

Dear friends in Christ,

We celebrate this weekend the ordination to the permanent diaconate of Mr. Phillip Jackson. Deacon Phillip is now officially a member of the Roman Catholic clergy, having received the order of Deacon Saturday, Feb. 3 from the hands of Most. Rev. Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. All glory and praise to God!

Phillip is assigned to CtR as a deacon, and as you know, he is already a member of the Pastoral Staff of the parish, serving as our Parish Administrator. It is unusual, but not unheard of, for a permanent deacon to be a paid member of a parish staff. Deacons are not paid for their diaconal service. It is truly a ministry of service. Most permanent deacons hold down full-time jobs in the private sector and do their work as deacons on nights and weekends. Phillip's case is a bit unusual in that his full-time job is working here at the parish as the administrator. It's a double blessing for us in that he is available throughout the entire week.

I will be working with Phillip in the coming months to further define his role as deacon at the parish (and to be sure that we make a distinction between his work as the parish administrator and that work as deacon). He joins Deacon Jim Osterhaus as a deacon on staff, though Deacon Jim is officially retired from ministry (but you wouldn't know it to look at his work load!) You will see Phillip do what a deacon normally does, namely serve at the table (the altar at Mass) and of the Word (proclaim and preach the Gospel). As a deacon, he can now officiate at weddings and preside at baptisms. We plan to get him working in both of those areas very soon. There is no shortage of work for a deacon at CtR. He'll also continue to work at a variety of areas and ministries in the parish, including presiding at Word and communion services as well as at funeral vigils and cemetery committals.

It's a whole new world for Deacon Phillip and for us at CtR. He asks for your prayers and support. He says he is more than a little nervous, but I know he is going to do fine. He has studied and trained hard for this time (four years of formation at the seminary). He will be a great blessing for the Church. Let us thank God for his ministry and welcome him as a member of the clergy.

Don't forget that with Phillip's ordination, we now have two men who are beginning the formation process to become deacons. Bill Bradley and Greg Hall are just starting out on their four-year journey. Please keep them in your prayers as well. And if there are other men of the parish interested in learning more about diaconal service, I encourage you to speak to me, Deacon Jim or Deacon Phillip. We're ready to assist you in possibly answering God's call to be a deacon.

Next weekend I will be speaking at all the masses in regards to the 2007 Diocesan Services Fund entitled "Many Parts -- One Body: The Wonderful Works of God." The DSF is the annual appeal of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston when all parishes are asked to contribute to building up the work of the Gospel throughout Galveston-Houston. We are called upon to serve, each part supporting the other, as the Body of Christ on earth. Throughout the archdiocese, each parish is working to meet the needs of our larger faith community. The DSF

reminds us that we are not in this work alone, but rather we are part of the Body of the Church that is the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Together, we can do great things in the name of the Lord.

I am very happy to report that for the past two years, we have met and exceeded our assigned DSF fundraising goal after several years of not meeting it. Last year, our goal was \$193,335, and we exceeded that by more than \$27,000. In the DSF, a parish receives a rebate of 50 percent of the total by which it exceeds its goal (the other 50 percent goes to aid poor parishes). That means we received a refund of more than \$13,000 from last year. All of that was thanks to the generosity of the 903 families who contributed. Thank you very much.

I am also happy to report that this year our parish goal is \$170,000. You will note that is a reduction, not an increase, and we have Archbishop DiNardo to thank for that. The DSF goal is tied to a parish's income from the prior year and our goal should have been more than \$212,000 this year. But because we are in the midst of the "Our Faith, Our Future" Capital Campaign to build our new church, Archbishop DiNardo has given us a sizeable break and set our goal at \$170,000. Be sure and tell him thank you next time you see him. I certainly have!

That doesn't mean we can slack off in our DSF commitment, however. I am still asking all of you to make a DSF equal to or greater than your commitment last year. It will be a real show of support that we want to do our part outwardly toward the archdiocese all the while we are doing the inward work with our own capital campaign. If all families would make a pledge, we would meet and exceed our DSF goal in no time at all. Be on the lookout in your mail for more information and your DSF pledge card. I thank you in advance for your commitment to DSF and your generosity.

One final financial note: If you'd like a record of your 2006 donations to the parish for tax purposes, please contact the office. We can prepare a letter for you. You are welcome to pick it up at the office, or we'd be happy to mail it to you.

