

Pastor's Page

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Sirach 6:14-17: "A faithful friend is a strong defence: and he that hath found him, hath found a treasure. Nothing can be compared to a faithful friend, and no weight of gold and silver is able to countervail the goodness of his fidelity. A faithful friend is the medicine of life and immortality: and they that fear the Lord, shall find him. He that feareth God, shall likewise have good friendship: because according to him shall his friend be."

Dear FRIENDS!

As a little follow up to last week's homily -- on the extreme importance of having good friends, and also on the great courage needed to sometimes cut ties with people who will take you down to their level of vice or irreligion, and also on the importance for parents to have the courage to tell their children, " 'No,' there are certain people it is not ok for you to hang out with,"-- below some quotes from scripture and from various saints.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

-Fr. Simon

From the *Imitation of Christ*:

"You cannot live well without a friend, and if Jesus be not your friend above all else, you will be very sad and desolate."

From the Gospel of St. John, chapter 15 verses 13-15:

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

From St. Teresa of Avila:

"I am amazed at the evil one bad companion can do,—nor could I believe it if I did not know it by experience,—especially when we are young: then is it that the evil must be greatest. Oh, that parents would take warning by me, and look carefully to this!

So it was with me; the conversation of one person so changed me, that no trace was left of my soul's natural disposition to virtue, and I became a reflection of her and of another who was given to the same kind of amusements.

I know from this the great advantage of good companions; and I am certain that if at that tender age I had been thrown among good people, I should have persevered in virtue"

(Some quotes on friendship continued...) From St. Francis de Sales:

"DO, my child, love every one with the pure love of charity, but have no friendship save with those who are good and true, and the purer the bond which unites you so much higher will your friendship be."

"TAKE NOTICE, my child, that the honey of Heraclium, which is so poisonous, altogether resembles that which is wholesome, and there is great danger of mistaking one for the other, or of mixing them, for the virtue of one would not counteract the harmfulness of the other. We must be on our guard not to be deceived in making friendships, especially between persons of the opposite sexes, for not unfrequently Satan deludes those who love one another. They may begin with a virtuous affection, but if discretion be lacking, frivolity will creep in, and then sensuality, till their love becomes carnal: even in spiritual love there is a danger if people are not on the watch, although it is not so easy to be deluded therein, inasmuch as the very purity and transparency of spiritual affection show Satan's stains more promptly. Consequently, when he seeks to interpose, he does it stealthily, and strives to insinuate impurity almost imperceptibly.

You may distinguish between worldly friendship and that which is good and holy, just as one distinguishes that poisonous honey from what is good—it is sweeter to the taste than ordinary honey, owing to the aconite infused;—and so worldly friendship is profuse in honeyed words, passionate endearments, commendations of beauty and sensual charms, while true friendship speaks a simple honest language, lauding nought save the Grace of God, its one only foundation. That strange honey causes giddiness; and so false friendship upsets the mind, makes its victim to totter in the ways of purity and devotion, inducing affected, mincing looks, sensual caresses, inordinate sighings, petty complaints of not being loved, slight but questionable familiarities, gallantries, embraces, and the like, which are sure precursors of evil; whereas true friendship is modest and straightforward in every glance, loving and pure in caresses, has no sighs save for Heaven, no complaints save that God is not loved sufficiently. That honey confuses the sight, and worldly friendship confuses the judgment, so that men think themselves right while doing evil, and assume their excuses and pretexts to be valid reasoning. They fear the light and love darkness; but true friendship is clear-sighted, and hides nothing—rather seeks to be seen of good men.

Lastly, this poisonous honey leaves an exceeding bitter taste behind; and so false friendship turns to evil desires, upbraidings, slander, deceit, sorrow, confusion and jealousies, too often ending in downright sin; but pure friendship is always the same—modest, courteous and loving—knowing no change save an increasingly pure and perfect union, a type of the blessed friendships of Heaven. When young people indulge in looks, words or actions which they would not like to be seen by their parents, spouses or confessors, it is a sure sign that they are damaging their conscience and their honor.

