

Dear friends in Christ,

As I write this message to you today we are in the process of bundling all the gifts that the people of CtR so generously donated to our "House Warming Party" for our adopted parish, St. Paul Mission in Sabine Pass. We delivered it on Wednesday, but the bulletin had been sent off the day before, so I will have a full report for you next week. Suffice to say, the people and community of CtR came through in a big, big way. You should see our parish offices today as we are making a list of all that was donated and dividing it properly for distribution to the families in Sabine Pass. Fr. Ryszard and I can barely make it through all the gifts to get to our offices! Thank you again for all who participated and I promise to share all the details with you next week on our trip to St. Paul's. I don't know who is more excited: the people there who will be on the receiving end, or us here on the giving end! God is uniting us in a special way.

I want to elaborate on an item I mentioned last week and that is our planned pilgrimage to Rome this summer. As many of you remember, we took a group of more than 70 parishioners last year as part of the more than 500 people from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston who went to celebrate Archbishop Fiorenza receiving the Pallium from Pope Benedict. It was such a wonderful and successful trip we are doing it again this year. Of course, this year we will be there to celebrate with Archbishop DiNardo as he succeeds Archbishop Fiorenza (as soon as Archbishop Fiorenza's retirement is granted by Rome).

The trip is eight days this year (compared to last year's seven) and includes round-trip airfare from Houston, 4-star hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, an air conditioned sightseeing bus, all fees, tips, guides and escorts. We leave on Sunday, June 25 and return on Sunday, July 2. Pretty much all you need for the entire trip is taken care of, and the highlight of course will be being at St. Peter's on June 29 for the Pallium Mass once again with Pope Benedict XVI. The pallium is the two-inch band of cloth that is worn by an archbishop as a sign of his office. It's a moving ceremony with beautiful music and all the rich tradition and ceremony that you would expect at St. Peter's Basilica. Of course, there will plenty of time to spend touring the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica and Square. You've seen pictures of it all your life and probably saw it last year during Pope John Paul II's funeral. Now you can be there up close and personal. It's a trip that all Catholics should truly make at least once in life.

We'll also have a day in the majestic city of Assisi, a two-hour bus ride from Rome where we'll visit the churches of St. Francis and St. Clare. Back in Rome, we will tour and celebrate Mass at all of the four major basilicas, visit the Catacombs, the Vatican Museum, the Colosseum and all the sights and sounds of the Eternal City of Rome! It's really a terrific trip and our tour company, Inspirational Tours based here in Houston, takes extra good care of us. All you have to do is get on the bus each day and the rest is planned for you (plus, you don't have to wait in lines or pay entrance fees; it's all included in the trip package). We will also enjoy a grand dinner the final night in Rome after the Pallium Mass with Archbishop DiNardo, Archbishop Fiorenza and all the pilgrims from Houston. That was one of the highlights of the trip last year and I know it promises to be a fun evening again.

The cost of the trip is \$2,490 which is a very attractive price when you consider the round-trip flight, hotels and all that you will see and do over eight days. A \$300 deposit will hold your space and final payment is due March 20. You don't have to be from CtR to attend, so if you have family and friends in other parts of the country who would like to come, please invite them. All are welcome. It's truly a trip for all ages. Last year we had everyone from teenagers all the way up to Ms. Betty, an

Octogenarian! There's a lot of walking involved, but we'll stay together as a group. We didn't lose one person last year and that's our goal again! A brochure with all the pertinent details is available in the narthex of the church and also in our parish office. As you make your plans for summer vacation, be sure and set aside time for this grand pilgrimage to Rome. There is nothing quite like being a pilgrim in THE city of our Catholic faith!

Back closer to home I want to remind you of a meeting on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. for couples who are currently civilly married but who would like more information on having your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church. If you are unable to participate in the sacramental life of the Church because your marriage was not witnessed by a priest or deacon now is the time to take the steps to have your union validated in the Church. CtR is participating in a pilot program for the Archdiocese on convalidation and we'd like to share more with you on how it can be a special part of your life in the new year. For more information, contact Margaret Carnicle in our Family Life office at familylife@ctrcc.com.

Finally, don't forget our Habitat for Humanity project on Jan. 19-21 and 27-28. We are still in need of more builders for the first few days, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 19 and 20. Many employers will grant you a day off to participate in a Habitat project so check at work if you are eligible. It is shaping up as a wonderful project for our parish. We will be building a house in southwest Houston for a family that has relocated to Houston in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. All tools, training and materials, including breakfast and lunch at the job site, will be provided by Habitat for Humanity. We just need your strong heart and a willingness to give a day of your time. For more information, call Pam McKay at the office or e-mail her at office@ctrcc.com.