Peace, Fr. Sean

Mass Intentions for Week of February 5, 2007

Monday	9:00 AM	Pedro Lopez+, Michael Aiello+ Anthony Miglicco+
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Sylvestel Kang, Stanley Lehoski+ Elmo & Mary Meyer+
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Carlo Baiamonte+, Kelly Giles+ Gayle Wiesmann+
Thursday	9:00 AM	Michaelle Yeo, Elizabeth Stevens+ Melanie Berken
Friday	9:00 AM	Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 PM	Jean Fruge+, Daniel Brand+ John & Martha Buk+
Sunday	7:30 AM	James O. Collins+, Carmen Ignasio Mitch McLaughlin+
	9:00 AM	CtR Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Lisa Racine, Jason Plata+ Michael Aiello+
	5:00 PM	Ann Bollom+, Nellie Sicola+

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Parish Events

Sunday, February 4

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am and 5:00 pm	
9:00 am RCIA Rite of Acceptance	Church
9:00 am RCIA Dismissal	201,204,205
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of Word	111
1:00 pm Schola Rehearsal	Church
3:30 pm Contemporary Ens. Pract.	Church

Monday, February 5

8:00 am Church Cleaning	Church
9:00 am Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm Effective Parenting Mtg.	112
7:00 pm Baptism Class	111
7:30 pm Venture Scouts	215,217

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Mass	Chapel
9:35 am Rosary	Chapel
4:30 pm Chorister's Rehearsal	CC, Church
7:00 pm Contemporary Ens. Pract.	Church
7:00 pm K of C Officer's Mtg.	CC
7:00 pm RCIA Team Mtg.	112
7:00 pm Serenity Support Group	217
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study	201

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 am Catholic Scripture Study	111 & Upstairs
9:30 am Familia 3	112,212, Nsy
7:00 pm Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm BSA Troop 573	CC
7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry	111,112,Nsy
"Prayer"	
7:40 pm Lector Formation	Church

Thursday, February 8

9:00 am Communion Service	Chapel
6:45 pm Girl Scout Jr. Troop 5015	207
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study	112, Nsy
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	Church, 111
7:00 pm Youth Group	201

Friday, February 9

9:00 am Mass	Chapel
10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study	113

Saturday, February 10

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	111
8:30 am Women's Prayer Group	112
9:30 am Chorister's Workshop	CC
11:00 am Archdiocese Jr. High Rally	Off Site
5:00 pm Mass	Church
6:00 pm K of C Recruitment.	CC
6:00 pm Welcome Table	Mall

Sunday, February 11

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am and 5:00 pm	
8:30 am K of C Recruitment Wknd.	CC
9:00 am RCIA Dismissal	201,204,205
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of Word	111
12:00 pm Liturgical Pt 2- Ushers	Church
12:00 pm Welcome Reception	111
1:00 pm Baptisms	Church
2:00 pm Liturgical Pt 2- EMHC	Church
3:30 pm Contemporary Ens. Pract.	Church
6:00 pm Welcome Table	Mall

Coffee & Donuts – Knights of Columbus

Religious Education News

RE classes canceled:

Sunday Re classes are canceled for the Super Bowl. All other classes are in session for the rest of the week.

First Eucharist Home Text:

Children have received a fun textbook to share with families at home. This is a special time for your families. Also, bring this text to weekly classes.

Confirmation candidates:

In need of service hours? Contact the RE office and ask for Fredna.

Youth Doings

Youth Bible Study:

You are invited to attend youth bible study on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm in rooms 201 & 203. This group of young people has a thirst for learning more about the bible.

Thursday Night groups

Generation Next (jr.high group) and Generation Christ (high school group) are currently meeting on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in room 201 (the youth room). All Jr. High and High School youth are invited.

6th & 7th Grade Retreats:

Please watch your mailbox for information.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Week of January 28, 2007

Envelopes (598).....	\$22,923
Loose	\$9,155
Mailed in.....	\$1,142
Children's Envelopes	\$19
Total	\$33,239
Weekly Budgeted Expense.....	\$34,350
Church in Latin America.....	\$2,115

2006 IRS Contribution Statements Ready

Please call or come by the office during regular office hours, if you would like a copy of your statement.

If you place your Capital Campaign pledge in the Sunday Collection, or the 'Building Fund' envelope please mark "Capital Campaign" on it. The 'Building Fund' is an ongoing fund for our parish. Thank you.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

"Could you not spend one hour with me?" ~ Jesus

Come meet some of the MEN of our Parish who pray and adore! We are hosting refreshments (coffee and donuts) after Sunday Masses this weekend (2/4/06)

Come and meet us!

