

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the wonderful ministries that we offer at Christ the Redeemer is the Funeral Aid committee. This group comes together at the time of death to assist families that have lost loved ones. They offer spiritual and emotional support and oversee many of the little details that always seem to be present at a time of grief. One of the chief areas they assist in is in the preparation of a funeral meal that we offer to families. In most cases, this meal is in our Community Center immediately following the funeral mass. Some families want it, others decline it, but if at all possible, we do offer it to everyone. Some funerals have several hundred guests while others have just a handful. It matters not to the Funeral Aid committee. They stand ready to assist in any way that is needed.

From time to time, however, that committee can get overloaded. Just last week we had three funerals on three consecutive days and each family requested a funeral meal. You can imagine how demanding that was, not only in terms of the needed food, but also in finding volunteers to help. We've got a good roster of folks willing to give of their time for a few hours, but it is not easy for them to volunteer on three consecutive days.

As this new year gets going, I'd ask that you consider being part of this team. Usually, the work is not as harried as was a few weeks ago. We can sometimes go months without a funeral, and then all of sudden we will have a number of them in a short amount of time. If you'd like to be part of our roster of people we call when there is a need, please let us know. Dianna Perham oversees this for our parish. You can reach her at the parish office at 281-469-5533, ext. 121, or by e-mail at dperham@ctrcc.com. She'd love to have a few extra names to call on when there is a need. The demand isn't great, but it means so much to the families that we assist at the time of loss.

Even if you can't commit to being part of the Funeral Aid team, could I ask you to do something extra that you are already doing? One of the things we often need at funerals meals is, odd as it sounds, food! We provide a ham usually, and then supplement it with various side dishes and casseroles, and maybe a cake or two. The next time you are making dinner for the family, how about making an extra casserole for the funeral aid committee? Wrap it up and put it in your freezer, and then when we are in need, we'll call you to drop it by the office. Let's call it the Casserole Committee! It won't take much time or effort, but it will be a big help to us. If you can bake an extra item and have it frozen ready for use (we usually know a few days in advance so there's time for it to defrost), contact Dianna and tell her to give you a call the next time she needs a casserole for a family. It will be a great help to the parish and to those in need.

Now is a time for new beginnings and if you are in a marriage that is not recognized by the Catholic Church or if you have been civilly divorced and would like to re-marry in the Church, I encourage you to come to meeting we are hosting next Saturday, January 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center. More often than not, these two issues (marriage validation and annulments) go hand in hand,

though that is not necessarily always the case. Let's take a look at both of them.

First, if you were married outside the Church, perhaps by a Justice of the Peace or a minister of another faith, but without the permission of the Church, your union is said to be, in Church terminology, irregular. That is you are not free to partake in the sacraments of the Church, such as Holy Communion. For Catholics this is major roadblock, as the sacraments are our lifeblood, particularly the Eucharist. It is possible, to have your marriage validated (sometimes also called "convalidated," or even "blessed") in the Church. We can help you with that here at Christ the Redeemer. The process is not difficult or overly long, and it has proved to be a real spiritual gift for those couples who choose to have their marriages validated.

Secondly, if you are divorced and would one day like to marry in the Church again (or if you want to have your current marriage validated), it is necessary that your previous marriage be annulled. There are various types of declarations of nullity, some are easily resolved in-house, while others take a bit more leg work. The particulars are too nuanced to go in to here, but we stand ready to assist you to find out what you might need. We'll cover all aspects of annulments at this meeting, so again, I encourage you to come and listen and find out if it is right for you. There is a lot of misinformation floating around about annulments. Here's a chance to get the correct information.

There will be a member of the Archdiocesan Tribunal present to answer questions, along with myself and our Family Life Director Margaret Carnicle. For more information, contact Margaret at mcarnicle@ctrcc.com or here at the office. If you have been wondering what it takes to get an annulment or if it is possible to have your marriage validated in the Church, this will be a perfect opportunity to have all your questions answered. I believe we did about a dozen annulments and validations here last year alone, so I can assure you, the process works! Come and see for yourself.

Finally, remember that Catholic Schools Week is next week. Representatives from area schools will be present after Sunday morning masses in the Community Center to provide information on their schools. Make plans to spend a few extra minutes to see what they have to offer. It's the greatest gift you can give your children.

