also invited the officers of all parish organizations and all board members of organizations to attend. I also invited Scout leaders and KC officers to this meeting. Almost all of these folks were at the meeting, showing their great dedication to you in their concern for our parish. On your behalf, I thank them for that commitment!

I would like to share with you three of the things we discussed at the meeting:

1) There is a cycle to the life of our parish as, in the Fall of one year, we undertake a needs assessment process with our parishioners; then in the Spring of the new year, we transform those needs into new parish goals, giving each of them a one, two or three year period to accomplish; in the Fall of the following year we sponsor a parish Ministries Fair, always hoping to add new people to join in more active participation in parish life and ministries; the following year is the time to try to wrap up work on the goals that were set. Then, the needs process is ready to begin again.

I reminded parish leaders that we are all to work together to pursue these goals and that any new ideas that are presented are always to be evaluated in light of their potential to help us accomplish our stated and desired goals.

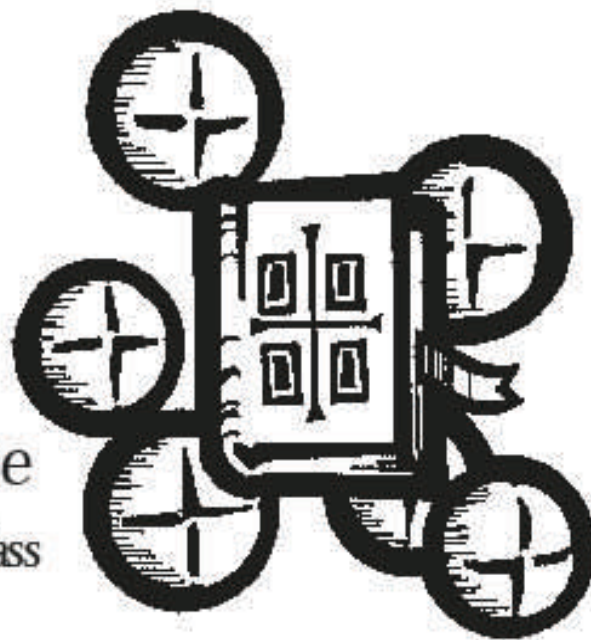
2) We discussed ways to continue to have our parish organizations be aware of each other's activities so that we can all be of mutual support and to grow in our ability to work together in building up the reign of Christ in our local parish community, for that is our common and constant goal as a Church.

3) We reviewed the parish Master Plan for our facilities as it had been developed and approved almost two years ago and where we are in pursuit of one of our goals: To formulate and undertake a plan to implement the parish's Master Plan for our facilities."

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A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 7

The Liturgy of the Eucharist (b)

Preparation of the Gifts

The family table ranks among the most important pieces of furniture found in the home, even more important than the TV set. The table is the place from which we eat our meals. It is a place around which we gather to talk while sipping coffee. It is a place around which we often focus our lives as a family.

What the table is to the family, the altar is to the Christian community. "The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the people of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, Third Typical Edition, n. 296)

To set the table and to prepare the food are important, even though preparatory, aspects of every meal. The same is true for the eucharistic meal. We first prepare the altar and the gifts placed upon it—this is the purpose of the first and introductory part of the eucharistic celebration, i.e., the preparation of the gifts.

Many of us grew up calling this section of the Mass the "Offertory." And yet the real offering to the Father occurs during the eucharistic prayer. To bring out this truth the Church now uses the title "preparation of the gifts" as better describing the true function of the rite, namely to prepare for what is to come.

Although the preparation rite contains a number of individual elements, the following are especially significant:

- Preparation of the Altar.

- Presentation of the Gifts.

- Concluding Prayer over the Gifts.

Preparation of the Altar: This might be called "setting the table." As a functional task, the action is done with simplicity and yet with a dignity and reverence befitting the solemnity of the occasion. The deacon or another assisting minister places the sacramentary (the book containing the prayers prayed by the priest) on the altar. Then a square piece of white cloth (the corporal) is placed on the altar. Finally a folded cloth (napkin) called the purificator is placed to the right of the corporal. The preparation of the altar is a sign that something new is beginning. It is a sign that we are making ready to begin the eucharistic celebration.

Presentation of the Gifts: One of the most ancient customs of the Church is that of the people themselves providing bread and wine as well as other gifts to be used in the celebration as well as afterwards. Many of the early writers stress the importance of each person bringing the gift of bread which, when transformed, would be received back by the communicant.

The bread and the wine are symbols of ourselves, our work, our stewardship of God's creation. The desire of the Church is that the bread, while remaining unleavened (a tradition in the western Church since the early Middle Ages), should nonetheless be of such texture and quality that we can experience it as real bread. Monetary gifts are also presented. These are used not only for the needs of the community but also, as the rubrics state, "for the poor." Many parishes set aside a portion of the money collected for needs of the community at large. Thus the collection and presentation of the gifts is an expression of the whole assembly's participation in the eucharist and in the social ministry of the Church.

Singing, to highlight the communal aspects of what is taking place, often accompanies the collection and procession. At times instrumental music occurs. The latter offers us a quiet moment, a time to relax a bit before moving further into the celebration of the eucharist.

Auxiliary Rites and Prayers: Various other texts and gestures have been incorporated into the presentation rite.

The first of these would be the two short *prayers of blessing*, one over the bread and the other over the cup. The priest first raises the bread a little over the altar and recites a text, based on a Jewish table prayer, which blesses or praises God, as the creator of the world, for the gift of bread. A similar prayer is said after the cup has been prepared. These texts, which are primarily private prayers of the priest, recall the source, meaning, and goal of the gifts which are presented in view of what they will become, namely our bread of life and our spiritual drink.

You will notice that the priest, in preparing the cup, adds a small amount of water to the wine. This *mixing of water and wine*, retained in the Mass seemingly for reasons of tradition, has its roots in an ancient practice of diluting the wine to make it less strong. Soon this practice received various symbolic interpretations. Today it recalls that just as wine receives water, so we are to share in the divinity of Christ who assumed human flesh for us.

At times the gifts, the altar, and the people are incensed during the preparation of the gifts. This action engages not only our sense of smell but our sight as well. Incense is the traditional symbol of prayer arising to God (confer Psalm 141:2; Revelation 8:3-4). Thus the gifts and the altar may be incensed as a sign that the assembly's offering and prayer will go up to God. Priest and people may also be incensed, not only to recognize the innate holiness of all God's people, but also as a sign that they are to unite themselves and their prayers with the gifts which will be offered in the eucharistic prayer.

Another auxiliary rite, one which is the private action of the presiding priest, is the *washing of the hands*. The Roman Mass has historically known various washings of the hands, sometimes for purposes of physical cleanliness, sometimes as a symbol of interior purity. Today the rite expresses the presider's need for inward purification.

Prayer over the Gifts: The preparation rite comes to a close with the prayer over the gifts. Originally this was the only prayer prayed over the gifts before the beginning of the eucharistic prayer. It was once called the "secret," not because the Church desired to hide its contents, but from the silent manner of its recitation which was introduced in the early Middle Ages.

The prayer is preceded by an invitation which refers to the sacrificial character of the Mass which is offered by the whole assembly. Our response indicates that we are joined to the priest and that the eucharist is offered not only in praise of the Father but also for the sanctification of the faithful. Whereas the opening prayer is more expansive and frequently mentions some aspect of the feast or the liturgical season being celebrated, the prayer over the gifts is more concise, requesting divine acceptance and expressing our desire to be united with the offering to come.

Although the preparation rite is essentially quite simple and brief, this is not to be an "idle" time in the celebration. Certainly we prepare the altar for the eucharistic meal, we prepare the bread and wine for what is to come. But as we do so, we also prepare ourselves so that with faithful hearts we may joyfully acclaim the praise of God in the eucharistic prayer which follows. This prayer will be the subject of our next reflection.

Pursuit of this goal was assigned to the parish Finance Council, and, in the Spring, we will begin a feasibility study with parishioners to assess your support of this project.

I will share much more information about that with you in the weeks ahead.

F. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

8:30a.m. Pearl Dies

Sunday, January 22

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacourts	Lawrence T. Gettys
Betty Bostwick	Rose Cardaronella
Annie Saladino	Cathy Leininger Bitner
Horace Bouvier	Ventura-Piglia Families
Michael Neeb	Alice and Sidney Serio
Rene Naccari	John Cressend Family
Emma Jeansonne	Ethel, L.J. and Kathy Broussard
Patricia Delaney	Katie and Paul Jacomine
Thomas Doussan	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Rosemary Canale	Dr. C. Hauser
8:00a.m.	For the Parish
9:30a.m.	Dolores Vath Brewin
11:00a.m.	

Richard Deas	Nathan Trepagnier
Alton A. Landry	Vinca Delesdernier
David Monroe	Veronica Saunders Fleming
Calvin Deimel, Sr.	Joseph S. Ebbermann
Purgatorial List	Philip Condon

Monday, January 23

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)
8:30a.m. Janice Ritchie

Tuesday, January 24

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)
8:30a.m. Coralina R. Lopez

Wednesday, January 25

6:15a.m. Angelina and Russell Talamo
8:30a.m. Vinca Delesdernier

Thursday, January 26

6:15a.m. Mary Ann Galioto Ciravolo
8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Friday, January 27

6:15a.m. George C. Ehret
8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Saturday, January 28

8:30a.m. Carole Roussell

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ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

CLARION HERALD CONTRIBUTION

If you receive monthly contribution envelopes, please note that the envelope for the Clarion Herald in the February packet should be \$20 for the year 2012. If you have not turned in this envelope, please make the correction. Thank you!

ST. ANGELA MERICI SENIORS

St. Angela Merici Seniors held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 5. The guest speaker was Eileen Reed, Community Service Counselor for Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home. There were 76 members present.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 2. We will celebrate Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. Hot Dogs, Chili and King Cake will be served.

ST. ANGELA MERICI FEAST DAY PARISH DINNER

Please join us for our annual Parish Dinner in celebration of St. Angela Merici Feast Day on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 5:15 PM (after 4:00 PM Mass) in the Kern Center. Mark your calendar for great food and fellowship. For more information call Kim Schaff at (504) 834-8048 or Kay Dornier at (504) 834-4689. Sponsored by Family Life Apostolate, SAMA, Knights of Columbus, SALA, Adult Faith Formation, and Senior Citizens.

PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL LITURGY

Due to more requests, we will have 2 more preplanning our own funeral liturgy sessions. These sessions last about one hour. The 2 upcoming dates are January 21 from 9:30 to noon in the Religious Education Library and on February 4 from 9:30 to noon in the Religious Education Library. I hope these dates are good for you. You may arrive anytime between 9:30 and noon. Please come to the Beverly Garden Drive entrance.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES

January 20, 2012 - Prayer service at St. Patrick Cemetery on City Park Avenue, beginning at noon, to remember the unborn who have perished due to abortion.

January 20, 2012 - Evening Mass at St. Angela Church, sponsored by New Orleans Priests for Life, beginning at 7 pm. The celebrant will be Retired Archbishop Alfred Hughes.

Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of

Etienne J. Waguespack, Jr.



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Patricia Sofio Delaney and Rosemary Gaudry
and Mary Gelpi

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 21

9:00A, KC Spaghetti Dinner Prep, gym
9:30A, Pre plan Funeral Liturgy, Religious Ed. Library
5-11:00P, CYO Ice Skating, Baton Rouge

Sunday, January 22

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
10:30A-1:00P, KC Spaghetti Dinner, gym
Super Bowl Raffle Drawing
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Church

Monday, January 23

3:30-6:00P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:30P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, Bear Den 1 Meeting, Conference Room

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9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
9:30A, Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
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3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
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7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, January 26

3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:30P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, 50th Anniversary Planning Meeting, Conf. Room

Friday, January 27 Feast of St. Angela Merici

10:00A, St. Angela Feast Day Mass, Church
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym

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Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Julie Tortorich who is going to the Super Bowl! Thanks to all who participated in the raffle. And, again, we thank Gayle and Tom Benson who donated the Super Bowl tickets to us. We are truly grateful for their generosity and support of our parish.

Proceeds will be used to support our parish ministries, primarily going to the support of our school and we will give you a final tally on the income in next week's bulletin.

For those of you who receive the bulletin in the mail before the weekend, let me remind you that the feast day of our patroness, St. Angela Merici is this week, Friday, January 27.

All are invited to join our school community for a special Mass Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Because I will still be on retreat, Father Peter will be the priest-celebrant and homilist for that Mass.

At all of the Masses this weekend, we will use the prayers for Mass from the feast of St. Angela as we seek her continued intercession as we seek to build the reign of Christ in our parish community.

On Saturday, January 28, all are invited to a parish feast day dinner in the Msgr. Kern Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. Coming together in fellowship will be a wonderful way for us to build a true spirit of community. Please join us!

In the bulletin last weekend, I spoke about the meeting I had recently with the pastoral staff and parish lay leaders, a meeting that allowed us to review together the parish goals we set to guide the work of parish organizations for the next three years.

One of the goals we set, a short-range goal, was to establish a process for us to be able to maintain a great "first impression" look to our parish facilities, for parishioners and guests alike.

The Finance Council members were assigned this goal and they recommended to the Pastoral Council that we establish a new standing committee in the parish. Members of this committee would be the pastor, parish Business Manager, school Principal, two representatives from the School Board and two representatives from SAMA (St. Angela Men's Association). This committee is to do a walk-through of the entire campus and all buildings early in the Spring of each year to determine any work that needs to be done for maintenance or improvement. The committee would then prioritize areas that need to be addressed, determine which could be done by our custodial staff, which by volunteers, and which would have to be outsourced. Cost estimates would be determined and this would be sent to the Finance Council for inclusion in the yearly parish budget. Then a time-line would be set for work to be completed.

I am happy to share with you that Peggy Lulich and Paul Galloway will be members of this committee representing the School Board and Terry Mipro and David Steeg will be the representatives from SAMA.

We are scheduled for the walk-through on Saturday, March 10.

I am hopeful and confident that this newly-established process will help us to monitor, maintain and improve our facilities and I thank the School Board and SAMA members for their willing service to you.

