

Dear friends in Christ,

This past Tuesday marked a historical day for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Pope Benedict XVI officially accepted Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza's retirement (as mandated by Canon Law on his 75th birthday) and Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo assumed the role of chief shepherd for the more than 1.3 million Catholics in our archdiocese. It was no secret that the change was coming as Archbishop DiNardo has been co-adjutor archbishop with right to succession for two years, but still the official appointment is cause for great rejoicing for our Church.

It has been my pleasure to get to know Archbishop DiNardo these past two years and I have great confidence that he is the right man to lead our dynamic and ever-growing archdiocese. He has a supreme intellect and a quick mind, but above all is a man of deep prayer and trust in the Holy Spirit. He will do well in his new role and he has asked for our prayers as he assumes leadership of the archdiocese. I offered Mass for him on the day of his appointment and have assured him of the support and prayers of the people of Christ the Redeemer. As we grow ourselves here at CtR, Archbishop DiNardo will play an important role in our future ministry to the people of northwest Houston and Cypress. He has seen and approved our Master Plan and I look forward to meeting with him soon to update him on our progress.

The appointment of a new archbishop will bring about some changes, but mostly on the administrative level. I don't expect we will encounter many changes in the day-to-day liturgical life of our community. There may be a few things tweaked here and there, but for the most part Archbishop DiNardo will build upon the solid foundation of Archbishop Fiorenza's 21 years of service to the people of God in Galveston-Houston. Please continue to pray for both of these fine men. May God bless Archbishop Fiorenza in his retirement years and grant him many more years of good health and may God bless Archbishop DiNardo as our new shepherd. To God be the glory and the praise!

One area that I know Archbishop DiNardo is going to emphasize is quality music ministry at all parishes. Under the direction of our music minister, Stephen Sloper, CtR is blessed with one of the largest and best choirs in all of the archdiocese. This week it gets even better with the addition of a new principal organist, Mr. Timothy Duhr. Tim comes to us as a doctoral student in organ at the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston, one of the top music schools in the country. He has recently finished his Master's in Organ Performance at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, where he also served as organist at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the many liturgies on the Notre Dame campus. He brings a wealth of experience working in Catholic liturgy and will be a great addition for our parish. He will be playing at three masses each weekend as well as our many weddings and other liturgical celebrations. Please join me in giving Tim a warm Texas welcome to CtR.

This first weekend of Lent marks our "Survey Sunday" for our planning study of our upcoming Capital Campaign. If you have not yet done so, please turn in your one-page survey that all registered families should have received by now. If you didn't get a survey, you can pick up a copy in the back of church and turn it in this coming week. Your input is vital to our being able to conduct a successful campaign in the fall. I truly value your input and opinions and I ask you to give me your impression of the Master Plan in this survey. Thanks to all who have already completed and turned in your survey. I am confident that God will lead us to able to do great things in His name. Please help us by completing your survey today. Many thanks!

I also want to encourage all families to be sure and make your annual pledge to the Diocesan Services Fund drive. Our goal for 2006 at CtR is \$193,335 and we will need all 3,700

families to contribute to make our goal. More than 200 of you have already sent in your pledge form so thank you for that. If you are one of 3,500 families still waiting, I ask that you make your pledge this week and send in your form. Remember, it is only a pledge and you need not pay all at once. You can space it out over the 12 months of the year (as I did) or charge it to your credit card or have it drafted directly from your bank. It couldn't be easier to make a pledge and live out your Catholic faith by seeing that the many ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are continually supported. What a great sign of solidarity with our new archbishop it would be if we would all pledge to assist him by supporting the DSF. Thank you for your support of this most vital ministry of our archdiocese.