Peace, Fr. Sean

Mass Intentions for Week of January 16, 2006

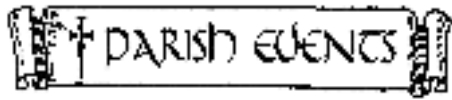
Monday	9:00 AM	James Flaherty+, Vincent Tran+ Teresa Hwang & Peter Yeo
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Robert Westphal+, Yeo family Joanna Kim
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lois Spruill+, Mr. McManus+ Otto Michalewicz+
Thursday	9:00 AM	Thomas Aquinas Won+ Jose Manuel Saenz+
Friday	9:00 AM	Donnie Redmon+, Louis Smaihall+ Janie Hoffart
Saturday	5:00 PM	All Souls, Vincent Tran+ Joseph Vu+
Sunday	7:30 AM	Mary Barroso+, Marie Ladewig+ Steve Spratley+
	9:00 AM	CtR Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Joseph Hiris+, Jason Plata+ Eric Griesel+
	5:00 PM	Leon Kubiak, Nellie Nicola+ Thomas Kenney+

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Envelopes (678).....	\$26,818
Loose.....	\$9,473
Mailed In.....	\$1,855
Children's Envelopes.....	\$23
Total.....	\$38,169
Weekly Budgeted Expense.....	\$27,260

2005 IRS Contribution Statements Ready

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



Sunday, January 15

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
 9:00 AM Pre-School Classes Upstairs
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of Word 111
 9:00 AM RCIA Dismissal 112, 205, 207
 1:30 PM The Classics CC
 3:00 PM Contemporary Choir Church

Coffee & Donuts – Coffee & Donuts Committee

Monday, January 16 OFFICE CLOSED – MLK Day

8:00 AM Church Cleaning Church
 9:00 AM Mass Chapel

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 9:35 AM Rosary Chapel
 4:15 PM Children's Choir 111, Church
 7:00 PM Liturgical Ministers Pt. 1 Church
 7:00 PM Bereavement Group 217
 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 111, 201

Wednesday, January 18

9:30 AM Familia 2 112, Nsy
 9:30 AM Familia 3 207, Nsy
 10:30 AM Morning Bible Study 205
 7:00 PM Mass Chapel
 7:00 PM Library Meeting 113
 7:30 PM BSA Troop 573 Mtg. CC
 7:30 PM Adoration Meeting Church

Thursday January 19

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 9:30 AM Together Yr 4 113
 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 113
 7:00 PM H.S. Youth Group CC
 7:00 PM Jr. H. Youth Group 201
 7:00 PM RCIA Inquiry 111, 112, Nsy.
 "Reconciliation"
 7:15 PM Adult Choir Church, Narthex

Friday, January 20

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 9:30 AM Prayer Blanket Ministry 112
 6:30 PM Little Flowers Girl's Club 206, 207, 208

Saturday, January 21

10:00 AM Sewing Group 111
 5:00 PM Mass Church
 6:00 PM BSA Fertilizer Sale Mall
 6:00 PM Bunco 111, 112, 113

Sunday, January 22

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
 8:30 AM BSA Fertilizer Sale Mall
 9:00 AM Pre-School Classes Upstairs
 9:00 AM RCIA Dismissal 112, 205, 207
 11:00 AM Children's Liturgy of Word 111
 3:00 PM Contemporary Choir Church
 Coffee & Donuts – Scouts

Religious Education News

Update Eucharist:

Updates are students 3rd gr. & older, baptized, and needing to celebrate Eucharist. The parent meeting is Wed., Jan. 25th @ 7 PM. Call the RE Office, 281-469-5533, for more information.

Reflections on Sunday Scripture:

A great internet resource, *The Reflecting Community*, provides reflections and invitations to prayer. Use it as a prayerful preparation for each Sunday liturgy.

Log on to www.celebrationseries.org

Next screen: Select "Parishioner/Participant"

Next screen: Select the option "Register my email"

Next screen: Group access #: 392-070

Follow the screens until the newsletter appears.

Youth Doings

Youth Bible Study

You are invited to attend youth bible study on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in room 111. This group of young people has a thirst for learning more about the bible. If you have the same thirst, join us.

Generation Christ

Our high school youth group meets for fellowship and prayer on Thursday's from 7-8:30pm in the community center. Come and meet old friends or make new ones.

Generation Next

Our Jr. High youth group meets for fun and prayer on Thursday's from 7-8:30pm in the youth room.

Foodfast 2006

There will be a planning meeting for those interested in helping plan this year's Foodfast, on Tues., Jan. 24 in room 111 at 7 PM. This meeting is open to youth, young adults and adults who want to help plan this event. Info or questions, contact Santos at 281-469-5533 or youth@ctrcc.com.