Also see www.geocities.com/ctradoration or call George Valdez at (281)856-1001.



In Our Parish

Let us keep the following people in our prayers: Donna Burkett, Carson Cocales, Carol Linseisen, Natalie Gibson, Ann and Lou Frayler, Helen LaKome, Mary Simoneaux, Glen Wright, Gassie Deville, Brett Satterfield, Kristen Lane, Kathy Stout, Christine Novak, Frank Castronovo, Mary Ann & Joseph Taylor, Aly Bemis, Serena Willis and Baby

Annabelle, Joseph Eicher, Jim Robinson, Dianna Ostendorf, Sandy Moore, Alan McDonald, Dona Varney, Agnes Machacek, Hilbert Pechacek, Eileen Lennox, Camille Joseph, Marlene Haraka, Bob Mousa, Rose Cemino, Bill & Gerry Jones, Laura Brooke, Sonda Criswell, Melanie Berken, Jay Maduzia, Priyanna Franklin, Margaret Kaucher, Gerry Farrell, Betty Lou Furlong, Anne Cassidy, Paul Bozych, Lorraine Kram, Beverly Eades, and Karen Kassler. Please keep them and all the sick of our parish in your prayers.

(If someone in your family is in need of prayer, please contact the parish office to have their name placed in our parish bulletin. We will keep the name on for 2 months unless otherwise notified.)



Prayer List for our Service Men & Women

Please keep the following in your prayers as they serve this wonderful country:

Casey Smith, Ernesto Meruelo, Paul Mallory, USNA, Jaime Martinez, Michael Sutton, Brett Guidry, Marcus Malek, Lcpl Dave Lewis, Lcpl Nathan Keminitz, Josh Beaver, Lcpl Michael Jenigan, Lt. Luke Gorney, Lt. Michael Gorney, Ross Christensen, Allen Bravenec, David Frederick, Wesley Drake, John Snead, Sgt. Sean Taylor, Sgt. Mark Howell, Kyle Berlanga, PFC David Wilhite, Jeremy Miller, Major Jason Colbert, Cpt. Mark Grahmann, Stuart Laperouse, Brady Bennett, Melissa Montelongo, Nate Brown, Matthew Macejewski, Rick Grog, Corp. Paul Black Jr., Spc. Edward Herrera, Marc Weiner, Brandon Sokora, Joseph Vinklerek, Ian Roberts, Ordet Klekar, Major Lloyd Waugh, Lcpl. John Buikema, Angela Tripp, Wade Coker, Tyler Coker, Karl Aschenbeck, Donnie Fricks, Jr., Alex Lambert, Augusto Cespedes, Jr., Lt. Col. Patrick D. Bertlshofer, Christopher Petrovich, Lcpl. Louie G. Welch, Cadet Greg Lambert, USMA, Anthony Barth, Lt. Col. Peter A. Lee, Capt. Christopher B. Lee, Rayford Siegel, Brig. Gen. Stephen Mueller, Lt. Neal Simpson, Matthew Phillips, Lt. Matthew Schlarmann, Michael Zdunkawicz, Jr., Cadet Will Callegari, Staff. Sgt. Christopher Bell, Nick Prien, Cadet Alex Lathrop, Staff Sgt. Jose G. Meruelo IV, Lt. Col. Mary Ann Rich, Spc. Kris Kassler, Capt. Scott Dellinger, Capt. Jason Jeager, Cpl. Brad McKee, Jason Windrum, Lt. Col. Maureen Weber, Staff Sgt. Jeffery Kopp, Ben Sledge, Emiliano Dizon Vitug, and Sgt. Cesar Vasquez.

(Please call the parish office to add the name of your loved one in the Armed Services to our prayer list. If your soldier has been discharged from the service, please call and let us know.)

Stewardship Corner

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which persons (Adults and Children) journey to learn more about the Catholic faith. Because no journey should be traveled alone, this ministry is always in search of persons willing to share their faith life with those making the journey. Meeting times are every Wednesday, 7-9 pm. The time commitment is 9-24 months. Sponsors must be confirmed Catholics.

Contact Person: Patty Lynch
Phone: 281-469-5533 ext. 133
Email Address: plynch@ctrcc.com.