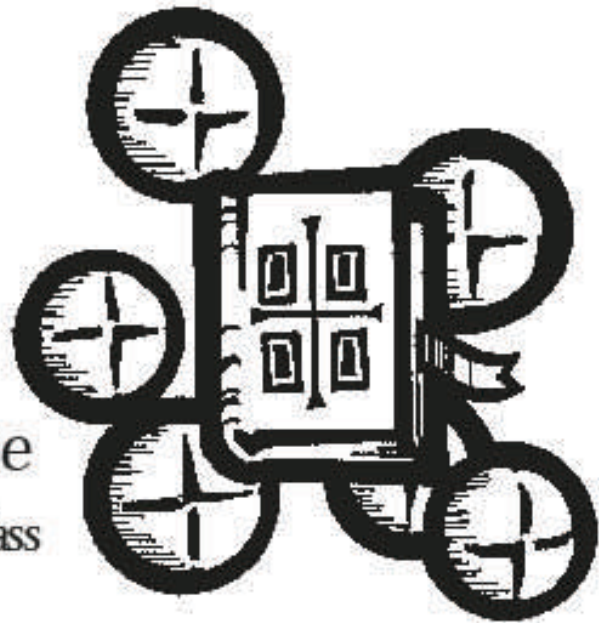
This Lent, Archbishop Aymond has asked all parishes in the Archdiocese to participate fully in the "Year of Renewal" on the Mass by forming small discussion groups to read, study and discuss a book on the Mass. *The Mass Explained* by Msgr. James Moroney will serve as the study-guide for youth and adults to come together to explore the history and meaning of the Mass.

Here at St. Angela, we will offer some of these small group discussions in the homes of parish leaders and some here in our Administration Building meeting rooms. I will share more information in next week's bulletin. This will take the place of our annual Lenten Parish Mission. PLEASE be open to participating as your Lenten sacrifice of time to learn more about and grow in appreciation of the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Fa Ken

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 8

The Liturgy of the Eucharist (c)

Eucharistic Prayer

Tradition of the Eucharistic Prayer

We trace the origins of the eucharistic prayer to a Jewish prayer, known as the "berakah." For example, the form of the prayer used by Jesus over the cup at the Last Supper began by praising God for all creation, especially the creation of life. God was then praised for his workings in human history. Finally there was a request that God's creative and redemptive action be continued and renewed.

The apostles, gathering for table fellowship after Christ's resurrection and ascension, did so "in memory" of the Lord. The traditional Jewish forms over the bread and wine were utilized. Eventually the early Christians began to use the relatively long prayer over the cup as the basis for a prayer of praise and thanksgiving over the bread and wine together. It is from this prototype that the eucharistic prayer originated. A more explicit coloring and expansion developed to highlight the community's experience of Christ. Secondary elements were added or elaborated at different points in the general structure of the prayer. Eventually improvisation of the text on the basis of the inherited model gave way to fixed forms which differed according to geographic regions.

Unlike the eastern liturgies, the Roman Church for centuries knew only one eucharistic prayer, the Roman Canon. Within recent years, however, we have seen the addition of other eucharistic prayers. Some make great use of texts recaptured from our early history, whereas others are newly composed. We can anticipate that other forms of the eucharistic prayer will be approved in the future. This development, reflecting the tradition of the Church, enriches our expression of the eucharistic mystery.

Nature of the Eucharistic Prayer

The eucharistic prayer is a statement of joyful praise and thanksgiving which summarizes what it means for us to celebrate the eucharist. Like the proclamation of the scriptures themselves, the prayer proclaims the past, present, and future saving actions of God among us. It is a public prayer in which we the Church praise and thank God for his gift—for his transforming and unifying power in our lives, especially as made present in Christ who abides among us.

Although it is the task of the ordained priest to lead this prayer and to address the Father in the name of Christ, we must not forget that he does so on our behalf. As the wording of the prayers remind us, it is "we" who praise, it is "we" who give thanks. It is everyone present who joins Christ in acknowledging the works of God and in offering the sacrifice. This is why the Church has recently incorporated various acclamations within the eucharistic prayer. Through our enthusiastic participation in these expressions of belief, we visibly show that the eucharistic prayer is a prayer of each and everyone of us.

The Dynamic of the Eucharistic Prayer

The eucharistic prayer is essentially one prayer, not a series of short prayers strung together like a car in a train. And yet we can discover several elements or focal points which highlight the themes permeating the whole text. These are:

- Thanksgiving;
- Acclamation;
- Invocation (Epiclesis);
- Narrative of the Institution and Consecration;
- Remembering (Anamnesis);
- Offering;
- Intercessions;
- Final Statement of Praise (Doxology).

Thanksgiving: The eucharistic prayer begins with a statement of praise and thanksgiving called the *preface*, a word here meaning "proclamation" or "speaking out" before God and the people. The introductory dialogue not only sets the mood for what follows but also reminds us that the priest prays in the name of all as he recounts the marvels of God's love. He then recalls the reason for giving praise to God on this day. The motive may be for the whole of creation and salvation, for a particular aspect of God's work, or it might be related to the feast or season being celebrated.

The preface concludes with an acclamation sung by the people: the "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" taken from Isaiah's vision of the heavenly kingdom (6:2-3) and from Matthew's account of Palm Sunday (21:9). The tone and tenor of the text almost push us to song as we respond to the presider's invitation to join all creation in acclaiming the Lord.

Invocation: The technical term here is "epiclesis," from the Greek word meaning a "calling upon" or a "calling over here." We pray that the Holy Spirit will come in power to sanctify and transform our gifts and ourselves. In the new eucharistic prayers this request usually appears twice: the first asking that the Spirit bless, sanctify, and transform the bread and the wine; the second, occurring in the second half of the prayer, requesting that we, who will share the eucharistic food, also be transformed into the one body of Christ. To sanctify and transform both gifts and people is a role proper to the Holy Spirit.

As the presider calls upon the Spirit to change the bread and the wine, he extends his hands, palms down, over the elements. This is an ancient gesture, found in almost every sacrament, requesting that God's power be with us. In both word and gesture we pray: Come!

Narrative of the Institution: The retelling in words of what Christ did at the Last Supper is called the institution narrative. Based on the scriptural accounts of the meal, the narrative repeats Christ's words which are a promise. Through the power of the Spirit they bring about what they signify, namely his eucharistic body and blood, his real presence with all the riches of the Kingdom. This narrative is also called the consecration, and yet we must also remember that the whole eucharistic prayer is transforming.

Immediately after the institution narrative we give our assent to "the mystery of faith," namely the mystery of Christ dying, rising, present among us, and yet to come in all his fullness. Through acclamatory song we state our belief in the Christ who has come, who continues to come, and who will come again.

Remembering: The presider continues the focus of the memorial acclamation with the "anamnesis," the Greek word for "memory." This is not the type of memory which fondly but remotely looks back at the past. Rather, it is akin to what the Jewish people experience at Passover. It is a liturgical remembering that is so psychologically intense and believing that the past is indeed made present. The fullness of Christ continues to be an ongoing reality as we celebrate the eucharist.

Offering: In a statement of offering the presider recalls that we participate in Christ's self-offering to the Father. We offer ourselves as we enter into union with the offering of Christ. What is offered is our sacrifice of praise which is incorporated in the offering made once and for all by Christ.

Intercessions: A quick round of intercessions follow: for the whole Church, the pope, the diocesan bishop, ourselves, the living and the dead. Here we are united to Christ who "forever lives to make intercession" (Hebrews 7:25) for the human family. We are reminded that the eucharist extends beyond our parish, our diocese, our country. It is celebrated in communion with the whole Church of heaven and earth.

Doxology: The prayer is brought to an end with the final doxology or statement of praise. As the eucharistic cup and bread are raised on high in a gesture of offering, the assembly, through the priest, explicitly restates the whole purpose of the eucharistic prayer, namely to offer praise and honor to the Father through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. We make this statement our own by singing an exuberant "Amen," the most important acclamation of the eucharistic prayer. Through song we affirm and give assent to what has been proclaimed, to what has been done.

Our next reflection will consider the third part of the eucharistic liturgy, i.e., the communion rite.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28

8:30a.m. Carole Roussell

Sunday, January 29

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Frank Barousse	June W. Calcagno
Michael Neeb	Harvey Lee Ducote
Rene Naccari	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Jackie Miele	Emma Jeansonne
Horace Bouvier	Amanda and Fred Bullinger (*)
Alton Landry	Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Patricia Delaney	Antoinette Tauzy
Patrick Freeman	

8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. Bernadette Stassi

11:00a.m.

David Monroe	Nathan Trepagnier
Blanche Andrews	Vinca Delesdernier
Rosemary Gaudry	Veronica Saunders Fleming
Edward J. Barry	Emile A. Schayot, Jr.
Alton A. Landry	Calvin Deimel, Sr.
Rose Mae Trosclair	

Monday, January 30

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)

8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Tuesday, January 31

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)

8:30a.m. Vinca Delesdernier

Wednesday, February 1

6:15a.m. Ida Cook Ehret

8:30a.m. Carmen LeBon

Thursday, February 2

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List

8:30a.m. Earl A. Jeansonne, Jr.

Friday, February 3

6:15a.m. Dan Kirschenheuer

8:30a.m. Catanese and Schellhaas Families

Saturday, February 4

8:30a.m. Carole Roussell

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Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar Last Week

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SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, January 28.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, January 28.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

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CONFIRMATION GOWNS

For those who ordered Confirmation Gowns- you may pick them up Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or after 11 am Mass on Sunday at the Administration Building (across from the gym) between 12 and 12:30 p.m. Reminder: **Do not iron them**, just hang them up and wrinkles will disappear.

MASS-GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN

On Sunday, February 5 – 2:00PM at St. Francis Xavier Church – 444 Metairie Rd All invited to participate with special needs children, family and friends. For further information, contact Joy Zainey at 834-5865 or visit website www.godsspecialchildren.org

SCOUT NEWS

Pack 30 held the annual Pinewood Derby on January 14th. Twenty-five scouts participated.

Results:

- Tigers: Michael Hardeman (1st), Frankie Oliveri (2nd), Nicholas Becker (3rd)

- Wolves: Alex Indest (1st), Nathan Giardina (2nd), Aaron Boos (3rd)

- Bears: Alex Scott (1st), Jace Leblanc (2nd), Allen Boudreaux (3rd)

- Webelos: Gabriel Patin (1st), Bradley Hardeman (2nd), Avan Gittleston (3rd).

- Fastest in the Pack (Alex Indest)

Upcoming Events: January 20- Globetrotters, February 3- Pack Meeting and Crossover, February 4-Scout Parade, February 29- Parents Meeting, March 10-USS Alabama and more to come.

SALA

SALA 's Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7 p. m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. "Bonco and Beads" is our Mardi Gras Theme. Come and have a fun evening playing BONCO with friends.

SALA Ladies will attend the 8:30 Mass as a group on Ash Wednesday, February 22,2012. Please bring Mardi Gras beads for recycling.

Desserts for the St. Angela Merici Feast Day Celebration on January 28th after the 4:00p.m. Mass will be provided by SALA All ladies of the parish are invited to join SALA! Please COME and bring a FRIEND!

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 15

Weekly Collection..... \$12,378.52

January 22

Weekly Collection..... \$11,153.91

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 28

1-2:30P, Den 6 Webelos Meeting, Conference Room
5:00P, St. Angela Merici Feast Day Dinner, Kern Center

Sunday, January 29

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Church

Monday, January 30

3:30-6:00P, Boys Basketball, gym
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7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Bear Den 1 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Tuesday, January 31

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Education Library
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3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:00P, Space Camp Meeting, Science Lab
6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7-8:30P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, February 1

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
12:30P, CYO Adult Advisory Board Mtg., Conference Room
3:15P, Daisy Trp. 450 Meeting, Downstairs Classroom
3:15P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
7:00P, RCIA, Religious Education Library
7:00P, 1st Penance, Church and gym
7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7-8:00P, Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, February 2

Noon-2:00P, Senior Citizens Meeting, gym
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym

Friday, February 3

1:45P, Early School Dismissal
2:00P, Faculty Meeting, Conference Room
7-8:00P, Scout Pack Meeting and Webelos Cross Over, gym

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Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34



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Dear Parishioners,

THANKS to all those who helped make our parish Feast Day dinner last Saturday evening such a wonderful event! Thanks to SAMA who cooked the pork loin and the Knights of Columbus who provided the jambalaya. Also, special thanks to our parish Family Life Apostolate who coordinated the entire evening for us and cooked the side dishes.

I enjoy these times together of community and thank all of you who came and spent time together in fellowship!

Father Peter will be on retreat from Monday through Friday of this week. Please keep him in your prayers, that this time of reflection and refreshment will find him truly open to the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

This Lent, Archbishop Aymond has asked all parishes, schools and other institutions in the Archdiocese to participate fully in the "Year of Renewal" on the Mass by forming small discussion groups to read, study and discuss a book on the Mass. *The Mass Explained* by Msgr. James Moroney will serve as the study-guide for youth and adults to come together to explore the history and meaning of the Mass.

Here at St. Angela, we will offer some of these small group discussions in the homes of parish leaders and some here in our Administration Building meeting rooms. Some of our lay leaders have offered to host discussion groups in their homes, and they will be inviting folks from their neighborhoods to join them.

Members of our parish pastoral Staff will be leading sessions here on the parish campus.

Beginning next weekend (February 4-5), we will have sign-up sheets in church for you to commit to one of these groups here in the parish facilities. The discussion groups will begin the second week of Lent, March 5. We will offer groups both during the day and in the evening. When you sign up, please take a book.

The Archbishop is asking that, during this Lent, we sacrifice four hours of our time (one hour for each of the four discussion sessions) in order to learn more about and grow in our appreciation for the Sacrifice of the Mass, the center of our Catholic life of prayer and sacraments.

In order for us all to focus on this important activity, we will not have parish Mission this year, nor will we be asking you to participate in an activity of prayer and fasting for a cause. These discussions will be our single parish Lenten activity. I hope that you will respond to the Archbishop's call to participate.

The process is simple: The book will be divided into four sections and all you have to do is read that section before you come to the group meeting and be ready to discuss what you have read!

If you receive this bulletin before the weekend, as most of you do, a late reminder that Friday, February 3 is the memorial of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will follow both morning Masses.

The website that the Archbishop asked, in his letter last weekend, to review for information is www.usccb.org/conscience.

F. Ken

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part I Introduction

Sunday after Sunday, year after year, Catholics have come together to celebrate the Mass. This weekly gathering of the community is a hallmark of the Church. From the earliest days of Christianity coming together on the Lord's Day has characterized the followers of Christ. We assemble for common prayer, to hear the scriptures proclaimed and explained, and to share in the eucharist. This tradition of marking the Lord's Day with common prayer is an essential part of our lives as a community of God's people.