I hope you got your fill at our first Lenten Fish Fry this past Friday. It was, as always, a great success. Remember that the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Fish Fry each Friday of Lent from 5-7 p.m. in the community center so make plans to join us each week. It's a great meal and even better time of fellowship. It's followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank the KCs for repairing several patches of concrete in our front parking lot last week. It seems whenever we need them, the KCs are ready to help. Thank you men for all that you do for our parish. You are a blessing to our community! For men of the parish who are not yet members of the KCs, what are you waiting for?! See any present member of the KCs to learn more about joining this great group of servants of the Lord and the Church.

Finally, we are just one week away from our Parish Mission. Make plans to join us nightly at 7 p.m. in the Church, March 13-16, as Dr. Rick Gaillardetz, Professor of Theology at the University of Toledo, leads us in a reflection on Pope Benedict's recent encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, "God is Love." He is a dynamic speaker who will enkindle in our hearts a desire for God's love and exhort us to share that love in and through the Church. I can't encourage you enough to join us throughout this special week. It's going to be outstanding!
Peace,
Fr. Sean

Mass Intentions for Week of March 6, 2006

Monday	9:00 AM	Vincent Tran+, Olivia Page Selman+ Lawrence Matthews, Sr.+
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Victor & Gertrude Bilski+
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Dr. John R. Schmitt+
Thursday	9:00 AM	Marie Ladewig+
Friday	9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	5:00 PM	Daniel Brand+, Marie Goul Julian Laskowski+
Sunday	7:30 AM	Elmer Goyea+, Marie Ladewig+ Rubin Garcia+
	9:00 AM	CtR Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Frances Wetmore+, Jason Plata+ Sheila Burkhead+
	5:00 PM	Nellie Sicola+, Eleanor Sue Wilson+ James B. McElray+

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Envelopes (649).....	\$24,373
Loose	\$8,021
Mailed In	\$1,490
Children's Envelopes	\$39
Total	\$33,923
Weekly Budgeted Expense.....	\$31,582

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 5

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

8:30 AM	BSA Fertilizer Delivery	Back Parking Lot
9:00 AM	RCIA Dismissal	112, 205, 207
9:00 AM	RCIA Rite of Sending	Church
12:00 PM	Welcome Reception	111
3:00 PM	Contemporary Ensemble	Church

Coffee & Donuts – Scouts

Monday, March 6

8:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
9:00 AM	Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Baptism Class & Walk Thru	111, Church
7:30 PM	Venture Scouts	215, 217

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 AM	Mass	Church
9:35 AM	Rosary	Chapel
7:00 PM	KofC Team Mtg	CC
7:00 PM	RCIA Team Mtg	112
7:00 PM	Welcoming committee	212

Wednesday, March 8

7:00 PM	Mass	Church
7:30 PM	Lector Formation	Church

Thursday March 9

9:00 AM	Mass	Church
10:00 AM	Ministry to the Sick	112
7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	113
7:00 PM	RCIA Inquiry "The Our Father"	111, 112, Nsy
7:15 PM	Adult Choir	Church, Narthex

Friday, March 10

9:00 AM	Mass	Church
5:00 PM	K of C Fish Fry	CC
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, March 11

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	111
8:00 AM	K of C Fish Fry Clean-up	CC
8:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group	112
10:30 AM	Marriage Prep	111
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Welcoming Table	Mall

Sunday, March 12

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

8:30 AM	Welcoming Table	Mall
9:00 AM	RCIA Dismissal	112, 205, 207
3:00 PM	Contemporary Ensemble	Church

Coffee & Donuts – Parish Council

FAST + PRAY + SHARE + FAST + PRAY + SHARE

Expect the Miraculous!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and expect the miraculous. Openings for a weekly scheduled Holy Hour are at **2 am and 2 pm various days of the week**. You are needed, beginning this Lenten season. Let us be faithful in honoring Christ, as St. Patrick did. Contact ctradoration@yahoo.com or 281.856.0989

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Schedule:

RE classes are canceled week of Mar. 5 & Mar. 12.
Classes resume week of Mar. 19

First Communion:

- All First Communion Information Forms and Baptismal Certificates need to be in the office this week.
- Week of Mar. 19. Video for parents & child during the regularly scheduled classes.

