

Dear Friends,

A parish is more than just a place to worship God on Sundays. It is a community of believers who pray, work, socialize, support, and grow in charity together. In other words, a parish is a way of life that addresses the needs of the total person.

Jesus did not go about from place to place just teaching people how to worship God. He came to heal, to mend relationships, and to engage people in loving concern for others. In short, he came to completely change people's lives.

Therefore, as disciples of the Lord, we are called to this same way of life. In other words, we are called to be a community of love. To do this, we must engage in fellowship and prayer. That is why a parish strives to offer social, educational, cultural, spiritual, and service related events. We also try to have just plain 'ole fun. When we work together, support one another, play together and pray together we build up the body of Christ and become what it is that God wants us to be.

To that end, we are always looking to grow and expand our activities as a parish. In a couple of weeks, we will be offering Vacation Bible School for our parish children. It is not so much a baby-sitting service as it is an opportunity for the children to meet new friends, have a little recreation, and learn about God at the same time. The interaction between the children helps them to learn what it means to follow Christ's command to "love one another."

Another activity that we are working on is some type of parish festival. Ultimately, we want to create an event that helps us to get together as an entire parish family and celebrate our unity and identity as members of the family of God. We are putting together a committee to develop this parish family celebration.

In just a few weeks, we will be celebrating our parish's feast day, the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The date is June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and we will again have a Mass and Dinner at the church. Save the date so that you can join us!

Recently, we had the parish's first Easter Egg Hunt, and despite the rainy weather, it was a tremendous hit! It was good to see families chatting, laughing and having fun.

Hopefully, we will provide some educational activities for adults as well. We never stop learning about our Faith. God is infinite mystery and therefore we can never say we know everything there is to know about God.

We are always open to new ideas to improve the life of the parish. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to bring them up. There are many ways in which we can develop our communal life so that we become more of a loving, caring, praying, and united family of faith! God bless!

Fr. Paul



**Saturday, May 23, 2009**

8:00 AM +Gordon R. Griffin  
by St. John's Choir  
4:30 PM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart  
by Alicia Salinas

**Sunday, May 24, 2009**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM +Janet McCampbell  
by Jarlath Hoffman  
11:00AM +Consuelo Chiapoco  
by Family  
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors

**Monday, May 25, 2009**

8:00 AM +Ellen Ericksen  
by Monty & Molly Raben

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

8:00 AM +Ofelia Valdez  
by Valdez Family

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

8:00 AM +Robert Marion Black  
by Lenora Zdansky

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

8:00 AM +Fr. Gregory Boensch  
by St. John's Parish

**Friday, May 29, 2009**

8:00 AM +Gregoria Barrientes  
by Salinas Family

**Next Saturday, May 30, 2009**

8:00 AM +Roel Garcia  
by Marias F. Rivera  
4:30 PM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
by Alicia Salinas

**Next Sunday, May 31, 2009**

**Pentecost Sunday**

8:30 AM +Gordon R. Griffin  
by St. Patrick's Autumn Leaves  
11:00 AM The Fallen Knights of Columbus  
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors

**Readings for the Week of May 24, 2009**

**Sunday** Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday** Saints Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor; Gregory VII, pope; Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin  
Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday** Saint Philip Neri, priest  
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday** Saint Augustine of Canterbury, bishop  
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25  
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**Sunday** Pentecost Sunday  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...**



Paul Koehler, Elizabeth Eicher, Chris Perez, Marlin McMorro, Beatrice Ferrell, Joseph A. Eicher, Agnes Parker, Bernie Broyles, Elida Salas, Edward Nemece, Elodina M. Flores, Sgt. William McAbee, Erica Bush, Oscar Soliz, Gus Blomquist, Jimmy Alvarez, Jesse Buentello, Florence Fuertez, John Kelly, Sharon Reeves, Phyllis Stubbs, Susan Bletz, Nicole Roberts, Cameron Marshall, Elena Marshall, Patty Cash, Felicity Moreno, Alyssa Smith.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Please Pray For Our Troops



Sgt. Roger Elkins, Glen Turner Jr., Sgt Matt Maufin, Aaron Philipchuck, Dwayne Solis, Charles Krohn Jr., Oscar Rossi Billy Swatzell, James O'Donnell, Paul Adame, Brandon

Felton, Zicorian Coleman, Wendy Hand, D'Aldo Alaniz, Paul Walton, Joseph Yglesias, Jaime Robles, Rudy Hoyt, Roseann Guerrero, Sr. Airman Charlie Stevens, Sr. Airman Patrick Scheuter, Matt Hettinger, Mike Brown, Erik Garza, Damian Saldivar, Maj. Chuck Taylor, Alex Saucedo, Jay Alvarez, John Rodriguez, Jr., Jimmy Karjian, Orlando Rodriguez, Ken Demick, Yvette T. Demick, Scott Nielsen, Timothy Johnson, Mr. Rogers, Lt. jg John Dolby III, Michael Nelson, Michael A. Berry, Gabriel Reza, Mike Llamas, Manny Olvalle, Luis Martinez, Lt. Hector Jude Garcia, Lt. jg Kristopher McAbee, Capt. John A. Malley, Chris Hesse, Natalie Manzano, Capt. Cristian Alejandro Pinzon, David D. Ruiz, Melissa Davila, Ramon Panganiiban, Jr.