The Development of a Tradition

Having its origins in the meal celebrated by Jesus with his apostles at the Last Supper, the Christian Sunday celebration soon incorporated various ritual elements from Jewish and other cultural practices. Throughout the centuries the development of the Mass has varied according to diverse places and religious mentalities. While preserving a fundamental outline, this history followed many and often divergent paths. There were borrowings by local churches from other local churches. There were many additions to the ritual, some of which lasted for centuries while others were soon abandoned. There existed many popular understandings of the Mass which in turn influenced or were influenced by the manner in which the Mass was celebrated.

The Reform of a Tradition

Not all the historical developments of the Mass were happy ones. This is why the bishops at the Second Vatican Council called for a reform of the Mass that would bring out more clearly the intrinsic nature and purpose of its several parts, the connection between them, and would more readily achieve the devout, active participation of the faithful. (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, no. 50)

This reform of the structure of the Mass has already been accomplished. The Church has provided us with a basic pattern for our Sunday worship. According to all reports the vast majority of Catholics are happy with the changes that have taken place. People are beginning to feel that the Mass is indeed their Mass, that they are called upon and have an opportunity to participate actively in its celebration.

A Challenge for the Future

Even though we have made considerable liturgical progress over the last decades, our American bishops in 1983 issued a word of warning. We must not yield to complacency.

There have been many significant liturgical gains in the past twenty years, but there remain many areas of unfinished liturgical business ... we must continue to make efforts to appreciate and open our hearts to the spiritual and prayerful dimensions of the liturgy. (*The Church at Prayer: A Holy Temple of the Lord*, no. 46)

The purpose of this series is to help us respond to our bishops' request that we continue to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the liturgy. We will explore what we are about when we gather for the celebration of Mass. How is the Mass put together? Why do we do the things we do? Why do we do them at the time we do them? How can we pray more deeply with others? These are some of the questions we shall address in this series.

Major Sections of the Mass

As Catholics we commonly refer to our Sunday gathering as the "Mass," a word deriving from the Latin "missa," a technical word for "dismissal," i.e., the breaking up of a meeting, the conclusion of an official assembly. From the fourth century the term was applied to the whole celebration.

Many of us remember the days when people spoke of the Mass as having three major parts, i.e., the "offertory, consecration, and communion." If you missed one of these, you failed to fulfill your Sunday obligation. Today, however, we speak of the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist* as being the two key sections of the celebration. One might assume that these are two completely distinct and separate parts of the Mass.

Not so! Very early in the Christian experience the celebration of word and meal were seen as inseparable as wife and husband. One goes with the other. Both are liturgy. Each is of equal importance. Listening to God speak to us through the scripture readings is just as important as sharing at the table of the Lord. The conversation before the meal is as essential as the meal itself. Speech and meal. Word and eucharist. One liturgy. One prayer of the Church.

We speak of the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. Of Greek origin, the term "liturgy" describes any official public act of worship celebrated by the Church. The word thus refers not to individual prayer but to the prayer offered by the community according to the established norms of the Church. Every Mass is a liturgy, but not every liturgy is a Mass. Celebrations of baptism and marriage are also liturgies.

Every liturgy includes *ritual*, i.e., a traditional and commonly accepted way of doing things. These standard patterns of worship are described in liturgical books such as the Roman Missal which contains the prayers of the Mass and the Lectionary for Mass where the scripture readings and psalm responses are found.

We must remember that the ritual of the Mass is not composed of various individual elements following one another like boxcars in a freight train. There are major and minor moments of the celebration just as there are more intense and more relaxed moments of life in general. There are times of preparation and of conclusion. There are times for attentive listening, for vigorous dialogue, for enthusiastic singing, for reverent gestures and postures, for prayerful silence.

While all these elements coalesce to form a unified whole, there exists an ebb and flow which can be called the "rhythm" of the celebration. And once we enter into the celebration, we become part of this rhythm. We share in and contribute to the community's multi-dimensional experience of prayer together.

Our Task Ahead

The following nine issues of this series will reflect on:

The **Introductory Rites** which help us to become a community one in mind and heart, which help us to be Church, conscious that we are the body of that person from whom we take our name (no. 2).

The **Liturgy of the Word** from the perspective of the God who speaks to us of love, of the utter goodness of creation, of marvelous life yet to come (no. 3); from the perspective of the lectionary which unfolds the mystery of God's love according to a pattern of feasts and seasons (no. 4); from our role as listeners who minister to others by our careful attention and who can better receive the word by advance preparation (no. 5).

The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** as our response to God bringing about transformation not only in bread and wine, but in us as well (no. 6); the preparation of the altar and gifts helping us dispose ourselves to share in the table of the Lord (no. 7); the eucharistic prayer as the high point of the eucharistic liturgy (no. 8); the communion rite in which our signs of unity are expressed in the sharing of Christ's body and blood (no. 9).

The **Concluding Rite** which sends us forth to continue to praise God and to do the good works of the Kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4

8:30a.m. Carole Roussell

Sunday, February 5

4:00p.m. Vigil

Brian Leonard Ventura and Piglia Families
Irene Lacrouts Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
David Spragins Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Michael Neeb John B. Cressend Family
Janice Ritchie Patricia Delaney
Emma Jeansonne Lucille Ormond (*)
Alton Landry Joe and Eunice Muniz
Special Intention Lloyd Landry
Rosemary Gaudry Bordelon and Pizzo Families
Horace Bouvier Bostwick and Meydrich Families
Roy Billings Purgatorial List
8:00a.m. Mary Gelpi
9:30a.m. For the Parish
11:00a.m.
Frank Barousse Nathan Trepagnier
David Monroe Joey Sansovich
Lorraine Keen Vinca Delesdernier
Al Landry Anna M. Wood
Elizabeth Wood Benjamin Wood
Rosemary Gaudry Calvin Deimel, Sr.
Patricia Landry Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Blanda

Monday, February 6

6:15a.m. Marjorie Curry
8:30a.m. Michael Sublette

Tuesday, February 7

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)
8:30a.m. Frances DiMarco

Wednesday, February 8

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)
8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Thursday, February 9

6:15a.m. MaryAnn Galioto Ciravolo
8:30a.m. Fr. James Schott (*)

Friday, February 10

6:15a.m. George C. Ehret
8:30a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.

Saturday, February 11

8:30a.m. Al Landry

(*) denotes living



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Marilyn Flowers

who died recently, and for those who mourn her.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 29

Weekly Collection \$12,095.05

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, 6500 Kawanee Ave., Metairie. This year's celebration will not be a Mass but a Prayer Service. If you would like to participate, please fill in the necessary information below:

PLEASE PRINT

Couple's Last Name _____
Husband _____
Wife _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Date of Marriage: _____, 1962

The Archbishop will present each couple with a scroll commemorating this event. Please indicate EXACTLY how your name should appear on the scroll:
Example: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith, John E. and Mary J. Smith, John Edward and Mary Jones Smith, etc.)

This form must be returned to the parish office by February 21.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The second collection for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans on February 11 & 12 is an important way for you as a parishioner can contribute to the poor and vulnerable in your community. Last year, Catholic Charities served 101,000 people across the archdiocese: expectant mothers, the homeless, children and adults with severe developmental delays, the mentally ill, the poverty-stricken, the unemployed and those with many other needs. Please give generously this year.

Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of

Michael Sublette



Flowers at Mary's Shrine This Week
are in loving memory of

Hartie and Rose Mae Trosclair



SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, January 28.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, January 28.

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 4

9:30 a.m., Pre-plan Funeral Liturgy, Religious Ed. Library
7:00 p.m., Father/Daughter Dance, gym

Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal
6-7:30 p.m., CYO Officers Meeting, Conference Room

Monday, February 6

3:30-6:00 p.m., Boys Basketball, gym
6:30 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym
7:00 p.m., KC Officer's Meeting, Religious Ed Library

Tuesday, February 7

9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Education Library
9:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
3:10 p.m., Girl Scout 561 Meeting, Mrs. Dee's Classroom
3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
6:30 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00 p.m., SALA Meeting, gym
7:00 p.m., Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
3:15-4:30 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
4:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, Religious Ed Library
5:30 p.m., Liturgy Meeting, Religious Ed Library
6:30 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym
7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed Library
7:00 p.m., Finance Council Meeting, Workroom
7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m., Confirmation Practice, Church

Thursday, February 9

3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
7:00 p.m., FLA Chair Meeting, off campus
7:00 p.m., Confirmation

Friday, February 10

3:00P, Girl Scout 280 Meeting, Mrs. Lalla's Room
3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym

Parish Clergy and Staff

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Tomczak

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Mr. Nicholas Chetta, Mr. David Aaron

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Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/
Mk 1:40-45



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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Year of the Mass in our Archdiocese. Its formal title is: A Year of Renewal: Offering a Worthy Sacrifice of Praise. The focus here is on **our** renewal: to refresh our understanding of the Mass, to increase our appreciation of and commitment to Mass, and thus to participate more fully in the Mass each and every time we come together for this central act of our worship. You join in this dialogue at every Mass: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," the priest says; and you respond, "It is right and just." It is, again as we say in our prayers, "our duty and our salvation" to give God thanks for all of the blessings of this life: for God's constant presence and support, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, for family and friends who journey with us, for the example of the Saints and others around us in this "holy Church" who nurture our courage and our perseverance and who are with us to celebrate the small and large joys of life. Yes, it is right to give God thanks and praise.

This Lent, Archbishop Gregory Aymond asks us to join in a single focus and activity to help increase our devotion to Mass. He asks that we read a small book entitled, *The Mass Explained*, and join in small-group discussions to study this book.

Here at St. Angela, we will do this in two ways. I have asked all those who serve in leadership roles in our parish to host a group discussion either in their home or at our parish facilities. Many have agreed to do this. Those hosting groups in their homes are inviting neighbors and friends to join them. Those hosting groups at our parish facilities have told us the days of the week and time of day they are available. (Sessions for youth will be conducted and advertised through our Youth Ministry program.)

This weekend or next, we ask you to sign up for one of the sessions that will be held on campus. Sign-up sheets clearly indicating days of the week and time of day will be on tables in church. Sign up for the one most convenient for you and take one of the books.

The discussion groups will meet once a week for one hour, beginning in the Second Week of Lent. Groups will conclude before Holy Week.

Four hours of your time to increase your love for and commitment to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: that is what we are asking this Lent.

Thanks to all who supported the Super Bowl raffle! Proceeds from that activity totaled \$30,985.91. Most of this will be given to our parish school, in support of the Catholic education and formation of our young people.

Again, we thank Tom and Gayle Benson for the generous donation of the Super Bowl tickets! We see Mr. and Mrs. Benson here at Mass at St. Angela on occasion, so be sure to thank them the next time they have the opportunity to worship with us.

Please go to the this website of our bishops to read more information about the HHS mandate and the "Contact Congress" link to let your voice be heard in defense of our religious liberty: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>.

This can also be accessed through the USCCB home page at www.usccb.org.

Please note that, because of parades in our area and our need to secure the campus and facilities, there will be no Confessions on Saturday, February 11 or Saturday, February 18. Please contact the rectory to make an appointment with Fr. Peter or me for this Sacrament until we resume our regular schedule on February 25.

Fr. Ken

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Part 9

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Communion Rite

To share bread, to share drink, are natural human gestures. They are signs of sharing our lives with others. They are very human and simple ways of opening up ourselves to others, of expressing our need for one another, of showing that we all are to participate in life on earth together. The sharing of a meal is among the most ancient signs of love and friendship.

To share the eucharistic bread, to share the eucharistic cup, are the logical conclusion and climax of our eucharistic celebration. The command of the Lord was to "take and eat" and "take and drink." The eucharist was instituted by Christ to be the spiritual and life-giving food of his people.

In the earliest celebrations of the eucharist the presider, after the people's Amen at the conclusion of the eucharistic prayer, merely had to break the bread, after which the minister and people received the body and blood of the Lord. But the growing desire to express mutual love, unity, and forgiveness as well as to endow this part of the Mass with a more developed ritual structure resulted in the breaking of the bread and the distribution of the eucharist being placed within a rather expanded framework. Today we can distinguish three major steps within the communion rite:

- The Preparation for Communion;
- The Communion itself;
- The Period after Communion.

Rites of Preparation

A number of prayers and actions help to prepare us to share the Lord's body and blood. Serving as a link between the eucharistic prayer and the reception of the eucharist, these rites are intended to stir up our desire for unity, to attune our minds and hearts to the deep meaning and demands of our participation in the eucharistic meal.

Our Father: We begin our preparation with the Our Father, a text common to all Christians, a prayer that asks for daily bread which for us also includes the eucharistic bread. It is also a prayer that requests the forgiveness of sins. The priest then goes on to request the Lord to grant us peace. Everyone joins in the concluding acclamation ("For the kingdom..."), a statement which has long been associated with the Our Father in the history of Christianity. As we prepare ourselves to approach the eucharistic table, our attention is drawn to others and their desire for peace, justice, and love.

Kiss of Peace: This ancient liturgical gesture, brought into more prominence by the recent reform of the Mass, recalls that we are to be a people united with one another in the peace of Christ who is present among us. Our handshake, our embrace, our kiss show our willingness to live in the peace of Christ. By word and action we both find and pray for peace in one another.

Breaking of the Bread: This rite, going back to the Last Supper itself, is the principal action for preparing for communion. So important was this action that in early Christianity the whole eucharistic celebration was known as "the breaking of the bread" (confer Acts 2:32). St. Paul explains the meaning of the gesture:

And is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, many though we are, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

The action therefore is one of unity. Just as the bread has become the body of Christ, so we who share this one bread, whatever be our diversity, become one body in Christ.

For the breaking of the bread to appear as the significant action it is meant to be, the community must use bread that can be broken and shared. Although small breads consecrated at the same celebration may also be used, care is to be taken that at least some of the people receive portions from the large host(s) broken at this time. The routine distribution of eucharistic bread which has been reserved in the tabernacle destroys the unity of the eucharistic action. The flow of the liturgy is one of the people presenting gifts of bread and wine, the priest in the name of all proclaiming a consecratory prayer over these gifts, and the people then receiving back the transformed gifts as the eucharistic body and blood of the Lord.

Accompanying the breaking of the bread is the *Lamb of God*, a litany-song repeated as often as is necessary to fill out the rite. The text recalls that every eucharist is a memorial of the new Pasover, of Christ the Paschal Lamb who brings forgiveness and peace.

Silent Prayer: The celebration now offers each one of us a time for silent preparation. The priest prays quietly with the help of texts found in the sacramentary. We also have time to engage in our own prayer—a time that is not to be supplanted by the presider praying aloud.