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2006

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Daily readings at: www.usccb.org/nab



In Our Parish

Let us keep the following people in our prayers: Helen LaKome, Joan Watson, Caroline Champness, Concetta Hawver, Jennifer Wysocki, Rosita Canlas, LaVerne Ball, Marie Everingham, Mary Lamanse, Norman Bell, Gale Zimmerman, Doug Bell, Amber Whitworth-Downey, Misty Whitworth-

Downey, William Downey, II, June Downey, Darrell Christiansen, David Hawkins, Joe Nagangast, Rita Altamuro, Christine Galik, Mary Fleming, Jimmy Davenport, Wanda Cirillo, Camille Joseph, Billy Andrews, Helen Winn, Regina Osterhaus, Raymond Dawson, Paul Deselle, Donna & Johnny Burkett, Jack Bell, Liliana Garza, Judy Jenkins, Audrey Lyons, Neileen Lee, Maggie & Bob Schaefer, Lena Fasullo, Agnes Machacek, Anna Lambert, Angel Feher, Jay Maduzia, Frank Castronovo, Dave Perham, Don Love, Steve Supercinski Jr., Mary Ann Taylor, Mina Boehm, Janie Hoffart, Darryl Barroso, Ann Brooke and Chrissy Mylod. 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.)



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, Nick Zientek, Jaime Martinez, Michael Sutton, Brett Guidry, Marcus Malek, Lcpl Dave Lewis, Lcpl Nathan Kemnitz, Josh Beaver, Lcpl Michael Jenigan, Lt. Luke Gorney, Lt. Michael Gorney, Ross Christensen, Allen Bravenec, David Frederick, Wesley Drake, Kristina Linseisen-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, Gary Lang, Ordet Klekar, Major Lloyd Waugh, Lcpl. John Buikema, Angela Tripp, Wade Coker, Tyler Coker, Karl Aschenbeck, Donnie Fricks, Jr., Gary Jonika, 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, and Rayford Siegel.

(Please call the parish office to add the name of your loved one in the Armed Services to our prayer list.)

Bereavement Ministry

The next session of the "Serenity" Bereavement Support Group will begin January 17, 2006 in room 217 from 7-8:30 pm. Join us for caring and support through this difficult time. Please call Peggy Gajdica at 281-374-0403 if you would like to sign-up or would like more information.

Stewardship Corner

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

See: 1 Samuel 3:4; Psalm 40

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

All are invited to spend an hour a week with our Lord in adoration and prayer in the chapel. Visitors are welcome. Adoration is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Come to the quarterly meeting this week on Wed. January 19, after evening Mass at 7:30 pm. Contact Persons: Teresa "Gee" or Mike Lewis
Phone: 281-856-0989 / 281-890-4252
Email Addresses: ctradoration@yahoo.com

The Collection for the Church in Latin America

This collection will be taken up on the weekend of January 21-22, 2006. The proceeds from this collection go directly to support the work of pastoral projects in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. When we contribute to this fund, we are actively participating in a work of solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the American hemisphere.

Last year more than \$6.3 million was raised in the United States to provide collaborative funding for 470 projects in 210 dioceses in twenty-one countries. These programs included catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization projects, as well as formative programs for religious, priests and deacons. Further information on the work of the USCCB's Committee on the Church in Latin America can be found at www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Brad Bortz/Advanced Orthopedics Sports Medicine

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY CORNER

A Place Where beauty is at Home

In celebrating the Eucharist through the ages, the Church has felt the need to be “a place where beauty is at home.” The architecture of basilicas, cathedrals, and churches attests to something more than a concrete need for space and shelter. The altar is more than a table, the ambo is more than a bookstand, and the tabernacle is more than a cupboard. Our churches and their furnishings bear witness to the mystery of faith and to the “eucharistic amazement” that rises in the adoring heart.

The beauty that is the work of human artisans raises the mind and heart to the author of all beauty and, in some way, says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.” The humblest chapel and the poorest church become the theatre of a lavish love when Christians, seized by the gift of the Eucharist, seek to respond to it with the work of their hands. The cleanliness of the church, altar, sacred vessels, linens, and other appointments is an indispensable expression of grateful love for Christ.

