

Dear Parishioners,

It's Fr. Forbus writing to you. We are celebrating the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Rather than try to prove such a Triune Being can exist and how (which no one really can, but must learn to trust what Christ Himself reveals---not an easy task, but then again not impossible to trust), it would be best for us to realize God's nature and how this reveals our true destiny. We look to the Father as widely spoken of in the Old Testament. What would this mean for us? To put it simply, we have a Father whose sole concern is for His children. The life experiences of Israel in the Old Testament with God bears this out. We see in the Old Testament a Father who provides our needs (some hidden and unbeknownst to us yet given all the same since we do not always see our needs, but tend to our wants more often). We see a Father that can protect us from eternal death and give us eternal life (just as He did for Jesus His Son). All in all a Father who loves, advises, protects, provides, and guides us all. This is the Father in the Old Testament.

The Son is one who teaches us how to respond to such a Father. If we look to how the Son, in His humanity, relates to the Father then we see we have **our** cultural image of the Father all wrong. When we speak of the Father, most would see Him as a person who tallies our sins and holds them against us on Judgment Day. Some may see a Father, full of wrath, who punishes us. Either way the most common image of God the Father is one who is stern and punishing. Yet why does the Son, Jesus the Christ, teach us to call the Father, "Abba!"? He teaches us we are to be so in love with the Father, so trusting of the Father, that we call this omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being "Daddy."

However, we still tend to see the Father from what our shame and fear teaches us; He is stern and will punish if we make a wrong move. Yet, even the chastisements of the Father lead to knowledge and life; not our destruction. It is difficult for people to remember and believe in the scriptures how the Father is described most often (even confirmed by His Son), that He is merciful, forgiving, loving, faithful, and steadfast. It is these qualities of the Father that are professed more than anything else in the Scriptures. There is hardly a mention of a punishing God or a wrathful God. Yet, because these things are recorded as well, we the terrible habit of seeing the Father as that more often than His true image of a merciful, forgiving, loving, faithful, and steadfast God. So, we see how Jesus changes our thoughts of God the Father when He preaches. Still, is Jesus just paying lip service when He tells us of the Father? No. He does something more; He gives us His Holy Spirit.

It is His Holy Spirit within us which grants us the opportunity to experience a merciful, forgiving, loving, faithful, and steadfast Father. It is the Holy Spirit that can bring the love of a God within us and have our love rise up to a God who is beyond our imagining. The Father planned this from the beginning; the Son fulfills it in His life, teaching, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. And it is the Holy Spirit that draws us within such a relationship. And it is all for the sake of our Father loving us and waiting for us to love Him in return. As all human relationship brings two people into union, so does the Spirit bring us into union with a God! And that is the Father we all should see and praise.

God's and your beast of burden
Fr. John



Saturday, June 6, 2009

8:00 AM +Roel Garcia
by Nora R. Castillo
4:30 PM +Mr & Mrs Ted Hinojosa & Nick
by Blanca Salazar

Sunday, June 7, 2009

The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving
by Laura Gardner
11:00AM +Blanche Soucek
by Dolores & Marlin McMorro
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors

Monday, June 8, 2009

8:00 AM +Maria D. Cano
by Mary Moran

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

8:00 AM +Robert Marion Black
by Mr & Mrs Bill Havelka

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

8:00 AM +Augustine Mejia 2nd Anniversary
by Family

Thursday, June 11, 2009

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
by Florence Fuertez

Friday, June 12, 2009

8:00 AM +Michael J. O'Flynn
by Michael & Josey O'Flynn

Next Saturday, June 13, 2009

8:00 AM Paul & Teresa Koehler
Happy Wedding Anniversary
4:30 PM +Lupita Fernandez
by Yvonne Del Rio

Next Sunday, June 14, 2009

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:30 AM +Annita Coburn
by Jim Coburn
11:00 AM +Blanche Soucek
by Women's Council
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2009

Sunday The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rm 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
Monday 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday Saint Ephrem, deacon, doctor
2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Saint Barnabas, apostle
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 116; Mt 5:20-26
Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday Saint Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor
2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 92; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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, Edward Nemecek, 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, Felicita Moreno, Alyssa Smith, Eddie Rivera, John Cariaga.

The Most Holy Trinity

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 Panganiban, Jr., Sgt. Carlos Torres, Jr.