Invitation to Communion: A formal invitation to receive the Lord's body and blood has long been traditional in the Church. Our present formula strikes a balance between a worthiness rooted in baptism ("Blessed are those called...") and a humility possessed by the centurion ("Lord, I am not worthy...").

Distribution of the Eucharist

The whole movement of the communion rite till now has been to stress our unity in Christ, since our participation at the Lord's table is not to be one whereby a number of individuals just happen to engage in a similar action at the same time. Rather, the communion is the community's coming forward together to share together in the eucharistic meal. This is a common action of the people, not just a series of individual actions.

An Affirmation of Belief: As a sign of service to one another a minister, saying "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" presents the eucharistic bread and wine to the communicant, who bows his or her head as a sign of reverence. Of special significance is the invitation to receive the Lord's body since this text highlights the importance of the assembled people as the body of Christ. St. Augustine explained the meaning of the phrase:

What is meant by one bread? St. Paul interpreted it briefly: "We, being many, are one body." This bread is the body of Christ, to which the Apostle refers when he addressed the Church: "Now you are the body of Christ and his members." That which you receive, that you yourselves are by the grace of the redemption, as you acknowledge when you respond Amen. What you witness here is the sacrament of unity. (Sermon 272)

What we affirm by our Amen is that we believe that Christ is indeed present in the sacrament, in the community, and in the communicant. This is why the minister of communion does not say "Receive the body of Christ" or "This is the body of Christ."

The Full Sign: The restoration of the cup to all members of the assembly has been one of the most significant liturgical developments within recent years. It is true that the Church has always taught that Christ is received whole and entire even when communion is received under one form only. Nevertheless, Christ did say that we are also to "take and drink." By our sharing in the cup the sign of the meal is more apparent. Receiving from the cup is a sign of the new covenant (Luke 22:20), the guarantee and expectation of the heavenly banquet (Mark 26:29), and the sign of union with Christ who suffered (Mark 10:38-39). Although the minister may dip a portion of the eucharistic bread into the wine (intinction), this form of communion is not generally recommended since the action of "drinking" is lost.

Unity Expressed through Song: As a vocal expression of our unity in Christ, we often sing as we share in the eucharistic meal. By common song we express our joy in Christ, our oneness together, our mutual love. We show that the eucharist is indeed the sacrament of the Church's unity.

Period after Communion

We engage in two actions here: we pray in silence or in song; we join in a formal spoken prayer which brings the communion rite to an end.

Silent Prayer/Song of Praise: As people we need moments when each of us can speak with the Lord in our own way. So much needs to be said and to be heard. We need opportunities to open our heart to Christ and to respond to his presence in our lives. We are afforded such an occasion after the reception of the eucharist in a time for silent prayer. Yet even this has a communal dimension since the unspoken prayer of each of us will be summed up in the concluding prayer which follows.

As an alternative to silent prayer, however, we may sing a hymn of praise or a psalm. And yet adequate time for silent prayer should be provided.

Prayer after Communion: The communion rite comes to a close as the priest gathers up the silent prayer of all as he requests that the effects of the eucharist may take root in the lives. By our Amen we show that this prayer is indeed the prayer of the community.

We have prepared ourselves to celebrate the Mass as a people united in Christ, we have heard the word of Christ proclaimed in our midst, we have celebrated the eucharistic memorial of Christ. It now remains for us to bring our celebration to an end. We will discuss the concluding rite next time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11

8:30a.m. Al Landry

Sunday, February 12

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Horace Bouvier	Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
June W. Calcagno	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Lawrence Chigoy	Harvey Lee Ducote
Emma Jeansonne	John B. Punch and Margaret Punch-Ladner
Michael Neeb	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Patrick Freeman	Hartie and Rose Mae Trosclair
Rosemary Gaudry	Bostwick and Meydrich Families
Alton Landry	Bordelon and Pizzo Families
Special Intention	Lucretia Achary (*)
Patricia Delaney	Lucille Ormond (*)
Jackie Miele	Lee Roy Soignet
8:00a.m.	For the Parish
9:30a.m.	Richard Deas
11:00a.m.	
Alton A. Landry	Nathan Trepagnier
Charles Eck	Rose Mary Canale
David Monroe	Emile A. Schayot, Jr.
Lorraine Keen	Joseph S. Ebbermann
Donna Oddo (*)	Purgatorial List
Richard Lipscomb (*)	

Monday, February 13

6:15a.m. Anne Neider Leach
8:30a.m. Gerard Maxwell

Tuesday, February 14

6:15a.m. Amalia Velasquez
8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Wednesday, February 15

6:15a.m. Ida Cook Ehret
8:30a.m. Al Landry

Thursday, February 16

6:15a.m. Angelina and Russell Talamo
8:30a.m. Kathleen and William Steen (*)

Friday, February 17

6:15a.m. Souls in Purgatory
8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Saturday, February 18

8:30a.m. Al Landry

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ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS



Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

Carter Anthony Zulli

ST. ANGELA MERICI PRAYER GROUP

Please consider this a personal invitation to join the St. Angela Prayer Group. There is something powerful happening here. A group of dedicated women meet here every Wednesday morning in the Conference Room from 9:30-11:30 a.m. We spend time in prayer, general and personal intentions, quiet time for reflection, and song. We have Mass on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. with a visiting priest as celebrant. This month, on February 15th, our celebrant will be Fr. Luis Rodriguez.

This group has been praying together for 40 years, experiencing the love of God, and in His love, sharing the joys and sorrows of life. Many of our prayers have been answered. Make your Wednesdays special. Bring a friend, come and see.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

The bulletin is prepared in advance and is submitted to the publisher on Monday morning. If you would like to include information about your group or organization, it should be submitted 2 weeks prior to the published date. Example: Information to be included in the bulletin of March 4 should be submitted by February 13. The preferred method would be to email the info to the parish secretary, dianne@stangela.org, if this is not possible, you may bring the information to the rectory. If you have any questions, please call Dianne @ 835-0324.

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Lorraine Keen



Flowers at Mary's Shrine This Week
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Blanca Jimenez



CHURCH SUPPORT

February 5

Weekly Collection..... \$16,179.31

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 11

8:00A-3:00P, Play Auditions, gym
1:30-3:30P, CYO Bingo Service Project, Chateau de Notre Dame

Sunday, February 12

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Church
6:30-8:00P, CYO General Meeting, gym

Monday, February 13

3:15-4:15P, G.S. Troop 3 Meeting, Mrs. Toups Classroom
3:30P, Boy's Basketball, gym
7:00P, Co-Op Meeting, gym

Tuesday, February 14

10:00A, Lower Grade Mass, Church
9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
9:30A, Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
10:15A, NAIM Bereavement Meeting, Conference Room
3:30P, Boy's Basketball, gym
6:30P, Men's Basketball, gym
6:30P, Den 7 Tiger Cub Meeting, Board Room
7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, February 15

8:30A, Upper Grade School Mass, Church
9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conference Room
3:15P, Daisy Trp. 450 Meeting, Downstairs Classroom
3:15P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
7:00P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, KC Metro Meeting, gym

Thursday, February 16

3:30P, Boys Basketball, gym
6:30P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, Elliott's Coaches Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, February 17

11:00A, Krewe of SAM Parade, School Yard
11:30A, Early School Dismissal

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Readings for the Week of February 12, 2012

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/
Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/
Mk 2:1-12



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Dear Parishioners,

Have a safe and happy Mardi Gras!

Please remember that we will not celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this weekend so that we can secure the parish campus immediately following 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Also, please keep in mind that there will be no 6:15 a.m. Mass on Monday, Lundi Gras, and no Masses on Mardi Gras Day.

Mardi Gras, of course, is merely a prelude to the serious and more somber season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes are blessed and distributed **during Mass only**, immediately following the homily. In the readings of Ash Wednesday, we hear the call to repentance and conversion of life. We show that we take that call seriously by listening to and reflecting on those readings and responding by coming forward to receive the mark of the season: the Sign of the Cross on our forehead with blessed ashes.

On Ash Wednesday, Masses will be at 6:15 and 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

This is the Year of the Mass in our Archdiocese. Its formal title is: A Year of Renewal: Offering a Worthy Sacrifice of Praise. The focus here is on **our** renewal: to refresh our understanding of the Mass, to increase our appreciation of and commitment to Mass, and thus to participate more fully in the Mass each and every time we come together for this central act of our worship. You join in this dialogue at every Mass: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," the priest says; and you respond, "It is right and just." It is, again as we say in our prayers, "our duty and our salvation" to give God thanks for all of the blessings of this life: for God's constant presence and support, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, for family and friends who journey with us, for the example of the Saints and others around us in this "holy Church" who nurture our courage and our perseverance and who are with us to celebrate the small and large joys of life. Yes, it is right to give God thanks and praise.

This Lent, Archbishop Gregory Aymond asks us to join in a single focus and activity to help increase our devotion to Mass. He asks that we read a small book entitled, *The Mass explained*, and join in small-group discussions to study this book.

Here at St. Angela, we will do this in two ways. I have asked all those who serve in leadership roles in our parish to host a group discussion either in their home or at our parish facilities. Many have agreed to do this. Those hosting groups in their homes are inviting neighbors and friends to join them. Those hosting groups at our parish facilities have told us the days of the week and time of day they are available. (Sessions for youth will be conducted and advertised through our Youth Ministry program.)

This weekend or next, we ask you to sign up for one of the sessions that will be held on campus. Sign-up sheets clearly indicating days of the week and time of day will be on tables in church. Sign up for the one most convenient for you and take one of the books.

The discussion groups will meet once a week for one hour, beginning in the Second Week of Lent. Groups will conclude before Holy Week.

Four hours of your time to increase your love for and commitment to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: that is what we are asking this Lent.

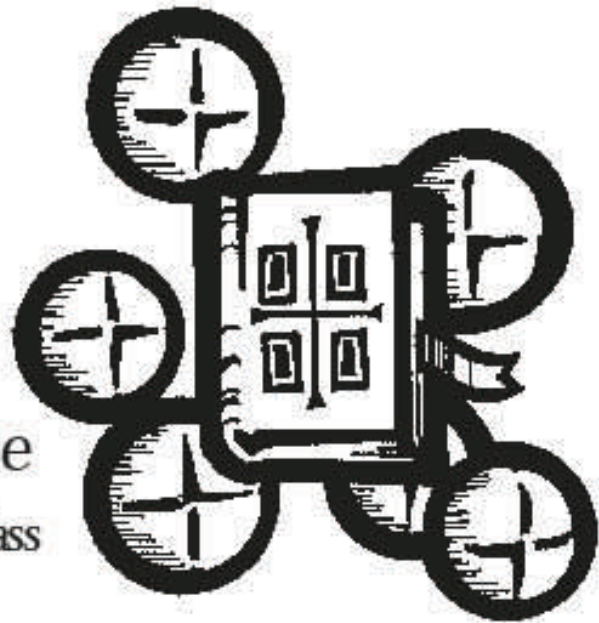
As we have done in the past, we offer you a booklet with daily reflections to guide your private Lenten prayer. Please feel free to pick one up at the door of church this weekend so that you will have it handy to begin your reflections on Ash Wednesday.

We also continue the tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. Stations will be prayed every Friday night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

F. Ken

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 10

The Concluding Rite

Festive occasions rarely come to an abrupt halt. At a Thanksgiving dinner, for example, guests do not complete the meal and then unobtrusively disappear. There are farewell kisses and handshakes, lingering words, and wishes for a safe journey home. There is the anticipation that, God willing, we can gather again for the same purpose next year.

In like manner there is a psychological need to round off our celebration of Mass. This has resulted in the gradual development of what is called the concluding rite. Simple and very brief, this conclusion charges us to go forth as Christ bearers in the world. The principal parts of the rite are the priest's blessing (preceded by the greeting) and the dismissal.

Structure of the Concluding Rite

Should there be any *announcements* they are given at the beginning of the rite. For a long time such notices were appended to the homily. Today they are more logically placed here. Always short and only given when necessary, they often serve as a link to our responsibilities to our brothers and sisters throughout the week. And yet the primary place for giving such information is the parish bulletin.

Greeting: Once again we exchange a greeting with the priest. It is customary that people extend best wishes to one another when they meet and when they depart. As we prepare to leave we again express our faith that the Lord is present among us.

Blessing: The assembly is then blessed by the presider. To bless is a sign of favor, as when Isaac blessed his son Jacob (confer Genesis 27:27-29). To bless a person is an action requesting that God continue to extend his generosity and love upon that person. To bless is a traditional gesture given upon departure: as when Christ, before being taken up into heaven, "with hands upraised, blessed" the apostles (Luke 24:50).

Using one of three types of prayers found in the sacramentary, the presider calls upon the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit to bless us. He invokes the three persons of the Trinity in whose name we also signed ourselves toward the beginning of the celebration. At times we are called upon to "bow our heads" for the blessing. This gesture is one of reverence and respect.

Dismissal: The deacon or the priest then dismisses the assembly. We have come to the official conclusion of our liturgical gathering. At Rome the customary formula was "Ite, missa est," the Latin "missa" being a technical word for "dismissal." So significant was this "sending forth" that by the fourth century the word Mass was applied to the whole celebration. While various formulas are used today, they all call us to go forth doing good works, praising the Lord. We are here entrusted with a mission since the Mass would be unfinished if we did not continue what we have celebrated.

After the dismissal the priest venerates the altar with a kiss. As at the beginning of the celebration, we are reminded that the altar is the symbol of Christ and his members. This gesture is both valedictory and anticipatory. It looks back with fond memory at the eucharist which has just concluded and looks forward to the next occasion when the community will assemble at the table of the Lord.

As the ministers depart in procession from the church we often prolong the festive character of the celebration by common song. We serve others when we stay and participate in the singing till the last word is sung. Perhaps, as an alternative, the choir will sing a selection or an instrument will be played as we leave. Or, on occasion, we might depart in silence. Such variety, corresponding to the mood of the feast or season, is encouraged. We leave the place of our assembly, perhaps to join others in conversation at the church steps, to share coffee and

doughnuts in the hall, yet always to bring Christ with us so that he may be recognized in the world.