YOUTH DOINGS

Youth Bible Study:

You are invited to attend youth bible study on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in room 111.

Generation Christ:

Our high school youth group meets for fellowship and prayer on Thursday's from 7-8:30pm in the community center.

Generation Next:

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

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2006

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Daily readings at: www.usccb.org/nab



Jesus' Temptation

In Mark's Gospel we read about Jesus being tempted by the devil for forty days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God

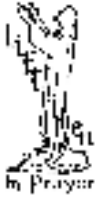
for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into action: our prayers and alms help people in need around the world.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the hunger of the people of the world. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about microfinance projects in Kenya.

First Sunday of
Lent
We Repent.

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.



In Our Parish

Let us keep the following people in our prayers, Regina Osterhaus, Jack Bell, Audrey Lyons, Neileen Lee, Anna Lambert, Jay Maduzia, Frank Castronovo, Dave Perham, Steve Supercinski, Jr., Mary Ann Taylor, Mina Boehm, Janie Hoffart, Darryl Barroso, Ann Brooke, Chrissy Mylod, Helen LaKome, LaVerne Ball, Minnie Mendez, Christine Novak, Mary Fleming, Jacque Fleming, Gus Candela, Margaret Kaucher, Bob Aubin, Gail Shear, Norma Head, Marc Winn, Helen Winn, Rosita Canlas, Lena Fasullo, Glorine Venghaus, Natalie Gibson, Lou Frayler, Emilia Manganaro, Eddie Jenkins, Norman Bell, Darrell Christiansen, David Hawkins, Chris & Kiele Cox, Paul Desselle, Myrtle Duval, and Elizabeth Buckley. Please keep them and all the sick of our parish in your prayers.

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In your prayers, please remember John McKay, brother of George McKay, 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, Nick Zientek, Jaime Martinez, Michael Sutton, Brett Guidry, Marcus Malek, Lcpl Dave Lewis, Lcpl Nathan Keminiz, 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 Vinklarek, 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, Rayford Siegel, Brig. Gen. Stephen Mueller, Lt. Neal Simpson, and Matthew Phillips.

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



Come enjoy the K.C. Fish Fry
Every Friday during Lent
5 – 7:30 PM
Community Center

Enjoy good food and fellowship!

Stewardship Corner

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism... that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council consists of nine discerned members and three appointed. Members are CtR parishioners. We provide counsel to the Pastor and liaison to CtR ministries. We are available to the parishioners during Masses. Come by Coffee and Donuts next Sunday and meet your PPC. Contact Persons: Doug Bell
Phone: 281-469-5957
Email Address: d51bell@swbell.net.

AFF – Adult Faith Formation

No Class This Week Or Next

Our Monday night AFF class will take a break this week as well as next week, due to the Parish Mission. We will resume on Monday, March 20. Watch the bulletin for details!



I Feel Good When I Thank God

Here are some of "My Good Deeds" from the children's envelopes: I played soccer the way God would want me to! – I cleaned my closet without being asked. – I helped deliver mulch and Fertilizer. – that I got all A's on my report card. – held door open for others. – listening. – being good in church. – I stubey very hared. – I practiced my guitar for 45 minutes.

Young Adult Kickoff: Food, Fellowship & Fun

Come join Fr. Sean and some of our staff members as we have our inaugural young adult ministry event. Not sure what it is? Then come find out! Open to all married and single 18 – 35 year olds. Contact C. J. McCarren for more details at 281-469-5533 ext. 102.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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LITURGY CORNER