Architecture, sculpture, and painting not only express the mystery; they impress it on our senses, and through the senses, on our souls. Candles and incense, flowers and fabrics are the outward signs of an inward awareness of what Christ the bridegroom ceaselessly offers to his bride the Church in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

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Liturgical Minister Schedule –January 21/22, 2006

Sacristan	Lola Chin, David Keating, Andrew Spies				John Gibbons
Ministry	5 PM Sat	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	5 PM Sun
EMHC	1. Aiello, Bob 2. Diaz, Michéy 3. Duffy, Bill 4. Dulaney, Julene 5. Gaska, Kristen 6. Gottardy, Steve 7. Hood, Arthur 8. Hood, Genie 9. Potter, Rosemary 10. Reifschneider, Karrie 11	1. Cole, Bill 2. Diffendal, Maureen 3. LeMaire, Jennifer 4. Lynch, Patty 5. Mummey, Phil 6. Mummey, Rosemary 7. Ochs, Judy 8. Spratley, Susan 9. Talbot, Judy 10. Weidemann, Debbie 11. Wiggins, Betty	1. Callegari, Butch 2. Croes, Pat 3. Croes, Roque 4. DeJohn, Joe 5. Hansen, Brian 6. Matt, Nadia 7. Matt, Rick 8. Morrow, Steve 9. Patek, Marzeline 10. Ramundo, Janet 11	1. Botti, Dorothy 2. Caravantes, Brian 3. Caravantes, Susan 4. Hawkins, Arlene 5. Mosher, Suzy 6. Oborny, John 7. Piech, Patsy 8. Schaeffer, Terry 9. Shelander, John 10. Stevenson, Bruce 11	1. Chilek, Leslie 2. Cross, Katie 3. Eisenacher, Geoff 4. Hayes, Archie 5. Huston, John 6. Lopez, Marvin 7. Lopez, Sara 8. Mattingly, Julie 9. Tomczyszyn, Michele 10. Tomczyszyn, Sammy 11
Greeters					
	1 2	1. Divhorio, Crystal 2	1. Moore, Frank 2	1 2	1. Conroy, Shannon 2
Ushers					
	1. Cowles, Norris 2. Dorcz, Jerry 3. Gerdich, Gregg	1. Almond, Clemencia 2. Weidemann, Marty 3. Wiggins, Al	1. Moore, Charmaine 2. Ranney, John 3. Schultz, Thomas	1. Kitchens, Diane 2. Polivka, Kevin 3	1. Bollom, Debbie 2. Hayes, Judy 3. McFarland, Greg
Servers					
	1. Arredondo, Oscar 2. Otto, Joey 3. Pace, Amanda	1. Kelley, Sarah 2. Ramundo, Matt 3. Rios, Jonathan	1. Callegari, John 2. Callegari, Michael 3. Hansen, Lauren	1. Marrero, Lauren 2. Marrero, Samantha 3. Rath, Joseph	1. Chilek, Jenny 2. Kelley, Patricia 3. Messamore, Misty



The Classics, a group of seniors over the age of 50 who enjoy the fellowship of others in this age

group, will have a Pot-luck Dinner and meeting on Sunday, January 15 at 1:30 P M in the Community Center. The bus trip this month will be on Sunday, January 22 when we will see the show "Smoke on the Mountain" at the College of the Mainland in Texas City. Please call Cecilia Forrest at 281-469-1065 for information about the bus trip, our monthly meetings, and our other activities.

Liturgy: Gratitude and Remembering

Our AFF classes will resume this semester with the conclusion of our discussion of the Church. Then we will discuss the Church's liturgy as a remembering together with gratitude of all the marvelous things the Lord has done for us. This meeting is on a TUESDAY because of the MLK holiday on Monday. Come join us! Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Presented by Jonathan Raia, a seminarian for the Diocese of Austin studying at St. Mary's Seminary.

Bible Study: 2nd Corinthians

Come and discover the richness of the Sacred Scriptures. As we begin the New Year, we will enter into our study of 2nd Corinthians. Do join us on Wednesday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 205. If you have any questions, please call Michele (281-257-6567) or Cristina (281-304-5276). We hope to see you there!

The Christian Family

Prince of Peace will host a talk on Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation, "On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World" on Saturday, January 21, 2-3:30 PM in the Community Center. For more information call Celia and Chris Stewart at 832-422-4138. Childcare reservations required at 281-469-2686 ext.231.

Baptisms

Ashlynn Elizabeth Kilgore
Haley Marie Schoenvogel
Weston Daniel Jankowski
Madison Elizabeth Stevens
Jaakko Tadeo Kankainen
Ellena Sophia Palmer
Adam Nicholas Abdala

Allison Nicole Dunham
Caleb James Sleezer
Filip Alexander Boudreau
Miles Joseph Weiler
Luke Anthony Proske
Rachel Nicole Rodriguez
Kalee Lynn Rochinski

Jake Hunter Wisener
Isabela Maria Romero Rodriguez

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan. 29th - Feb. 4th.



CtR has invited some of the area

Catholic Schools to come to the Community Center

next weekend: Sunday, January 23, 2005

after the 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m. masses

to share with you what they have to offer.

Come by and check them out!