Readings for the Week of February 4, 2007

Sunday Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11
or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11
Monday Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128; Mk 7:24-30
Friday Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90; Mk 8:1-10

Daily Scripture readings at: www.usccb.org/nab



The Christ the Redeemer Choir

The **Christ the Redeemer Choir** is seeking new members - come and join one of the most dynamic and rewarding ministries in our parish. NO experience is needed – only the desire to sing and the ability to make a regular commitment to the group. Our next rehearsal is February 8th, 7 p.m. in the church.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Betty Gillespie/Christian Treasures

Please be sure to patronize our sponsors and thank them for advertising in our bulletin. They make the bulletin possible at no cost to Christ the Redeemer.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY CORNER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Liturgy of the Hours – The Prayer of the Church

The liturgical life of the Church includes many various rites and rituals. In all of these we believe that Christ unites our praise and thanksgiving to his own eternal prayer and offers it to God the Father. Of course, the fullest expression of our praise and thanks is the celebration of the Eucharist.

One of the daily rites of the Church is the Liturgy of the Hours. It is often thought that the Hours, known also as the Divine Office, is prayer that only priests, deacons, and religious sing or recite. In reality the Hours are the “official, daily prayer of the Church” with Christ and to Christ (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, 2) The Hours are principally a prayer first of praise, and secondly of petition. In the praying of the Hours, the Church fulfills

her baptismal obligation to do as Christ commanded – to pray as he did.

The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours covers the full course of the day and includes the Office of Readings (the first prayer of the day), Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer (which includes midmorning, midday, and mid-afternoon prayer), Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer. Over the course of these celebrations, the whole day is sanctified and is offered to God in praise and thanksgiving.

If your parish celebrates one or another of these daily prayers, perhaps you might explore taking part. This would be a most appropriate way to enter into the richness and depth of the liturgical life of the Church.

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Liturgical Minister Schedule – February 10/11, 2007

Sacristan - Carl Linseisen, Walter Soileau and Lola Chin						Susan Whalen & Mary Damore	
Saturday - 5 PM		Saturday - 7:30 AM		Sunday - 9 AM		Sunday - 11 AM	
<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>	
1	Aiello, Bob	1	Atchison, Diane	1	Barfield, Donna	1	Aramwattananont, Kim
2	Andreo, Marj	2	Atchison, Ken	2	Bell, Doug	2	Botti, Dorothy
3	Andreo, Ron	3	Hemenway, Elaine	3	Cole, Cathy	3	Carnicle, John
4	Bodman, Anita	4	Kowalski, Karl	4	Hansen, Brian	4	Casonova, Dignora
5	Brangwynne, Bill	5	Mummey, Phil	5	Hroch, Jackie	5	Keating, David
6	Daly, Joan	6	Mummey, Rosemary	6	Kash, Diane	6	McChesney, Anne
7	Diaz, Mickey	7	Rinaldi, Katherine	7	Kash, Tom	7	McChesney, Dave
8	Dulaney, Julene	8	Rinaldi, Yvonne	8	Unverferth, Jim	8	Schaeffer, Terry
9	Gaska, Kristen	9	Shaw, Bert	9	Zajac, Rudy	9	Skopal, Jim
10	Romano, Mike	10	Szymanski, Mary	10		10	
<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>	
1		1		1	Moore, Frank	1	
<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>	
1	D'Alessio, Ray	1	Rinaldi, Mary	1	Kostecka, Katie	1	Carnicle, Joey
2	Paker, Mason	2	Rinaldi, Peter	2	Kostecka, David	2	Haag, Zachary
3	Sutton, Tyler	3	Veit, Bryan	3	Landry, Hayley	3	Kowpak, Hanna
4		4		4	Roemlein, Megan	4	Kowpak, Michael
<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>	
1	Dorczy, Jerry	1	Champness, Caroline	1	DeJohn, Joe	1	Herbert, Trudy
2	McGlamory, Kay	2	Eicher, Joseph	2	Laird, Jayne	2	Polivka, Kevin
3	Sage, Julia	3	Petrzelka, Valerie	3	Lange, Scott	3	Walker, Scott
4		4	Weidemann, Marty	4		4	
<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>	
1	Barbaro, Pet	1	Lund, Bobbi	1	Matt, Nadia	1	Mulinix, Rick
2	Veselka, Debbie	2	McManus, Michelle	2	Pena, Hugo	2	Parman, Ralph
						2	Lapps, Drew

Thank You!!

"A Big Thank You from Christ the Redeemer Gabriel Project to everyone who donated baby items and money for the Mother's in need". Your generosity means so much.