Peace, Fr. Sean

Mass Intentions for Week of January 22, 2007

Monday	9:00 AM	Vincent Tran+, Peter Yeo, Terry Hwang
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Adam Jozwiak+, Sylvestel Kang Joseph & Anna Macekewski & Sons+ Mary Ellis+
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Henry Greunewald+, Mary Lehoski+
Thursday	9:00 AM	Stephen Truax, Jr., Leo Yeo
Friday	9:00 AM	Dorothy Zajac+, Jean Fruge+
Saturday	5:00 PM	Bruno Wierzbicki+
Sunday	7:30 AM	Adam Jozwiak+, Gary Egelstrom+ Kelly Ann Fleming+
	9:00 AM	CtR Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Lisa Racine, Jason Plata+ Michael Aiello+
	5:00 PM	Clara Dorcz+, Michael Aiello+ Anthony Miglicco+

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Parish Events

Sunday, January 21

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am and 5:00 pm
8:30 am Gabriel Proj. Baby Shower Mall, CC
9:00 am RCIA Dismissal 201,204,205
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of Word 111
1:30 pm Classics CC
3:30 pm Contemporary Ens. Pract. Church

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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 Food Fast Mtg. 111
7:00 pm PPC Meeting 112
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study 201

Wednesday, January 24

9:30 am Catholic Scripture Study 111 & Upstairs
9:30 am Familia 4 207,Nsy
9:30 am Together I 209
7:00 pm Mass Church
7:00 pm BSA Troop 573 CC
7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry 111,112,Nsy
"The Eucharist"
7:00 pm RCIA Sponsor Training 207
7:30 pm Festival Committee 212
7:30 pm Young Adult Soc. & Script. 208

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Mass Chapel
6:45 pm Girl Scout Jr. Troop 5015 207
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 113, Nsy
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Church, 111
7:00 pm Youth Group 201
7:30 pm BSA Committee Mtg. 217

Friday, January 26

9:00 am Mass Chapel
9:30 am Prayer Blanket Ministry 112
10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study 113

Saturday, January 27

7:00 am Man's Prayer Group 111
8:30 am Women's Prayer Group 112
9:30 am Convalidation Info Mtg. 111, CC
11:00 am Baptisms Church
5:00 pm Mass Church
6:00 pm K Of C Tamale Sale Mall, CC

Sunday, January 28

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am and 5:00 pm
8:30 am K of C Tamale Sale Mall, CC
8:30 am Catholic Schools Week CC
9:00 am RCIA Dismissal 201,204,205
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of Word 111
3:30 pm Contemporary Ens. Pract. Church

Coffee & Donuts – Knights of Columbus

Religious Education News

2nd graders:

2nd grade students will be celebrating Reconciliation next week, Jan 29, 30, & 31 during the class times. Students will be bringing home more information this week.

Eucharist Formation:

Fr. Sean will be speaking with parents of all children celebrating First Eucharist on Sun. Jan. 28th, @ 6:30 PM. Nursery will be available.

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.

Jr. High Rally

Annual Archdiocesan Jr. High Rally will be February 10. We NEED adult chaperones. Registration forms are in the church office. Forms and money are due Jan. 15th. Call C.J. with questions at 281-469-5533, ext. 102, or email cjmccarren@ctrcc.com.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration and Vocations – Everybody's Business!

Join us in praying especially for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life this year of Our Lord, 2007. We'll also focus on this intention in the Adoration Chapel, beginning each Tuesday after the 9 am Mass, and culminating Wednesdays after the 7 pm (daily) Mass

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Week of January 14, 2007

Envelopes (613).....	\$22,381
Loose	\$9,435
Children's Envelopes	\$25
Total	\$31,841
Weekly Budgeted Expense.....	\$34,350

Next weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity.

**2006 IRS Statements will be ready after January 25th
Come by to pick up, or call the office.**

*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.*



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, Byron Bollig, 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 and Anne Cassidy. Please keep them and all the sick of our parish in your prayers.

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In your prayers, please remember Clara Dorcz, mother of Shirley Kaucher, who recently passed into eternal life. And in your prayers remember the family that they may feel the love and comfort of the Father to heal their pain.



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 Kemnitz, 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

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members — the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Provides Eucharistic visitation to those unable to attend Mass: the homebound, nursing home residents and those hospitalized. Ministers must be EMHC trained, compassionate and able to visit when and where needed. Minimum requirement: a few hours one Friday each month.