Ministry Schedules

This Week's Lectors:

Next Week' Lectors

4:30 pm Leonard & Jackie Lee	4:30 pm Richard Longoria
8:30am Alonzo Rivera	8:30am Lillian Cardiel
11:00am Ronnie Sepulveda	11:00am Paulette Guajardo

This Week's EM's:

Next Week's EM's:

4:30 pm Janie & Ed Salinas, Sally Escobar	4:30pm Linda & Michael Hite, Randy Ritter
8:30am Mary Carrillo, Maricela Spencer, Ronnie Balderas	8:30am Bill & Jane Cheesman, Teena Bracco
11:00am Julio Dimas, Beto & Minnie Peña	11:00 am Olaya Soliz, Gabriel & Cynthia Gatica

This Week's Ushers:

Next Week's Ushers:

4:30pm Linda Hite, Michael Hite, Patty Dolan, Richard Dolan	4:30pm Arnold Barrera, George Fegan, James Coburn, Gene Gonzalez
8:30am Roland Longoria, Leila Longoria, Lawrence Balderas, Ronnie Balderas	8:30am Al Medina, Allan Rasmussen, David Elizabeth Berlanga
11:00am Michael O'Flynn, Albert Lichtenberger, Eddie Cruz, Henry Lamb	11:00am Eddie Cruz, Raul Treviño, Vanessa Bedoya, Victoria Bedoya

Sunday Collection



Envelope & Loose
Vines & Branches

May 31, 2009

\$ 8,041.49
772.00

Altar Flowers



The flowers for the weekend of **May 30 & 31** were donated by Steven and Amy Perez in honor of their daughter Chelsea's Quince.

The flowers for **Tuesday, June 2**, were donated by the family of Elias V. Garcia.

St. John's Parish Dates to Remember

June 07 – 12:15 PM – Baptism Class
June 09 – 6:30 PM – Guadalupe's Meeting
June 13 – 9:00 AM – CMSE Class
June 13 – 7:30 PM – Choral Artist Concert

Catholic Daughter's Report

The Catholic Daughters of our parish would like to thank you, our church community, for your support of our fundraisers and projects throughout the year. This past year, we donated \$345 for the pavers on the church grounds, \$250 for the St. John Vianney Emergency fund for seminarians, donations to Pro-Life, Morality in Media, and Priests for Life to help fight abortion and pornography, \$250 for Vacation Bible School, \$800 for the youth trip to Steubenville South, \$950 for scholarships, \$100 to the children of the Colonias in Brownsville, and \$100 to National Projects. In addition, we have made contributions to help abused children and the elderly. We strive to practice our motto "Unity and Charity". With your financial support and other donations, you have helped made it possible for us to accomplish our goals.

Mother Theresa Homeless Shelter



We will be making a delivery to the shelter on **Wednesday, June 10**. They continue to need paper products, hand sanitizer, personal hygiene items, coffee and especially laundry supplies.

Tea Party

To all ladies from our parish, you are cordially invited to a Tea Party, presenting Endow on **Sunday June 14, at 2:00 PM**, 5317 S. Oso Pkwy. Please RSVP to Andrea Medina Morales at 361-851-5087.

Vacation Bible School 2009

Mark your calendars now! Our second Vacation Bible School will be held on **Monday, June 15-19 from 9 a.m. to noon**. All children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join in on the fun! Registration is limited to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church registered families. Participation is limited, so be sure to register now! Registration is available on-line at www.vacationbibleschool.com/stjohnthebaptistcc.org or after all masses on June 13 & 14.

Our VBS is in need of the following household items: 2, or 3 liter soda bottles, 1-gallon milk jugs and empty paper towel rolls. Please bring to the church office! Thank you!

Father's Day Novena



May God Bless Give your Father a priceless gift this **Father's Day, Sunday June 21st**. What better way to honor and remember your father than with a Novena of Masses. You may pick up a card from the entrance of the church.

Take the card with you and return the envelope to the parish office or place it in the collection basket by Father's Day.

Youth Ministry Announcements

HIGH SCHOOLERS: Beach soccer next Saturday, June 13th at Bob Hall Pier! Pick up a permission form from Angie's office.

STEBENVILLE PARTICIPANTS: **Mandatory meetings** are this Thursday, June 11th at 7pm in room 7, and Saturday, June 20 from 5:30pm – 9pm in Rockport (you can carpool). Call Angie if you can't make it.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Monday, June 22nd come for SUMMER CHILL 6pm – 8pm.