### Ministry Schedules

This Week's Lectors:	Next Week' Lectors
4:30 pm Melinda Gomez	4:30 pm Anissa Hernandez
8:30am Brenda Garcia	8:30am Lillian Cardiel
11:00am Children's Mass	11:00am Karen McIntire

This Week's EM's:	Next Week's EM's:
4:30 pm Mike & Noemi Lazo, Sally Escobar, Crystal Hite, Maricela Spencer, Michael & Linda Hite	4:30pm Samantha Mora, Tracy Mora, Mary Mora, Anita Joya
8:30am Mary Carrillo, Mary Jones, Mary De La Garza, Mark & Mary Jo Cheesman	8:30am Leila & Roland Longoria, Teena Bracco, Bill & Jane Cheesman
11:00am Richard & Catalina Longoria, Rene & Janie Esquivel, Norma Huerta, Cynthia & Gabriel Gatica	11:00 am Ed Salinas, Olaya Soliz, Judy Cruz, Beto & Minnie Peña, Cindy Morin, Bonner Dorsey

This Week's Ushers:	Next Week's Ushers:
4:30pm James Coburn, Don Fettig, George Fegan, Gene Gonzalez	4:30pm James Coburn, Virginia Haasl, George Fegan, Arnold Barrera
8:30am Al Medina, Lou Medina, Leila Longoria, Roland Longoria	8:30am Lawrence Balderas, Rhonda Balderas, David Berlanga, Elizabeth Berlanga
11:00am David Garcia, Henry Lamb, Mike Nevada, Eddie Cruz	11:00am Henry Lamb, Roberto Moreno, Vanessa Bedoya, Victoria Bedoya

### Sunday Collection



*Gifts for God*

May 17, 2009

Envelope & Loose	\$ 6,984.81
Vines & Branches	125.00
Retired Priest	100.00



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day!**

### St. John's Parish Dates to Remember

May 25 – 6:30 pm – Catholic Daughter's Meeting  
 May 26 – 7:00 pm – Knights of Columbus Regular Meeting-Election of Officers  
 May 31 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Blood Drive

### Bake Sale



We are having a bake sale to help raise funds for our youth that are going to the Steubenville Conference. Please stop by after Mass this weekend and purchase your favorite dessert.

### Altar Servers Permission Slips

Permission slips for the trip to Fiesta Texas for server and parent can be found in the altar server room. Forms with parents check need to be signed and returned to the office no later than **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### Vacation Bible School 2009

Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-19 from 9 to 12 for the registered youth of the parish who have **completed** Kindergarten through 5th grade. Currently, we are seeking volunteers to assist with various duties. Please contact the office if available to help. Registration information will be coming soon.

### Seniors Graduation Mass



St. John's would like to honor our High School Seniors and College Graduates with a special Mass on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM**. If you would like to be recognized please call our parish office and give us your name.

### Women's Council New Officers

Please help us to congratulate and support our new officers, they were installed by Fr. Paul and Fr. John on May 11<sup>th</sup>.



Jackie Lee	President
Judy Beckman	Vice President
Josey O'Flynn	Second Vice President
Ronnie Balderas	Treasurer
Noemi Lazo	Secretary
Blanca Salazar	Parliamentarian

### Pro-Life Corner

Could the tide finally be turning? Two recent polls conducted by Gallup and Fox showed that more Americans are pro-life as opposed to pro-abortion. With Obama preparing to most certainly appoint a pro-abortion nominee to the Supreme Court, our prayers and actions are needed more than ever. Please sign up at, and bookmark the website, Lifenews.com which provides the latest Pro-life news and information. Staying informed is critical.

### Youth Ministry Announcements

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Come this Sunday, 7pm – 8:30pm, for a surprise event! Stay tuned for the summer schedule on [www.spiritandlifeyouth.com](http://www.spiritandlifeyouth.com)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Stay posted for summer events! [www.spiritandlifeyouth.com](http://www.spiritandlifeyouth.com)

**ATTENTION ADULTS:** Please contact Angie if you are able to help with rides and chaperone for summer youth events. [abower@stjohnthebaptistcc.org](mailto:abower@stjohnthebaptistcc.org) or 991-4400.