Contact Person: Julius Reid

Phone: 281-373-3678

Email Address: mairejoreid@hotmail.com.

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2007

Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday Acts 22:3-16 /Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18
Friday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

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

I Feel Good When I Thank God



Here are some of "My Good Deeds" from the children's envelopes: working hard in P.T. – letting my mom have some of my donut. – Donatet hair. – cleaned my room.

– helped my friend clean her room.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY CORNER

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Day of the Lord – Sunday, the Eighth Day

As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people.

--Dies Domini, 31

In 1997, Pope John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Letter entitled *Dies Domini: The Day of the Lord*. In this letter he wrote of the importance of Sunday in the life of Christians. In doing so, he referred to numerous ancient titles for Sunday such as the “Eighth Day,” the “Day of Resurrection,” the “Day of New Creation.”

All of these titles, and the theme of John Paul’s letter, refer to Sunday as the *central* day of the week for us as people of faith. Moreover, he notes, if Sunday is the central day for the Church, then the Eucharist is the very heart of Sunday. For it is in the Eucharist that we receive

a foretaste of the “Eighth Day,” the “Day of New Creation.” It is in the parish’s participation in the Eucharist that we experience a glimpse of the new heavens and the new earth.

Sunday takes us a bit closer to the final “Day of the Lord,” which is eternal and which will have no end. On this final and eternal Sunday, we who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ will, God willing, be forever gathered around the banquet table of the Lamb, celebrating the eternal feast at which Christ is raised and glorified forever.

Sunday is the day on which the pilgrim Church gathers in faith and hope, to be nourished by the Lord’s Body and Blood, waiting and watching for his return, when this great day of celebration will know no end!

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Liturgical Minister Schedule – January 27/28

Sacristan - Bill Bradley, Bobbi Lund, Rudy Zajac							Susan Whalen & Mary Damore		
Saturday - 5 PM		Sunday - 7: 30 AM		Sunday - 9 AM		Sunday - 11 AM		Sunday - 5 PM	
<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>		<u>EMHC</u>	
1	Bodman, Anita	1	Bolduc, Debbie	1	Armstrong, Jonathan	1	Caravantes, Brian	1	Cross, Katie
2	Brangwynne, Bill	2	Daly, Jeff	2	Bonin, Mike	2	Caravantes, Susan	2	Eisenacher, Geoff
3	Cudahy, Paul	3	Diffendal, Maureen	3	Breerwood, Mark	3	Hawkins, Arlene	3	Glen, Stephen
4	Daly, Joan	4	Gomez, Joe	4	Hroch, Joseph	4	Mosher, Suzy	4	Hayes, Archie
5	Duffy, Bill	5	Nicholas, Geneva	5	McCarren, Dick	5	Rock, Dolores	5	Lopez, Marvin
6	Dulaney, Julene	6	Ochs, Judy	6	Muck, Susie	6	Rodriguez, Karla	6	Lopez, Sara
7	Gaska, Kristen	7	Scott, Mary	7	Patek, Marzeline	7	Spraker, Jean	7	Mattingly, Julie
8	Gottardy, Steve	8	Spratley, Susan	8	Reifschneider, Karrie	8	Tomczyszyn, Michelle	8	Meche, Eddie
9	Hood, Arthur	9	Talbot, Judy	9	Westphal, Della	9	Tomczyszyn, Sammy	9	Meche, Nolena
10	Hood, Genie	10	Wiggins, Betty	10	Wieland, Randy	10		10	Soukup, Maria
11		11		11		11		11	
<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Greeter</u>	
1		1		1	Moore, Frank	1		1	Hall, Andrew
2		2		2		2		2	
<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>		<u>Server</u>	
1	D'Alessio, Ray	1	Franklin, D.J.	1	Daes, Gregory	1	Caravantes, Katie	1	Lopez, Clarissa
2	Parker, Mason	2	Franklin, Nathan	2	Moore, Whitney - N	2	Liller, Katie - N	2	Meche, Alisha
3	Weyand, Sydney - N	3	Veit, Bryan - N	3	Snowden, Natalie	3	Liller, Megan	3	Otto, Joey
4		4		4	Spidle, Cody - N	4		4	
<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>		<u>Usher</u>	
1	Drouet, Paul	1	Nauman, Stan	1	Daes, Nancy	1	Cayer, JoAnn	1	Babin, Anne
2	Gerdich, Greg	2	Rottman, Henrietta	2	DeJohn, Joe	2	Polivka, Kevin	2	Hall Angelica
3	Sage, Julia	3	Strum, Tom	3	Watso, David	3		3	Shoulders, Bob
4		4	Vidis, Jan	4		4		4	
5		5		5		5		5	
<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>		<u>Lector</u>	
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The Classics is a group for those over the age of 50. Our next regularly scheduled meeting and pot-luck dinner will be held