Some After-Words

From all reports the recent renewal of the Church's liturgical life has been received with enthusiastic support by the majority of Catholics. For example, an evaluation of the structural elements of the Mass, sponsored by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in 1981-1982 showed that the vast majority of the study's participants were happy with the revisions in the Mass brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

The success of this renewal owes much to the untiring labors of those serving in our parishes. We owe so much to those men and women who contribute their talents as readers, liturgy planners, musicians and other artists, as well as to the many others who serve us when we gather for prayer together at Mass. We are in debt to our bishops and priests who, as presiders, draw us by their warmth and graciousness into our common prayer. We are indebted to our brothers and sisters "in the pews" who by their example encourage and support us as we gather for prayer. To many we owe much.

And yet the task is not finished. There will no doubt be further modifications; new texts will appear; there will be new challenges for us all. Parishes need to continue to improve the quality of their liturgical celebrations. And, in the words of our bishops, all of us need give more of our "energy to an ever greater and more profound participation in the eucharistic mystery" (*The Church at Prayer*, no. 23).

Certainly one area for a more profound participation would concern what is often called the link between "liturgy and life." It is so easy for us to concentrate all our efforts on what takes place within the church building and to avoid the implications of God's work and presence outside that structure. The question of Cain "Am I my brother's keeper?" could never be asked by a Christian who has truly participated in the Mass. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta says it this way:

If we can see Jesus in the appearance of bread, we can see him in the broken bodies of the poor. That is why we need that oneness with Christ, why we need that deep faith in Christ. It is very beautiful. When we have that deepening contact with Christ and can accept him fully, we can touch the broken bodies. We put it into practice right away. You need the poor to touch him. (Quoted by Desmond Doig, *Mother Teresa, Her People and Her Work*. London: Collins, 1976)

The juncture between what we celebrate and our lives before and after the celebration is emphasized in the liturgy itself. Certainly it occurs in the proclamation of the scriptures which again and again call us to the works of justice, love, and peace. And it occurs in the various prayers of the Mass: "May your grace, O Lord, we pray, go before us ... and make us always determined to carry out good works." (Opening Prayer for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time). But at other times as well. Among the gifts brought to the altar are to be those destined "for the poor." The general intercessions are to spur us on to be God's instruments bringing about that for which we pray. The washing of the feet on Holy Thursday evening is a visual reminder that our lives are to be spent in service on behalf of all our brothers and sisters. Christ, after performing this gesture, said that we "also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15)—a command which is so strikingly similar to "do this in memory of me."

The Christ whom we celebrate in the eucharist is the Jesus who so often served the poor, the outcast, those without power and influence. Unless we strive to do likewise it is with peril that we celebrate the eucharist. The self-giving of Jesus which is so central to our eucharistic liturgy demands that we give of ourselves. While not all of us may be called to great undertakings on behalf of peace and justice, there are always places in our own lives, both individually and as a community, where we can make the works of God's Kingdom our own. As Pope John Paul II said when he visited Dublin in 1979:

Our full participation in the eucharist is the real source of the Christian spirit that we wish to see in our personal lives and in all aspects of society. Whether we serve in politics, in the economic, cultural, social, or scientific field—no matter what our occupation is—the eucharist is a challenge to our daily lives.

Responding to this challenge is the meaning of "the Mass is ended."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

8:30a.m. Al Landry

Sunday, February 19

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts	Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families
Frank Barousse	Ventura and Piglia Families
Jennie Lavigne	Lawrence T. Gettys
Horace Bouvier	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Michael Neeb	Emma Jeansonne
Alton Landry	John B. Cressend Family
Rosemary Gaudry	Bostwick and Meydrich Families
Patricia Delaney	Marilyn Ello Flowers
Special Intention	Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Helen Ragas	Bordelon and Pizzo Families
Kay Mule (*)	

8:00a.m. Olga Hassenboehler

9:30a.m. For the Parish

11:00a.m.

Al Landry	Nathan Trepagnier
David Monroe	Irene and Larry Lacrouts
Isabel Stewart	Donna Oddo (*)
Matt Lipscomb (*)	Purgatorial List
Joseph I. Monte, Jr.	Lucille H. and Paul F. Boze

Monday, February 20

8:30a.m. Sara E. Gibbons

Tuesday, February 21

No masses today

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

6:15a.m. Marjorie Curry

8:30a.m. Ethel, L.J. and Kathy Broussard

Noon

Irene Lacrouts	Inez, Lester and Alice Folse
Horace Bouvier	Jeanne and Tom Touns
6:00p.m.	For the Parish

Thursday, February 23

6:15a.m. Antoinette Tauzy

8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Friday, February 24

6:15a.m. Rita Kennedy

8:30a.m. Al Landry

Saturday, February 25

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguillard

(*) denotes living

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS



We remind expectant parents that, to prepare for the Baptism of a baby, the parents must make an appointment with the Deacon **prior to Baptism**. It is recommended that you call **well in advance of the delivery date** to be prepared.

Baptisms in our parish are usually performed on the second Sunday of the month provided the parents have fulfilled the preparation. You may call the parish office for more information (835-0324).

SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Angela Merici Seniors held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 2. The Seniors celebrated Valentine's Day by selecting a King and Queen from the members and also selected a Mardi Gras King and Queen, they then paraded around the center followed by some of the members who were throwing beads. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed a Hot Dog lunch.

The Seniors next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 1, they will attend 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by light refreshments, then attend a Morning of Reflection, with the guest speaker being Sister Nicholas. The monthly meeting will begin at Noon. All Seniors are invited to come.

DAISY TROOP RED BEAN FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, March 4, from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (or earlier if sold out) the Daisy Troop will hold a red bean dinner fundraiser in the Kern Center. Dinners are \$5 each and will include salad and bread. Drinks and baked goods will be available for an additional cost.

REMINDER

Please note, there will be no Confessions on Saturday, February 18. If necessary, you may call the rectory to schedule an appointment with either Fr. Ken or Fr. Peter.

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
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Irene Lacrouts



CHURCH SUPPORT

February 12

Weekly Collection	\$15,092.70
Catholic Charities	\$4,034.07



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Joseph Davenport, Jr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn her.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, February 18.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 3 will clean linens on Saturday, February 18.

CALENDAR

Monday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Mass only

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SCHOOL CLOSED THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 21 Mardi Gras

No Masses

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

Masses: 6:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Noon and

6:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

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7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

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Mk 2:1-12

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure you're familiar with the saying "all good things must come to an end". Well, I just want to take this opportunity to inform you that I will be leaving St. Angela Merici on April 15th. After much prayer and discernment, I believe that God is calling me to begin a new chapter in my life. I will be returning home to the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania to continue my priestly ministry.

It's been a long time since I've lived in Pennsylvania, and I miss my family very much. Upon recent visits home, it's become increasingly clear that seeing them for only 2-3 weeks a year is simply not enough time. As we are all getting older, I realize that I need them and they need me. During my time of discernment, I found it rather sad that I have great-nieces and nephews that I don't even know and vice-versa. While I was home for Christmas I spoke with Bishop Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and asked him if he would allow me to serve the Diocese of Scranton. I received a letter from Scranton welcoming me home to serve. While I'm happy and excited about returning home, I admit that there are also a few fears that go along with it...i.e. SNOW.

I was ordained for the Archdiocese of New Orleans on June 4th, 2005, and yet, this has been my home for almost 14 years when I first began my studies at Notre Dame Seminary. I love this archdiocese, its wonderful people, and unique and fun culture. It has been a good fit for me...a fruitful and life-giving fit. Leaving here will not be easy!! Most especially, I feel so incredibly blessed to have served here at St. Angela for almost three years. Coming to this parish has been a dream come true in so many ways. You were so welcoming to me when I arrived here and have been so supportive to me in my ministry. I am so grateful to you all for that! Also, working and sharing a house with Fr. Ken has been a true joy. His collaborative leadership style and love of liturgy has been and will continue to be a great source of inspiration to me in my ministry and future ministry. I have learned so much from him. Also, I'll miss his quick wit and sense of humor. Needless to say, during my time here, we've laughed a lot.

I have been so blessed to work with an incredible and gifted staff in both the parish office and our school. Their dedication to St. Angela Merici and their love of this parish is unparalleled. And you, my dear friends...I really can't describe in words how very much I will miss you. You have brought immense joy to my life...and some challenges. But it has been an honor to have served you and for us to walk TOGETHER...to learn and to grow TOGETHER!! It's a priceless gift. Thank-you!!!

You have so much to be proud of as parishioners of such a vibrant and life-giving parish. I see the deep love you have for the community you have built and continue to build. I've come to see that when the parishioners of St. Angela come together, put aside differences, and make the resolve to work as a unified body, great things happen and hopes and dreams for the future come to fruition. Even though I will be returning to my home diocese, I will continue to be a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans indefinitely. If it is God's will, then at some point in the future, I will be incardinated into the Diocese of Scranton, PA. Well, my friends, I look at it this way...now I have a great place to come for vacation! The archdiocese will always be my home. I'm really blessed to have two homes! I look forward to seeing you in the future during my visits to my New Orleans home!!

I was informed that there will be a going-away party on Saturday, April 14th in the Kern Center following the 4:00p.m. Mass. I look forward to seeing you there (and many times before then)!!

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Now to some other stuff: Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening! May they always remain close to God through the power of the Holy Spirit as their faith journey continues.

Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in church during Lent, beginning on Friday, February 24th.

There is still time to sign up for the discussion groups on the book, "The Mass Explained". Please sign up in church soon.

As we begin our Lenten journey together, may we strive to grow closer to the Lord as we prayerfully consider all that God has done for us to bring us new life in the risen and crucified Christ.

L. Peter

St. Angela Merici C.Y.O. Troops Drive

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Msgr. Kern Center (corner of Pomona and Beverly Garden Drive.)

Suggested items to donate for Troops:

Razors, **not** single blade generic

Stationery, pens, stamps

Hand sanitizer, Small sizes

Wipes, small packages

Small games (such as Uno, Yahtzee, Phase 10)

Playing cards

Hard candy, wrapped candy

Sudoku, Word Search and Crossword Puzzle books

Licorice, gum, mints

Snacks, chips, pretzels

Small drink mix packets (Kool-aid, Crystal Lite) that can be added to bottled water

Homemade baked goods. (packed in ziplock bags and gladware type containers)

Hand written personal notes of encouragement

Nola, fleur de lis, Saints, LSU etc. type items

Suggested items to donate for Operation Outreach:

Pens, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, school scissors

Small notebooks, children's books, glue sticks, small rulers, paper

Small backpacks, games, small toys, 2 gallon plastic freezer bags

Please keep in mind that all items must be able to fit into a 12x12x6 carton.

Other ways to help:

Donate cash or checks for postage. Each package ships for \$12.95

Donate packing tape

Submit names of service members to whom you would like us to ship a care package to samcyo@cox.net or drop off information at the parish or school office

If you are unable to attend but wish to donate you may call the office at 835-0324 or contact Diane Kratochvil at 832-0486, 495-4335 or samcyo@cox.net



Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

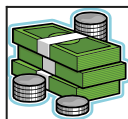
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Adelyn Marie Kalland
Michael Vincent Long
Gianna Dorothy Mackey
Vladimir Ivan Petrocy
Amelia Marie Quatrevingt
Caroline Mary-Diane Sander

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR THOSE IN 10TH GRADE NOW!

Your first preparation classes are on Sunday, March 25 from 4-6 pm and Sunday, April 22 from 4-6 pm. One more class will be scheduled in the fall as well as your retreat day. Please register and put these dates on your calendar now. To register send your name, address, phone #,s, email address, And school you attend to pderise@stangela.org.

MORNING OF REFLECTION

St. Angela Senior Citizen Group is sponsoring a morning of reflection on March 1st beginning with 8:30 mass and continuing until 11:15 in Church. Coffee and donuts will be offered after Mass. *ALL ARE WELCOME.*



A REMINDER

Direct debit is an available option for your church support contributions to St. Angela. You can save time writing checks, and save postage if you have been mailing in your contributions. You also can choose the day of the month when you want the transaction to take place.

Call Jackie at the rectory—835-0324—for more information or to obtain an authorization form to begin direct debit.

CATHOLIC WEB SITES

Papal Encyclicals

www.papalencyclicals.net

Right to Life

www.nrlc.org

www.catholicfirst.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This group takes care of the needs of the poor of St. Angela Merici Parish. At Thanksgiving, boxes of groceries and gift certificates are distributed to the needy (both in and out of our church parish). Throughout the year, parishioners who are in need may receive food and medicine and a referral to Ozanam Inn for clothing, furnishings, etc. At Christmas time, take-out dinners prepared by our Mens Club, are distributed by Vincentians, to the needy of our Parish. If you have time on your hands and would like to become involved you may call the rectory at 835-0324. Thank you for continuing to contribute food to the food bins and money in the envelopes located in the rear of the Church.

CYO NEWS

At our February meeting we made Bag Lunches for the homeless. We included peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chips, and candy. We had quite an assembly line and made 175 lunches. They were taken to Sr. Vera at the mission at St. Joseph's Church on Tulane.

We also made plans for our late night trip to Laser Tag on February 25th and Abbey Youth Fest on March 10th. At our March 11th meeting we will hold a Plan-a-thon to brainstorm ideas for possible off campus outings, service projects, and meeting ideas for the coming months.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting! For more information contact Diane Kratochvil at cyo@stangela.org.

CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

On Saturday mornings after 8:30 a.m. Mass, SALA's Church Housekeeping Committee cleans the Church. A team serves once every 5 weeks and takes only 30-40 minutes. If you feel called to join this ministry, please call Sylvia at 834-9763 to volunteer.



PARISH FISH FRY

Make your plans to attend the St. Angela Lenten Fish Fries to be held on March 2nd & 23rd. To avoid the ticket line at the Fish Fry, advanced ticket sales will be available at the rectory and the school office during the week of February 27th. Pre-ordered tickets are not refundable. Come and enjoy the fellowship and the delicious fish prepared by our famous SAMA Kitchen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguiard

Sunday, February 26

4:00p.m. Vigil

Betty Bostwick	Irene B. Lacrouts
Annie Saladino	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Emma Jeansonne	June W. Calcagno
Michael Neeb	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Helen Ragas	Harvey Lee Ducote
Alton Landry	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Patricia Landry	Bostwick and Meydrich Families
Patrick Freeman	Bordelon and Pizzo Families
Jackie Miele	Robert K. Gallmann, Sr.
Coralia R. Lopez	Rose Cardaronella
Horace Bouvier	Connie Dumun Weisdorffer
Patricia Delaney	Joseph E. and Lillie B. Sevin
Kay Mule (*)	John J. Hazard, III
Vera Pfaff	Daniel and Catherine Kane
8:00a.m.	Zito, Vitrano and Cavalier Families
9:30a.m.	Bernadette Stassi
11:00a.m.	
Nathan Trepagnier	Alice and Sidney Serio
Frank Barousse	Wayne Pietrie (*)
Al Landry	Purgatorial List
Dave Monroe	Charles G. Hassinger, Sr.
For the Parish	

Monday, February 27

6:15a.m. Edward J. Barry
8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Tuesday, February 28

6:15a.m. Cassandra Jean Laurent
8:30a.m. Cecila B. and Victor Hoffman

Wednesday, February 29

6:15a.m. Mary Noone
8:30a.m. Stephen Schneller

Thursday, March 1

6:15a.m. Fritz Cassidy
8:30a.m. Al Landry

Friday, March 2

6:15a.m. Rev. Wilfred Meridier
8:30a.m. Jeanne and Tom Toups

Saturday, March 3

8:30a.m. Al Landry

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SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean the church on Saturday, February 25.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 4 will clean linens on Saturday, February 25.