Music During the Preparation of the Gifts

Music during the Preparation of the Gifts is completely optional according to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, *Musica Sacram*, and *Music in Catholic Worship*. In fact, in many Catholic churches this is a moment for a simple organ or other instrumental meditation. **Some other options would include silence, an anthem or motet sung by the choir alone, a meditation sung by the cantor/song leader or a congregational hymn. This is, however, not a primary time for assembly singing.** This point in the liturgy is a **resting point for the assembly** and provides an opportunity for the parish' s musicians to minister to the assembly and "echo" the words of the scriptures of the day or the nature of the liturgy with music, sung or instrumental. If we view the beautiful singing of a cantor at mass as a performance and reduce that individual' s use of God' s gift we are doing a disservice to the many gifts that together mark our Sunday Eucharist with beauty. Thus, this is a point in the liturgy where the assembly should be praying with the priest silently as he prepares the gifts of bread and wine and the gifts of ourselves in order to celebrate the Eucharist. At one time the Church used to employ a "Four Hymn Theology" of music for the mass, i.e. Opening Hymn, Offertory Hymn, Communion Hymn, and Closing Hymn. That all changed in 1963 and was re-affirmed only 3 years ago when Pope John Paul II promulgated the new *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*. Now the preeminent sung parts of the liturgy (Mass) are the Gospel Acclamation or Alleluia, and the Acclamations of the Eucharistic Prayer. After that the next most important sung part of the mass would be the Communion Antiphon and Psalm Response. Another note worth mentioning is that the true "offertory" of the Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer itself. **"In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup."** (*Eucharistic Prayer II from the Roman Missal*.) The use of the term Offertory for the Preparation of the Gifts is a misnomer. As we all grow in our understanding of post Vatican II liturgy, we are learning more about ourselves and each other, members of the one body of Christ. Our Christian formation didn' t end with our last class before we celebrated Confirmation, but should continue each time we come to the table of the Lord until we join with the angels and saints in the heavenly communion.

Prepared by Stephen Sloper, Music Minister at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.

"Music allows us to express in song, what words alone cannot convey."



Liturgical Minister Schedule – March 11/12, 2006

Sacristan	Carl Linseisen and Walter Soileau				Susan Whalen, Mary Damore
Ministry	5 PM Sat	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	5 PM Sun
EMHC	1. Aiello, Bob	1. Daly, Jeff	1. Barfield, Donna	1. Botti, Dorothy	1. Chilek, Leslie
	2. Brangwynne, Bill	2. Gomez, Joe	2. DeJohn, Joe	2. Caravantes, Brian	2. Cross, Katie
	3. Brangwynne, Leslie	3. LeMaire, Jennifer	3. Gehrt, Greg	3. Caravantes, Susan	3. Eisenacher, Geoff
	4. Chin, Lola	4. Lynch, Patty	4. Hansen, Brian	4. Hawkins, Arlene	4. Hayes, Archie
	5. Duffy, Bill	5. Ochs, Judy	5. Hroch, Jackie	5. Keating, David	5. Huston, John
	6. Gaska, Kristen	6. Scott, Mary	6. Matt, Nadia	6. Mosher, Suzy	6. Lopez, Marvin
	7. Gottardy, Steve	7. Spratley, Susan	7. Matt, Rick	7. Piech, Patsy	7. Lopez, Sara
	8. Hood, Arthur	8. Talbot, Judy	8. McMullan, Barry	8. Schaeffer, Terry	8. Mattingly, Julie
	9. Hood, Genie	9. Watso, Todd	9. McMullan, Sandy	9. Shelander, John	9. Tomczyszyn, Michele
	10. Potter, Rosemary	10. Weidemann, Debbie	10. Patek, Marzeline	10. Stevenson, Bruce	10. Tomczyszyn, Sammy
	11. Reifschneider, Karrie	11. Wiggins, Betty	11. Watso, Linda	11	11
Greeters	1	1. Divhorio, Crystal	1. Moore, Frank	1	1. Conroy, Shannon
	2	2	2	2	2
Ushers	1. Kuehn, Fred	1. Champness, Caroline	1. Moore, Charmaine	1. Kitchens, Diane	1. Bollom, Debbie
	2. McGlamory, Kay	2. Ochs, David	2. Ranney, John	2. Polivka, Kevin	2. Hayes, Judy
	3. Sage, Julia	3. Wiggins, Al	3. Schultz, Thomas	3	3. McFarland, Greg
Servers	1. D' Alessio, Ray	1. Franklin, D.J.	1. Hansen, Lauren	1. Lopez, Deborah	1. Chilek, Jenny
	2. Otto, Joey	2. Franklin, Nathan	2. Kostecka, David	2. Novoa, Anthony	2. Kelley, Patrick
	3. Pace, Amanda	3. Kelley, Sarah	3. Kostecka, Katie	3. Novoa, Isabel	3. Kelley, Patricia