Boy Scout Project

A Boy Scout working on his Eagle Award is collecting eye glasses for the needy of the Philippines. A box is located in the vestibule of the Church to deposit any unused eye glasses. Thank you.



The Classics is a group for those over the age of 50. On Saturday, February 10, we will travel to Lake Jackson to have dinner and see a musical show named "Be My

Valentine". Our next regularly scheduled meeting and pot-luck dinner will be held on Sunday, February 18, at 1:30 P.M. in the Community Center. We will celebrate Mardi Gras at this meeting. We encourage you to dress in purple, green and or gold. You can also buy or make a mask. Come and join the fun. Call Barbara Stewart at 281-469-5138 for more information about this trip, our next meeting or becoming a Classics member.

Women's Prayer Group - G.R.A.C.E.

Ladies join our faith-sharing community, G.R.A.C.E. (Growing Relationships in A Christian Environment) on Saturday, February 10th, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in Room 112 of the RE Building. For additional information, contact Nadia Matt at 281-351-5280 or Mikki McCarren at 281-376-5893 (email: mimccarren@sbcglobal.net).

CtR Men of Faith and Fellowship

The CtR Men's Group would like to extend an invitation to other men of the parish to join them in their next discussion on Saturday, February 10th, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in room 111 of the Administration Building. We will study and discuss the Mass readings for next Sunday and what lessons we should learn from a Catholic man's perspective. Please come and join us as we build our faith and share fellowship. Contact Mike Bonin (281-374-0354) or John Huston (281-897-0010) if you have questions.

Young Adult Group: 18 – 35, single, married, or dating. Our mission is to promote a spiritual, social, and service oriented community for Catholics in the Cypress area. Whether you go to church every week or haven't been to Mass in years...join us! We meet every Sunday after the 5pm Sunday Mass in the courtyard (in front of the garden cross), and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month. Contact CJ at (281) 469-5533 [cjmccarren@ctrcc.com], or Nina (832) 444-3479 [ninasm91@yahoo.com] for more information or questions.

Weekend Retreat for Women

Experience the miracle of a weekend retreat at the Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, Feb 16-18, 2007. The Retreat Center is located at 430 Bunker Hill Road in the Memorial area. This year's theme is: "I Am Not Perfect". The offering for the weekend retreat is \$155. See their website: www.passionist.org/holyname for a reservation form or call 713-464-0211. To speak to someone from our parish who has been to Holy Name for a retreat or car pool call Jane Lakatos at 281-373-9767.



I Feel Good When I Thank God

Here are some of "My Good Deeds" from the children's envelopes: helping out at the New Jazzercise Center putting the floor. – being good without Dad. – sorting through stuff and am going to give some of it away. – I helped my C.C.E. Class with a craft. – Thank you for my Dad coaching our team.

Family Retreats

Help your family grow closer to God through praying, sharing faith, learning and playing together within 45 acres of woods, water & gardens. For details about Lenten, Spring Break, Memorial Day and Summer family retreats at the Circle Lake Retreat Center, call Monica Frazier at 281-356-6764, ext. 202, or see www.circlelakeretreat.com.

Charity Guild of Catholic Women Gala

The Charity Guild of Catholic Women will have their annual gala, "This is the Day the Lord has Made," on Sunday, February 18, 2007. The mass and the luncheon will be at the Hilton Hotel, 2001 Post Oak Boulevard. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. with Archbishop Daniel DiNardo as celebrant. He will also be the guest of honor at the luncheon which will begin at 11:30 a.m. During the luncheon, the Harbor Lights Choir will perform. If you would like to attend, contact the Charity Guild of Catholic Women at 713-529-0995 or 713-529-9246. Tickets will be \$90 each or tables are available for \$1500, \$2500, or \$5000.

Men's Downtown Study Forum

Are you a man who works downtown who is looking for something spiritual to do during Lent? Holy Cross Chapel and Catholic Resource Center is offering a Men's Downtown Study Forum starting Tuesday, February 27. The Men's Downtown Study Forum is a six-week Lenten journey to study the Sacramental Life of Marriage and how men today can live and grow in this path to Sanctity. For more information, please call Holy Cross Chapel at (713) 650-1323 or go to www.HolyCrossChapel.org.

Divine Mercy Presentation

St Maximilian Kolbe is offering a presentation, "Tell All Souls About My Mercy", by Mother of Mercy Messengers, Dave and Joan Maroney, on Sunday, March 4th. Contact St. Max at 281-955-7324 for more information.