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 25

CYO Laser Tag, off campus

Sunday, February 26

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal
Rite of Election

Monday, February 27

6:30 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym
7:00 p.m., SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 a.m.-Noon, New Student Registration, Grades K-7, Conference Room
9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
9:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Rm.
7:00 p.m., School Board Mtg, Conference Rm
7-8:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, February 29

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
10:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Daisy Trp. 450 Cookie Distribution, Religious Ed. Library
3:15-4:30 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Education Library
7:00 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7-8:00 p.m., Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Rm

Thursday, March 1

9:30-11:00 a.m., Seniors Morning of Reflection, immediately following 8:30 a.m. Mass, group will meet in Conference Room for refreshments then proceed to Church for presentation.

Friday, March 2

2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church
3:15 p.m., Daisy Trp. 450 Meeting, Downstairs Classroom
5:30 p.m., Fish Fry, Msgr. Kern Center
7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Francis Di Marco

who died recently, and for those who mourn him.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Horace Bouvier





After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2012

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop Gregory Aymond had a special letter for all Catholics of the Archdiocese that we read at our Masses on Ash Wednesday. That letter is reproduced again in this issue of our bulletin in case you were not at Mass that day.

I hope that each parishioner will accept the Archbishop's challenge to fast one day a week as a special act of prayer and penance for peace in our local community.

Your interest in participating in our Lenten discussion groups on the Mass is outstanding! Thus far, we have parishioners planning to participate in 16 groups in homes and another 9 groups that will meet here on our parish campus.

Because those groups are all filled up (!), we have added six more groups. Please take a moment to check the sign-up sheets on the tables in church and see if there is a group in which you can participate.

The groups begin **this week!** Before attending your group discussion, please make sure that you read pages 7-34.

Attention, men of the parish! The Archdiocese is sponsoring the 17th Morning of Spirituality for Men on Saturday, March 10 at St. Rita Church in New Orleans, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The theme this year is, "Called to be Saints," and featured speakers are Terry Malone, New Orleans Saints Tight Ends Coach, and Joe Lombardi, Saints Quarterback Coach. The morning includes time for the Sacrament of Penance and Mass with retired Archbishop Alfred Hughes as the celebrant and Father Jeff Harvey, C.M. as homilist. There is no charge for this event. Coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 8:15 a.m.

We certainly encourage men of the parish to participate in this opportunity for prayer and reflection.

The CYO-Youth Ministry Office of the Archdiocese is making a special effort to expand its services to "young Catholics," ages 18-39. There is a survey that the Office invites young people to complete online, so that the office can get input on how to serve this group in our community better. If you are between the ages of 18 and 39, please take a moment to look at the survey at www.yamarchno.org/survey.

The Office of Worship of the Archdiocese (my Office!) has finalized Spring dates for basic formation sessions for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you might be interested in learning more about one of these ministries and becoming either a Reader or Communion Minister (either in church at Mass or to the homebound), please contact me or Fr. Peter for an interview. We are especially in need of Ministers to the homebound.

Please remember that Stations of the Cross are prayed each Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in church.

Finally, please keep in your prayers during Lent Brent Mathews and Cathy Laguaité, who have both been journeying in our parish RCIA process since the Fall and who are now preparing to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church at Easter by making their profession of faith and sharing in the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. We look forward to having them as members of our Church and our parish community!

Oops, I forgot two important dates, and so please join me in offering belated Happy Birthday greetings to Sr. Paula, whose birthday was Saturday, February 25, and to Father Peter, who will celebrate his birthday on Friday, March 2.

Fr. Ken



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NOTE

THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS TO BE READ AT ALL MASSES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE LETTER IS TO BE PLACED IN ALL PARISH BULLETINS THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 26TH.
THANK YOU.

February 13, 2012

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As we begin this Lenten season, I extend to you my greetings and prayers for a blessed 40 days as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

Traditionally, Lent is a time when we embrace prayer, fasting and sacrifice in order that we may undergo the conversion and change of heart to which God calls us. In so doing we are drawn closer to Jesus Christ and share his life more fully. These 40 days are sacred.

In recent years, it seems that prayer and sacrifice have remained a part of the Lenten observance for many people. However, fasting does not seem to be widely practiced today.

May I remind all of us of the Church's teachings that we are to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Furthermore, we are to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, which is no real sacrifice for us in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The Lenten guidelines for fasting and abstinence can be found in your parish bulletin and in the *Clarion Herald*.

However, I am inviting us as disciples of Jesus to do more. I am asking you to join me in choosing 1 day a week for the 6 weeks of Lent to fast and pray for the New Battle of New Orleans. Jesus says that some evils can be driven out only "by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:21)

Please consider fasting 1 day a week for the cause of peace in our archdiocese, specifically that violence, murder and racism will end. With God's help we can be victorious in this New Battle of New Orleans. I am also requesting that "Our Family Prayer," now used on Sunday, be prayed at every Mass during Lent. Please join me in fighting this battle through prayer and fasting. May your Lenten journey be blessed. May you and I experience the conversion and change of heart God is calling us to embrace personally and for all those in the Archdiocese of New Orleans affected by violence.

Wishing you God's blessings, and the assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 3

8:30a.m. Al Landry

Sunday, March 4

4:00p.m. Vigil

Brian Leonard	Ventura and Piglia Families
Irene Lacrouts	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Lawrence Chigoy	Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Robert Spragins	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Horace Bouvier	John B. Cressend Family
Michael Neeb	Joe and Eunice Muniz
Janice Ritchie	Bostwick and Meydrich Families
Roy Billings	Bordelon and Pizzo Families
Lloyd Landry	Louis Adam Scaruffi
Patricia Delaney	Dr. A.G. Wiedemann

Helen Ragas

8:00a.m. Dorothy Watson

9:30a.m. For the Parish

11:00a.m.

Al Landry	Nathan Trepagnier
Anna M. Wood	Rosemary Canale
Elizabeth Wood	Benjamin Wood
David Monroe	Lola Sinnott (*)
Don Maheu	James F. Peifer and Family
Joey Sansovich	John J. Hazard, III
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sahuque	and Family

Monday, March 5

6:15a.m. Mary Ann Galioto Ciravolo

8:30a.m. Purgatorial List

Tuesday, March 6

6:15a.m. Ida Cook Ehret

8:30a.m. Barreca and Kaiser Families

Wednesday, March 7

6:15a.m. Fritz Cassidy

8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Thursday, March 8

6:15a.m. Rev. Wilfred Meridier

8:30a.m. Al Landry

Friday, March 9

6:15a.m. Vic Pizzolato, Sr.

8:30a.m. George C. Ehret

Saturday, March 10

8:30a.m. Todd Dash

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SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, March 4.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 1 will clean linens on Saturday, March 4.

CHURCH SUPPORT

February 19

Weekly Collection\$10,087.78

February 26.....\$11,351.00

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 3

2-4:00 p.m., CYO Troops Drive, gym

Sunday, March 4

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal

6-7:30 p.m., CYO Officer's Meeting, Conference Room

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Girl Scout Red Bean Dinner, gym

Monday, March 5

6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

8:00p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., K.C. Officer's Meeting, Conference Room

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Religious Ed. Lib.

7:00 p.m., Youth Discussion on the Mass, Work Room

Tuesday, March 6

9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Education Library

9:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

1:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

2:30 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

3:10 p.m., Girl Scout Trp. 561 Meeting, Mrs. Dee's Room

6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Religious Ed. Lib.

Wednesday, March 7

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

10:00A, Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

12:30 p.m., CYO Adult Advisory Board Meeting, Conference Room

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

4:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Religious Ed. Lib.

6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Education Library

7:00 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Rm.

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Religious Ed. Lib.

Thursday, March 8

9:00 a.m., Discussion on the Mass, Church

1:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Religious Ed. Lib.

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Religious Ed. Lib.

7:00 p.m., Discussion on the Mass, Work Room

Friday, March 9

2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

3:00 p.m., Girl Scout Trp. 280 Meeting, Mrs. Lalla's Room

6-9:00 p.m., Space Camp, gym

7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Lawrence Chigoy





Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Dr. A. G. Wiedemann

who died recently, and for those who mourn him.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN

The next Morning of Spirituality for Men will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Rita Catholic Church, located at 2729 Lowerline St. in New Orleans.

The theme for our 17th Men's Morning of Spirituality is "Called to be Saints" and our speakers will discuss how they, as Catholic men, balance their faith, their families, and their work. Our speakers, Terry Malone and Joe Lombardi have a lot of experience in these areas. Terry Malone, is the Tight Ends Coach for our New Orleans Saints and is married with four children. Joe Lombardi, is the Saints' Quarterbacks Coach and is married with six children. Both of these men are parishioners of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Covington.

As always, in addition to the presentations, the day will include prayer, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Archbishop Emeritus Alfred C. Hughes will celebrate the Mass and Fr. Jeff Harvey, C.M. will be the homilist. Please come and encourage someone to come with you.



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SCRIPTURE STUDY

Every Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:45 a.m., the Scripture Study group meets in the Religious Education Library. Old and New Testament passages are read while commentaries are given. The group studies the current Mass readings for the following Sunday Mass to better understand and apply the Scripture more fully in our lives.

Last year we studied Genesis with great interest and the Letters of James, Peter, John and Jude. Next we studied some of the Minor Prophets—Joel, Obadiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi and Jonah.

Currently we are reading the Proverbs. The leader uses the Collegeville Bible commentary.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR THOSE IN 10TH GRADE NOW!

Your first preparation classes are on Sunday, March 25 from 4-6 pm and Sunday, April 22 from 4-6 pm. One more class will be scheduled in the fall as well as your retreat day. Please register and put these dates on your calendar now. To register send your name, address, phone #,s, email address, And school you attend to pderise@stangela.org.

SALA

SALA recently held its February meeting. President Elaine Ridgley thanked all who participated in the January ministries and reminded us to bring in Mardi Gras beads for recycling as our February ministry. Also all members will sit together at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday. Member Claudette Craven is in charge of the upcoming 50th parish celebration and said that Patricia Wrubleski is our SALA liaison. June Prados then highlighted some of her activities for the parish. Besides hosting a bible class every Tuesday and handing out living Faith booklets, she calls on SALA members when help is needed for special parish or rectory functions. The meeting ended with a prayer followed by a spirited game of bonco and refreshments. . The next meeting is March 13th . Deacon Gil Schmidt will be our guest speaker. Also, we will learn more about the field trip to Fr. Seelos' shrine and lunch at Dookie Chase.

**MANY THANKS
TO OUR ADVERTISERS**



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2012

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YOUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

One of the AC compressors in the units that service the Msgr. Kern Center went out last week. The unit is no longer under warranty. Replacement cost is \$10,000.00! This is an unexpected and therefore unbudgeted expense for our parish. Also, because our weekly collections have been lower than budgeted, we do not have the funds on hand for replacing this unit. We therefore ask all parishioners to consider, at least between now and Easter, increasing in a sacrificial way, your weekly financial offering to the parish so that we can completely cover the cost of this repair. We have come together before very successfully in this way and hope that each of you will consider once again an increased offering. We thank you for your support!

Sara Aucoin
Deacon Nick Chetta

Marilyn Berni
Larry DeBlieux, Chairman

Eric Broadbridge
Ferd Schaff

Dear Parishioners,

I thank our Finance Council members for taking leadership in challenging you to help us meet this unexpected expense. You know how important the Center is to all of us. It is the most used building on campus, serving all our parish organizations and ministries, and even our larger community for special meetings. Please do all you can to help us come up, as quickly as possible, with the funds we need to keep the Center serving all of us as optimally as we need it to!

Please remember that we continue to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday night of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Also, I hope that you are accepting the challenge of the Archbishop to fast one day each week during Lent as we offer this special form of prayer and sacrifice for peace in our community. The continuing acts of violence and the injuries and deaths of innocent people prove to us how much we need to increase our every effort to be peacemakers.

Our Lenten discussion groups continue this week. Having read and discussed the origins of Mass and the ways in which we are invited to participate in body, in mind and in spirit, our discussion groups move on to reflect on the parts of the Mass, as we explore this week the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. Before you come to your group discussion this week, please make sure to read pages 37-73 in the book, *The Mass Explained*.

I hope that you are also keeping in your Lenten prayers all of the people, especially the two adults of our community, who are nearing the completion of their journey into the Catholic Church and who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

In my ministry as Director of the Office of Worship, I served as a master of ceremonies at the two liturgies at which Archbishop Gregory Aymond had the opportunity to greet all of those folks in our Archdiocese who are now members of the Elect (preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil) and the candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Church (already Baptized in another Christian faith, but who will make a Profession of Faith and share in Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter). Their eagerness to be one with us was tangible as they gathered at ceremonies at St. Louis Cathedral and St. Peter Church in Covington. It is wonderful to see people eager to be one with us in faith and in service!

Right here in our own parish, as we approach the Easter Season, the young people in the Second Grade of our school and our CCD program are preparing as well, as they look forward to their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 20th. Their immediate preparation is gearing up as their parents come together this week for the Parent Meeting for First Communion. At this meeting, they learn how they take leadership in preparing their daughters and sons for this important step in their journey of faith. Let us support these parents and their children with our prayers!

You all know that Father Peter will be leaving our parish the Sunday after Easter to return to his home diocese in Scranton, PA. Please mark your calendar: we will have a farewell reception for him on Saturday, April 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Of course, I'll be reminding you of that date again!

Many have been asking whether another priest will be assigned to our parish after Father Peter leaves. I certainly expect so (!), but I know that this will not happen until all the new assignments begin in July. Until then, I need to rely on your patience and understanding as I continue to serve as your Pastor and as Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese.