on Sunday, January 21, at 1:30 PM in the Community Center. On Saturday, February 10, we will travel to Lake Jackson to have dinner and see a musical show named "Be My Valentine". Call Barbara Stewart 281-469-5138 for more information about this trip, our next meeting or becoming a Classics member.

Young Adult Group: 18 – 35, single, married, or dating. Together, we explore our faith and values in a fun relaxed atmosphere, and also make a few new friends. Whether you are rejoining the church after a long absence, want to learn more about Catholicism, or just meet other Catholics, who value their faith and heritage, we encourage you to join us. Contact CJ at (281) 469-5533 [cjmccarren@ctrcc.com], or Nina (832) 444-3479 [ninasm91@yahoo.com] for more information or questions. You can also find out more at ctrcc.com.



The Christ the Redeemer Choir

Do you want to learn more about your Catholic Liturgy? Would you like to do something that touches people's hearts, inspires them and lifts them closer to God?

Come and join your **Christ the Redeemer Choir** - we need you - we want you! Did you know that most successful singers started singing in their local church choir? Come and see what you are missing! Altos and Tenors especially needed right now. Our next rehearsal is January 25, 7 p.m. in the church.

Marriage Validation Program

As the New Year begins, now is a great time for married couples who are not in a Catholic marriage to consider having your vows convalidated by the Church. Many couples at CtR have been married either by a civil official or by a minister of another faith, but for any number of reasons, have not had their marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. The process to do so is known as "Convalidation" and it is not as difficult as you might have been led to believe. If you have a previous marriage in need of a declaration of nullity, we will also be able to assist you in that regard, so feel free to enter into the Convalidation. We will hold an information meeting **Saturday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m.** on how you can take the first steps in this program. A representative of the Archdiocese will be available to answer any questions regarding annulments. For more information or further questions, please contact our Director of Family Life Ministry, Margaret Carnicle at the parish office or at mcarnicle@ctrcc.com. Babysitting will be available: you must call the parish office and reserve your child's or children's spot.

Changes in your Life?

Please call the Parish office to keep us updated.

Active Parenting Now

"Happy Families aren't born.

They're made one day at a time."

We're bringing the acclaimed Active Parenting Now in 3 program directly to you! This three-session workshop will show you effective ways to....

- improve communication with your children
- teach responsibility and other important values
- handle problems as they come up
- encourage your children to be their very best

The Active Parenting Now in 3 will begin this Tuesday, January 22nd. Cost for the program will be \$15 for materials. For more information, contact Margaret Carnicle, 281-469-5533 ext 129 or mcarnicle@ctrcc.com.

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, January 27th, 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).

Catholic Men's Fellowship

The CtR Men's Group would like to extend an invitation for the men of the parish to join in our next discussion on Saturday, January 27th, from 7 - 8:30 a.m. in room 111 of the RE Building. Any questions, contact Mike Bonin @ 281-374-0354, or John Huston @ 281-897-0010.

Around the Archdiocese

Marriage Encounter Weekend February 2-4, 2007

Love is a very special way of feeling. Give your spouse a Valentine of a Marriage Encounter weekend. We will take you away from the stresses of everyday life and enable you to gaze fondly into each other's eyes for 1 weekend away from the world at a local hotel. We will give you the tools to enrich your lines of communication. Our next weekend is Feb. 2-4. Please call Zeke and Ashley Metzler (281) 356-2204 to register for the weekend.

HIV/AIDS Ministry Spiritual Support Group

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, located at 2900 Louisiana, This group meets January 31, 6:30 – 8 p.m. To arrange for free supervised childcare, call 713-874-6624.

Lenten Pilgrimage

Led by Msgr. James Anderson, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish will lead a Lenten Pilgrimage to EWTN, Irondale, AL, and the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Cullman, AL, March 5 – 10, 2007. The fare is \$480, double occupancy, or \$650 (single). For information & reservations, contact Thelma Pinder, 713-861-6012, or Jo Ann & Jack Thompson 713-682-2835.