The Classics, a group of seniors over the age of 50, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at their regular meeting and pot-luck dinner on Sunday,

March 19 at 1:30 PM in the Community Center. The Classics will provide the corned beef and cabbage for our dinner. The next monthly bus trip will be on Tuesday, March 14 when we travel to Wallis, Sealy and Frydek for our Lenten Day of Prayer and fellowship. Please call Cecilia Forrest at 281-469-1065 for information about the bus trip, our monthly meetings, and our other activities.

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, March 11, (the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month) from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in Room 112 of the RE Building. Moment by Moment: A Retreat in Everyday Life, is structured around the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. Books are available for purchase at the meetings. 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 for the men of the parish to join in our next discussion on Saturday, March 11, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in room 111 of the RE Building. The topic will be "Building up the Body of Christ – The Household of God". No preparation is required. Come join us as we build our faith and share fellowship. Any questions, contact Mike Bonin @ 281-374-0354, or John Huston @ 281-897-0010.



Paul & Darnell Cudahy	Kathy Blackburn
Michael & Stephanie Martin	Hector & Arlene Rojas
Dave & Sue Vanderlinden	Erich Blassingame
Marcus & Christine Caruso	John & Cathy D'Antoni
Gary & Gladys Green	Christean & Sharon Kapp
Albert & Krista Loera	Denise Lopez
Shelly Maranto	Madlyn Moreau
Julian & Roxana Perez	James & Emma Pond
Craig & Marilyn Spivey	Mary Soza
Jason & Sarah Svatek	Stacie McKay
Brook & Flor Foreman	Mary Soza
David Grams & Laura Johnson	Ivan & Maglin Avila
Saman & Mary Perera	Dave & Claudia Mantey
Alfred & Fida De Los Santos	Aaron & Kristi Zawacki
Brent & Misty Scalise	Betty Young
Mark Childs & Leigh Anne Betty	
Jason Catchings & Christa Daniels	

Parish Mission

March 13-16, 2006 at 7 PM

Speaker: Richard R. Gaillardetz, Ph.D.

"Deus Caritas Est" – God is Love

written by: Pope Benedict XVI

Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz is the Margaret and Thomas Murray and James J. Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

He received his Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of Notre Dame.

In 2000, Dr. Gaillardetz received the Sophia Award from the faculty of the Washington Theological Union in recognition of "theological excellence in service to ministry."

Don't miss your opportunity to hear this dynamic speaker and increase your faith and knowledge as we deepen our understanding of "Deus Caritas Est" – God is Love.

Spring Festival Information- April 29th and 30th

It's time again to start planning for the **Annual Spring Festival**. Reserve the dates and come help make this our most successful year ever!

We need your help!

Anyone needing service hours
or if you just want to come...

We will be stuffing the Festival mail out on Saturday, **March 18th** from 1 to 3 pm (or until finished) in the Community Center.

Come as Jr. or Sr. High youth, in families!
Any & all help needed!

Easy egg shells for "Confetti Eggs"

Open a hole at the top of the egg the approx. size of a nickel. Shake out the contents. Wash out and save in the original carton. Start turning them into the office anytime or at the Festival booth the weekends of **April 1/2, April 8/9, or April 22/23**. Last year we sold several thousand eggs. **WOW!**

Please feel free to contact us regarding the Festival: Mike and Camille Havelka, Committee Chairpersons
281-373-5322 or havelka@sbcglobal.net

Your time and donations are really appreciated!