We will be making some adjustments to our weekday Mass schedule, and I will announce those changes as the date draws nearer.

F. Kern



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Sweeping HHS Mandate Stands, Violating Conscience Rights and Religious Liberty Congress Must Act to Fix the Problem

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The exemption provided for "religious employers" was so narrow that it failed to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations—including Catholic hospitals, universities, and charities—that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus and his disciples would have qualified for the exemption, because it excludes those who mainly serve people of another faith.

On February 10, the Obama Administration made this rule final "without change"; delayed enforcement for a year against religious nonprofits that were still not exempted (our charities, hospitals, and colleges); and promised to develop more regulations to "accommodate" them by the end of that additional year. But, as explained below, that promised "accommodation" still forces them to pay for "services" that violate their religious convictions.

The original rule that violated our religious liberty so severely has not been changed, but finalized.

After touting meaningful changes in the mandate, HHS instead finalized the original rule that was first issued in August 2011 "without change." So the offensive definition of "religious employer"—which excludes our charities, hospitals, and colleges because they serve people of other faiths—is still in place, and those institutions are still subject to the mandate.

HHS has promised some kind of "accommodation," but only after the election.

HHS said it would take an additional year to develop more regulations to "accommodate" religiously-affiliated charities, schools, and hospitals that still fall outside the "religious employer" exemption. The impact of these additional rules will not be felt until after the election, the only point of public accountability for the Executive Branch. This eliminates an important incentive for HHS to provide the best protection for religious liberty.

The promised "accommodation"—even at its best—would still force our institutions to violate their beliefs.

Under the proposed "accommodation," if an employee of these religious institutions wants coverage of contraception or sterilization directly from the insurer, the objecting employer is still forced to pay for it as a part of the employer's insurance plan. Since there is no other source, the funds to pay for that coverage must come from the premiums of the employer and fellow employees, even those who object in conscience.

There is no exemption for objecting insurers, secular employers, for-profit religious employers, or individuals.

The U.S. bishops defend religious liberty for all, and so have repeatedly identified all the stakeholders in the process whose religious freedom is threatened by the mandate—all employers, insurers, and individuals, not just religious employers. Now, all insurers, including self-insurers, must provide the coverage to any employee who wants it. In turn, all individuals who pay premiums have no escape from subsidizing that coverage. And only employers that are both non-profit and religious may qualify for the limited "accommodation."

We urgently need legislation to correct the mandate's threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the market for health insurance "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

ACTION: Contact your U.S. Representative by e-mail, phone, or FAX letter:

- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Send your email to Congress through www.usccb.org/conscience.
- Additional contact info can be found on Members' web sites at: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE: "Please co-sponsor and support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). The Obama administration's decision to mandate coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected."

WHEN: Now is the time to build co-sponsors and support. Please act today! Thanks!



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Urgent Memorandum

Date: February 15, 2012

From: Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Office of the Secretary of Communications

To: Pastors, Diocesan Pro-Life Directors, Diocesan Social Development Directors, Diocesan Communications Directors, State Catholic Conference Directors

Re: URGENT: USCCB Bulletin Insert on HHS Mandates:

**Sweeping HHS Mandate Stands, Violating Conscience Rights and Religious Liberty
Congress Must Act to Fix the Problem**

For many years, the U.S. bishops have supported access to life-affirming health care for all. During the health care reform debate in Congress you received a number of urgent USCCB memoranda calling for health care legislation that would advance the goal of truly universal, life-affirming health care: upholding longstanding federal policies against abortion funding, protecting rights of conscience, and not leaving immigrants worse off.

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The rule exempted "religious employers," but excluded those that served or employed people who were not members of their religious community. This was so narrow that it failed to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations, including Catholic hospitals, universities, and service organizations that help millions every year.

After hearing an outcry from many groups, on February 10, the Obama Administration issued a final rule that kept the same broad mandate, and same narrow exception, in place "without change." In addition, the Administration gave some religious non-profits an extra year to comply, and promised to issue more rules that "accommodate" them. But even under this future "accommodation," our charities, hospitals and colleges will still be treated as second-class-citizens of our religious community, and still be forced to pay for coverage that violates their religious convictions. This is unacceptable.

We urgently need legislation to correct the mandate's threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the market for health insurance "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

To mobilize Catholics to contact Congress, the USCCB is offering the attached urgent bulletin insert. As with our past health care reform efforts, please share this bulletin insert with your parishes and Catholic organizations and agencies as quickly as possible. Even if legislation should change, the action site noted on the Bulletin Insert can change quickly.

More information can be found at www.usccb.org/conscience. Thank you for your urgent actions and prayers on behalf of this nationwide effort!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 10

8:30a.m. Todd Dash

Sunday, March 11

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts	Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
Frank Barousse	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Brendon Milligan	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Thomas Milligan	The Maxwell Family (*)
Horace Bouvier	Lorraine L. Keen
Michael Neeb	Carl J. Giffin
Patrick Freeman	John J. Hazard, III
Patricia Delaney	Dr. A. G. Wiedemann
Al Landry	Helen Ragas
Jackie Miele	Harvey Lee Ducote
8:00a.m.	For the Parish
9:30a.m.	Richard Deas
11:00a.m.	
Richard Deas	Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Al Landry	Emile A. Schayot, Jr.
David Monroe	Joseph S. Ebbermann
Jane Ragas	Lucille H. and Paul F. Boze
Nathan Trepagnier	James F. Peifer and Family
Frank Di Marco	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sahuque	and Family

Monday, March 12

6:15a.m. Frank Di Marco
8:30a.m. Purgatorial List

Tuesday, March 13

6:15a.m. Special Intention
8:30a.m. Anna Mae Mc Kay Simons

Wednesday, March 14

6:15a.m. Arnulfo Jimenez
8:30a.m. Claire Lajaunie

Thursday, March 15

6:15a.m. Souls in Purgatory
8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, March 16

6:15a.m. Fritz Cassidy
8:30a.m. Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families

Saturday, March 17

8:30a.m. Hunley, Loeb and Schnabel Families

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CHURCH SUPPORT

March 4

Weekly Collection	\$17,395.95
Central and Eastern Europe Collection	\$2,174.19

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL FOR MARRIED COUPLES

All Married Couples are invited to a Wine and Cheese Social on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Our guest speakers will be Terry and Dottie Maneiri. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Please call the rectory to RSVP before April 17th. For more information, please call Janice Wolff at (504) 831-1025.

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 10

9:00 a.m., Building Committee Walk Thru
9:00 a.m., Abbey Youth Fest, Covington
9:15 a.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

Sunday, March 11

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal
6:30-8:00 p.m., CYO General Meeting, gym

Monday, March 12

3:15 p.m., G.S. Trp. 3 Mtg., Mrs. Toups' Classroom
6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym
7:00 p.m., Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Youth, Conf. Rm.
7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room and Rel. Ed. Lib.
7:00 p.m., Youth Mass Discussion, Work Room
8:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

Tuesday, March 13

9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Education Library
9:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
9:30 a.m., School Penance Service, Church
10:15 a.m., NAIM Bereavement Meeting, Conference Room
1:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room
2:30 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room
6:30 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00 p.m., SALA Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center
7:00 p.m., Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room and Rel. Ed. Lib.

Wednesday, March 14

9:00 a.m., School Penance Service, Church
9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
10:00 a.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room
1:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room
3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
4:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library
4:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, Board Room
5:30 p.m., Liturgy Meeting, Religious Education Library
7:00 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting, gym
7:00 p.m., RCIA, Sr. Paula's Office
7:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room and Religious Ed. Lib.

Thursday, March 15

9:00 a.m., Mass Discussion, Church
1:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library
7:00 p.m., K.C. Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library
7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room
7:30 p.m., Jefferson Community Band Concert, Msgr. Kern Center

Friday, March 16

11:30 a.m., Early School Dismissal
6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym
7:00 p.m., Stations, Church



CONCERT

Mark the date, Thursday, March 15, and join us in the Kern Center as we welcome back to St. Angela the Jefferson Community Band.

This group always presents a variety of music that is enjoyed by all. Be there!!!

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Lorraine Keen



SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, March 10.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 6 will clean linens on Saturday, March 10.

SALA

The SALA Meeting date is moved to Tuesday March 13, 2012 at 7:00p.m. in the Kern Center. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. Deacon Gil Schmidt will give a Lenten reflection to inspire us to complete our Lenten journey. Refreshments will be served. Please come and BRING A FRIEND!

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Readings for the Week of March 11, 2012

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Some reminders about this Lenten Season:

We continue to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday night of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond has asked all Catholics of the Archdiocese, in addition to praying at every Mass our "Family Prayer" for an end to violence, prejudice and racism in our community, also to fast one day each week during Lent as a special form of prayer for this important intention.

We also continue to hold up in prayer those preparing for the Easter Sacraments. Here in our parish, we have two adults who are preparing to join us in the Catholic Church from other Christian traditions. They will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday. One adult in our parish will be sharing in the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the Easter Season, going to the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. The young people of our Second Grade will make their First Holy Communion at a special Mass at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20.

The more we understand what we do at Mass and why we do it, the more we can fully enter into this Sacrifice of Praise and the more that participation will enrich us and those with whom we worship. This week, our discussion groups will focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites of Mass. Before you attend this week's discussion groups, please read pages 75-113 in *The Mass Explained*.

The Season of Lent, of course, comes to its culmination and finds its fulfillment in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. I therefore encourage all to consider participating in the very beautiful and inspiring liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

On Holy Thursday, we recall the Lord's last Supper, at which we believe Christ himself instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the priesthood. The ceremony within this Mass of the Washing of the Feet, reminds us of the servant-leadership our priests are to offer to those entrusted to their care and the sacrificial service of Christ we are all to emulate. This Solemn Mass begins Holy Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. In that night of his own life, Jesus asked his disciples, "Can you not watch and pray with me for at least one hour?" We hear that challenge and respond, "Yes, we can and we will!" as we continue after Mass in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 p.m. I am sad to say that we never have a very good participation in this time of quiet prayer, and I hope that can change this year.

On Good Friday, we commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death in the Solemn Liturgy that begins at 3:00 p.m. This Liturgy includes the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord from St. John's gospel, the veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. It is very strange to me that Good Friday has become the day for a crawfish party and little more for many people. I'm not opposed to eating crawfish, but this is a day of fasting for all Catholics as we *choose* to sacrifice with the Lord as a sign of our abiding gratitude for his sacrificial death for our salvation. The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death begins at 3:00 p.m. The traditional devotion of the Way of the Cross is also prayed on Good Friday, and this begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil, the most special liturgy of the year for us as Catholics, begins in the dark of Holy Saturday night. It is a vigil spent in contemplation of the darkness of the tomb, but a darkness shattered by the light of a new fire and the carrying into church the newly-lit Paschal Candles. "Light of Christ," we proclaim in song, responding, "Thanks be to God." Thanks are due, indeed, for the new life that Christ has brought: the victory over sin that Christ has won, not for himself, but for us.

In the readings of the Easter Vigil, we trace the history of salvation. We renew our Baptismal Promises and are sprinkled with holy water, washed clean of sin and defilement and now members of Christ's new creation.

Yes, the Easter Vigil lasts a bit longer than a regular Sunday Mass, but it is time well spent as we enter into the mystery of salvation.

The Easter Vigil begins Holy Saturday night at 8:00 p.m.

F. Ken



BISHOP L. ABEL CAILLOUET
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9007
901 BEVERLY GARDENS DRIVE, METAIRIE, LA 70002

This is an open invitation to the men of Saint Angela Merici Parish to join the Knights of Columbus. Here at Saint Angela Merici we have a Council that is very active in the Parish. Following is a history of the Knights.

GROWTH OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On October 2, 1881, a group of men met in the basement of Saint Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith. These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. (One Hundred Thirty years this month)

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

ALL THE GOOD WORKS WE DO ARE INFORMED BY OUR FOUR CORE PRINCIPLES:

CHARITY -- Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives, volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

UNITY – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another.

FRATERNITY – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

PATRIOTISM – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, or any of the other nationalities who are Knights, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotions to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Please consider joining our Council.

Justin D. Douglass, Jr., Grand Knight
504-837-4385 or 504-616-5243

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

8:30a.m. Hunley, Loeb and Schnabel Families

Sunday, March 18

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts June W. Calcagno
Horace Bouvier Ventura and Piglia Families
Michael Neeb Dr. A. G. Wiedemann
Helen Ragas Douroux and Delise Families
Thomas A. Kane Lloyd and Ada Aguillard
Dr. Songy (*) John B. Cressend Family
Patricia Delaney Lucretia Achary (*)
Lawrence T. Gettys Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Jennie Schweibel Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Anthony Marcello

8:00a.m. Zito, Vitrano & Cavalier Families

9:30a.m. For the Parish

11:00a.m.

Frank Barousse Nathan Trepagnier
Al Landry Esther Mae Aprill Hotstream
David Monroe Vincent Falcone, Sr.
Frank DiMarco Louis H. Strecker, Sr.
John J. Hazard, III Frank Dominic D'Antoni
Joseph B. Delaney Michael Asevedo (*)
Marie Junker Dwyer

Monday, March 19

6:15a.m. Gladys Ehret Curry

Clyde L. Curry

8:30a.m. Paul and Elizabeth Ceasar

Tuesday, March 20

6:15a.m. Antoinette Tauzy

8:30a.m. Catanese & Schellhaas Families

Wednesday, March 21

6:15a.m. Fritz Cassidy

8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Thursday, March 22

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List

8:30a.m. Dorothy B. Soignet

Friday, March 23

6:15a.m. Special Intention

8:30a.m. Claire Lajaunie

Saturday, March 24

8:30a.m. Micheal Giambalvo

(*) denotes living

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

This weekend the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services

9:15 a.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

Sunday, March 18

This weekend the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal

Monday, March 19 St. Joseph's Day

Book Fair, Conference Room

9:30 a.m., St. Joseph's Altar Blessing, gym

6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Educ. Library

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Youth Mass Discussion, Work Room

7:00 p.m., Gumbalaya Committee Meeting, Downstairs Classroom

8:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

Tuesday, March 20

Book Fair, Conference Room

9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Education Library

9:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

1:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

2:30 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

6:30 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Educ. Library

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Youth Mass Discussion, Work Room

7:00 p.m., SAMA Meeting, Gym

Wednesday, March 21

Book Fair, Conference Room

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Rel. Ed. Lib.

10:00 a.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

1:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:15 p.m., Daisy Trp. 450 Mtg. down stairs classroom

4:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Educ. Library

6:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

6:30 p.m., Heavenly Hoopla, School Classroom

7:00 p.m., RCIA, Sr. Paula's office

7:00 p.m., Finance Council, Workroom

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Educ. Library

Thursday, March 22

Book Fair, Conference Room

9:00 a.m., Mass Discussion, Church

1:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Educ. Library

6:30 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Religious Educ. Library

7:00 p.m., Mass Discussion, Board Room

Friday, March 23

Book Fair, Conference Room

2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

5:30 p.m., Fish Fry, gym

7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

Scout Camporee, off campus



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Irvin J. Heitzmann and Salvador Mannino, Sr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

10th GRADE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Your program begins on **March 25, 2012** from 4-6 pm in the gym. Your second class is on **April 22, 2012** again in the gym and from 4-6 pm. Mark your calendars now as we only do these classes and one make-up class each.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

SALA FIELD TRIP

We are blessed in this area to have several canonized saints from our area. We also have another on the way who has been beatified and declared Blessed, that is Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. SALA has planned a field trip to visit the Shrine of Blessed Father Seelos. on TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012.

Our visit to the shrine will be followed by a luncheon buffet at the Dooky Chase Restaurant. The bus will depart from St. Angela between 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and will return between 2:30 and 3:00p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling Mary Toups at 835-3979 or Georgie Hebert at 835- 0543 before TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

\$24.00 covers the buffet lunch, tax, and tip; the bus is \$6.00 for a TOTAL of \$30.00. The bus accommodates between 40 and 44, so please reserve your space as soon as possible. All members of the parish are invited to participate in this lovely event.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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ST. ANGELA MERICI SENIORS

St. Angela Merici Seniors held heir monthly meeting on Thursday, March 1. Our morning of reflection began at 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by a talk by Sr. Nicholas Schiro. Sister talked about what we should do for Lent. We then had a light lunch and our regular meeting.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 19. We invite all seniors to join us.

SAMA

SAMA meeting on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Kern Center. Our meal will include Pastalaya, salad, and desert. Our guest speaker will be determined prior to the meeting. At our January meeting Deacon David Aaron talked about topics discussed at the Joint Counsel meeting. We had approximately 80 members attend the meeting. SAMA prepared and cooked for the parish fish fry. We are planning for the upcoming Gumbalaya Cook Off to be held in April. Please call Terry Mipro at (504) 390-3342 with any questions.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection works at home and abroad to give aid to struggling, poor families. The six worldwide organizations supported by the Collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, help obtaining asylum, pastoral support, and disaster relief to those who are most in need. Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection on March 17/18. Thank you!

SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 3 will clean the church on Saturday, March 17.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, March 17.

PLEASE NOTE:

April 16 until July 8:

Monday and Tuesday—no 6:15 AM Mass

Wednesday—no 8:30 AM Mass

C.Y.O.

(Catholic Youth Organization)

St. Angela Merici CYO is a great organization that affords teens in 8th through 12th grades an opportunity to socialize with their peers, serve their parish and beyond, and grow their spiritual lives. Our meetings are generally held on the second Sunday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. We participate in many off-campus archdiocesan events, including World Youth Day, Abbey Youth Fest, and even the National Catholic Youth Conference (in odd years). Other activities include Laser Tag, and Leo's Iceland. We participate in the C.Y.O. Athletic League in Coed Volleyball, Coed Cabbage Ball and Basketball. Twice a year we sponsor a drive to support our troops with care packages and we volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank. This year we were one of the first groups to hold our retreat at the newly renovated Camp Abbey! To join or serve as a volunteer contact Diane Kratochvil at cyo@stangela.org or call the parish office at 835-0324.

CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

On Saturday mornings after 8:30 a.m. Mass, SALA's Church Housekeeping Committee cleans the Church. A team serves once every 5 weeks and takes only 30-40 minutes. You may also join the Church Linen Committee in which you would serve once every 7 weeks. If you feel called to join either of these ministries, please call Muriel at 833-6959 to volunteer.

CHURCH SUPPORT

March 11

Weekly Collection..... \$13,290.99



As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." - Jn 9:1-3

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2012

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Some reminders about this Lenten Season:

The Stations of the Cross this week will be our annual "Living Stations," with the Stations depicted, as we pray, by the young people of our school's 7th Grade. Living Stations will be at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond has asked all Catholics of the Archdiocese, in addition to praying at every Mass our "Family Prayer" for an end to violence, prejudice and racism in our community, also to fast one day each week during Lent as a special form of prayer for this important intention.

We also continue to hold up in prayer those preparing for the Easter Sacraments. Here in our parish, we have two adults who are preparing to join us in the Catholic Church from other Christian traditions. They will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday. One adult in our parish will be sharing in the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the Easter Season, going to the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. The young people of our Second Grade will make their First Holy Communion at a special Mass at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20.

This week we conclude our discussion groups on *The Mass Explained*, as we learn about those who celebrate the Mass, that is, the roles each of us and all of us have to make this a worthy celebration, a true Sacrifice of Praise. Before attending this week's final session, please read pages 117 through the book's conclusion.

The Season of Lent, of course, comes to its culmination and finds its fulfillment in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. I repeat my encouragement for you to consider participating in the very beautiful and inspiring liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Next Sunday, we enter in this important week of Prayer as we celebrate Palm Sunday on March 31-April 1. If you have a sago palm in your yard and would like to donate your palms for distribution at Mass, we ask you to bring them to church on Friday, March 30. Members of SAMA will be here Saturday morning to prepare the palms for Mass, so that they can be prepared for use that weekend. If you need us to come and cut the palms, please contact the parish office. Our custodians will come on Friday to get them. Thanks!

Two weeks ago, I shared with you the news that the compressor went out on one of the air conditioning units in the Msgr. Kern Center. This was an unexpected and, therefore unbudgeted, repair item.

In addition to that, our weekly budget projected an average income of \$15,000.00, which we have not been meeting on a regular basis. This has presented, at times, a rather serious cash flow problem.

Therefore, I asked you to consider adding, at least for a few weeks, an increase in your weekly church support offering.

On the weekend of March 10-11, the Sunday collection increased by about \$1,000.00, which I consider the additional support from many of you. In addition to that, we have received specifically-designated contributions by check, both in the collection and at Mass, that have amounted to \$6,535.00. That means that we have collected \$7,535.00 toward the \$10,000.00 cost of replacing that unit's compressor.

I sincerely thank all of you who made contributions to this project. If you have not yet done so, it's not too late!

The installation of the compressor was completed last week.

For those of you who receive this bulletin in the mail before the weekend, just these additional reminders: our final parish Fish Fry Dinner is Friday, March 23; meeting for all Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) on Saturday, March 24 in the parish Conference Room, as we prepare for Holy Week and the Triduum.

F. Kern

St. Angela Merici GREAT gumbalaya COOK-OFF

APRIL 21, 2012




Dear St. Angela Supporter:

On Saturday April 21st, St. Angela Merici will be hosting our **2nd Annual Great Gumbalaya Cook-Off**. We feel our Cook-Off is a very worthwhile endeavor that will enrich our parish, and also enhance the school environment for our children.

We are counting on our local businesses, organizations, and individuals to contribute by becoming a Great Gumbalaya Cook-off sponsor. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

If you agree to become a sponsor, we will:

PROPRIETOR - \$2,500

- Title Sponsorship
- Large Logo on Sponsor board
- Listing on the St. Angela Merici Web Site.
- Free Cooking Team entry
- Logo Official Cook-Off T-shirt.

GENERAL MANAGER - \$750 (ONLY 2 AVAILABLE)

- Logo display on Sponsor Board
- Free Cooking Team entry
- Listing on the St. Angela Merici Web Site.
- Logo on the Sleeve of the Official Cook-Off T-shirt.

EXECUTIVE CHEF SPONSORSHIP - \$500

- Logo display on Sponsor Board.
- Listing on the St. Angela Merici Web Site.
- Logo on the back of the Official Cook-Off T-shirt.

HEAD CHEF SPONSORSHIP - \$300

- Logo display on Sponsor Board.
- Listing on the St. Angela Merici Web Site.
- Logo on back of Official Cook-off T-shirt.

SOUS CHEF SPONSORSHIP - \$200

- Display on sponsor board.
- Listing on the St. Angela Merici Web Site.
- Name on back of Official Cook-off T-shirt.

Sponsorships must be submitted by March 15.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 835-8491.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



SPONSOR FORM

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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AGES 13-21	<input type="text"/>	x \$10 =	<input type="text"/>

	Qty.		TOTAL
AGES 6-12	<input type="text"/>	x \$5 =	<input type="text"/>

UNDER 5 FREE

*Pay one price - Eat all you can
Cooking Team will not need Tickets.
Tickets are for Family and Friends.*

SPONSORSHIP FEE	TICKETS	TOTAL AMOUNT
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or email Logo to kyle@tailingllc.com

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APRIL 21, 2012



CHEF RULES

GUMBO

A stew or thick soup usually made with chicken or seafood, greens, and okra or sometimes filé as a thickener.

JAMBALAYA

A dish of Creole origin, consisting of rice cooked with ham, sausage, chicken, or shellfish, herbs, spices, and vegetables, especially tomatoes, onions, and peppers.

1. There is a \$50 entry fee per team if received before April 6, 2012. There is a \$75 entry fee if received after April 6, 2012.
2. Teams will consist of max of 4 members. All participants will receive an official Great Gumbalaya T-shirt. Each team will receive an entry ticket for each cooking team member. The Gumbalaya Committee must verify any substitute team member.
3. Any type/style/etc.. of Gumbo and/or Jambalaya is acceptable.
4. If you are a professional cook, you must notify committee at time of registration.
5. You will not have access to the SAMA kitchen at any time.
6. You will bring all items for preparing your meal.
(i.e. burners, pots, tent, tables, ingredients, utensils, towels, etc...) You must be a self sustained cooking unit.
(Each team must provide their own 10x10 tent.)
7. Meat and/or seafood may be pre-cooked. Prepared stock will be allowed.
8. All non-meat and seafood ingredients must be brought in separately, un-cooked/un-prepared.
9. You will be able to set up starting at 12:00 pm. Cooking will begin once set up and must be ready for 5:00 pm. Once cooking begins, no outside ingredients can be brought in.
10. All cooking must be done in a sanitary manner. The conditions are subject to inspection by committee. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
NO GLASS CONTAINERS will be allowed.
11. You must make at least 4 gallons of gumbo and at least 5lb's of uncooked rice for Jambalaya. Rice will be provided for Gumbo. Each team gumbo and jambalaya will be donated for consumption at the event. Each team will be responsible for dispensing their gumbo and/or jambalaya to the public after the judging samples have been collected.
12. A panel of judges will judge the gumbo and jambalaya. Awards will be given for 1st and 2nd in gumbo and jambalaya. There will also be a **Peoples Choice Award** for each category and the **Men's Club Challenge** for each category. Men's Club Challenge will be between the Men's Club Cooking teams from the area.

- Rice will be provided for Gumbo.
- Bowls and Utensils provided.



COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

Team Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Category: Gumbo ☐ Jambalaya ☐ Both ☐

Men's Club: Yes ☐ NO ☐

School: _____

Cook #1 _____

Email: _____

Cook #2 _____

Email: _____

Cook #3 _____

Email: _____

Cook #4 _____

Email: _____

T-SHIRTS

S	XL
M	2XL
L	3XL

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 24

8:30a.m. Micheal Giambalvo

Sunday, March 25

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts	Harvey Lee Ducote
Betty Bostwick	Coralia R. Lopez
Vera Pfaff	Rose Cardaronella
Horace Bouvier	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Michael Neeb	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Jackie Miele	Rev. Robert Melancon (*)
Patricia Delaney	John J. Hazard, III
Annie Saladino	Dr. A. G. Wiedemann
Barbara Songy	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Earl J. Sevin, Sr.	Patrick Freeman
Special Intention	Irwin J. Olsen, Sr.
Emma Jeansonne	

8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. Olivia Munguia Enriguez

11:00a.m.

Al Landry	Francis "Frank" DiMarco
Nathan Trepagnier	Louis H. Strecker, Sr.
Margaret Smith	Michael Asevedo (*)
Noma White	Dorothy Margaret Turley
Peter Catalano	

Monday, March 26

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List

8:30a.m. Rosemary B. Hendricks

Tuesday, March 27

6:15a.m. Van H. Flynn

8:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr.

Wednesday, March 28

6:15a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas B. Chetta

8:30a.m. Horace Bouvier

Thursday, March 29

6:15a.m. Fritz Cassidy

8:30a.m. Laura Anderson

Friday, March 30

6:15a.m. Special Intention

8:30a.m. Alice Bouvier

Saturday, March 31

8:30a.m. Al Landry

(*) denotes living

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Olivia Munguia Enriguez



SALA Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, March 24.

SALA Church Linen Team No. 1 will clean linens on Saturday, March 24.

CYO NEWS

Thanks to all who contributed items for our March 3 Troops Drive! Your generosity is heartwarming and it is very much appreciated. Once again we were able to assemble 33 care packages. We also received enough in cash donations to cover the postage! Our next drive will be in the fall.

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 24

Scout Camporee

9:15A, Mass Discussion, Board Room

Sunday, March 25

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Church

12 Noon-5:00P, CYO Bowling Tournament, Colonial Lanes

4-6:00P, 10th Grade Confirmation Class, gym

Scout Camporee

Monday, March 26

6:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Religious Education Library

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Church

7:00P, Youth Mass Discussion, Work Room

Tuesday, March 27

8:00A, SACS, Conference Room

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Education Library

9:30A, Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

1:00P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

2:30P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Work Room

Wednesday, March 28

8:00A, SACS, Conference Room

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Religious Education Library

10:00A, Mass Discussion, Board Room

1:00P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

3:15P, Children's Choir Practice, Church

4:00P, Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library

5:30-8:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

7:00P, RCIA, Sr. Paula's office

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

Thursday, March 29

9:00A, Mass Discussion, Church

1:00P, Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library

5:30-8:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Religious Education Library

7:00P, Mass Discussion, Board Room

Friday, March 30

2:30P, Living Stations, Church

7:00P, Living Stations, Church



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Joseph Lafranca, Jr. and Hope Singleton

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

CHURCH SUPPORT

March 18

Weekly Collection.....	\$13,298.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,554.06



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2012

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

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