"HOW are you to meet the swarm of foolish attachments, triflings, and undesirable inclinations which beset you? By turning sharply away...I say unhesitatingly to whosoever has become entangled in any such worthless friendships: Cut it short, break it off—do not play with it, or pretend to untie the knot; cut it through, tear it asunder. There must be no dallying with an attachment which is incompatible with the Love of God."

MINISTERS – SATURDAY – September 5, 2015

SACRISTANS

5:30 P.M. Mario & Vivian Trujillo

USHERS

5:30 P.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 P.M. Thomas Palla
Kruz Trujillo
Jodyn Everett

LECTORS

5:30 P.M. John Salguero
Keishla Cota

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:30 A.M. *Katie Haynes-Burns (R-Captain),
*Stephen Haynes-L, Ruben Lucio, Vivian
Trujillo, Mario Trujillo

MINISTERS – SUNDAY – September 6, 2015

SACRISTANS

8:30 A.M. Mike & Anna Nagro

10:30 A.M. Dora & Carlos Rivero

USHERS

8:30 A.M. Eddie's Angels
10:30 A.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 A.M. Victoria Gutierrez
Jacob Gutierrez
Esperanza Tafoya
10:30 A.M. Francisco Rodriguez
Caleb VanBeek
Evan VanBeek

LECTORS

8:30 A.M. Jesse Alvarez
Barbara Anaya
10:30 A.M. Cliff Kuchta
Jean Kaplan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 A.M. *James Laquerre (Captain-R), *Lila
Lucero-L, Jimmy Maes, Mary Maulsby,
Anna Nagro, Mike Nagro, James Schoeffel,
John Schonberger
10:30 A.M. *Diana Moya (Captain-R), *Carlos Rivero-
L, Dora Rivero, Roselia Vicuña, Lola
Bryant, Cindy Cantu, Paul Ellis, Suzanne
Ellis

CHURCH CLEANING

September 5 – * Nora Romero, Bernice Maynes,
Adela Tijerina

ALTAR LINENS

September – Susie Oborny

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Retirement Ranch	Tina Majkrzak
Clovis Healthcare	The Candelaria's
Senior Resident Center	Marcy Kos
Individual Homes	Marcy Kos
	Teresa Weeks

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sacred Heart has a group of "Prayer Warriors" who will seek God's Intervention on your behalf. All it takes is a phone call to Jeanne Kriegshauser at (575) 762-9214 or Mary Shockley at (575) 763-0953, and they will set prayer in motion.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16 OR Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; 1 Peter 2:19-25 OR Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25

Wednesday Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23 OR Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23

Thursday Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33; Romans 2:1-11

Friday Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16 OR Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16

Saturday Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31

SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS CLASS

This class is for **ALL** individuals who volunteer in the Church. Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (in Mass and for to Homebound), Ushers, Choir Members, CCD teachers, CCD Volunteers, Youth Group Volunteers, RCIA Volunteers, etc. Any involvement with the church in any form, **YOU MUST** take this class, but you only have to take it once in a lifetime.

WHEN: Saturday, October 10, 2015

TIME: 10:00 AM

WHERE: St. Helen Catholic Church
St. Thomas Moore Newman Center
Portales, New Mexico

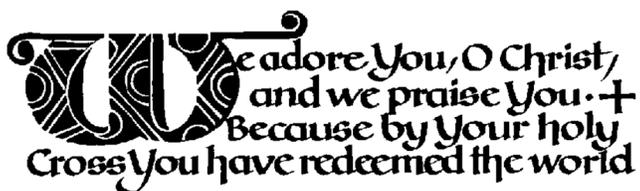
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

There will be a Mandatory meeting for all parents who have Children or Youth enrolled in CCD/Youth Group, on **Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:20 pm** in the church. All parents **MUST** attend! There will be a Sign-In sheet at the back of the church. There will not be a make-up session.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015. We will start with reciting the Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by refreshments.

Come and fellowship with us!



Monday

4:30 P.M.

Wednesday

5:00 P.M.

6:20 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

Thursday

TBA

Friday

7:00 A.M. – 5:10 PM

4:30 P.M

Saturday

3:30 P.M.

4:30 P.M.

August 31, 2015

Confessions – Church

September 2, 2015

Choir Practice (8:30 Mass)

CCD Parent Meeting - GYM

CCD/RCIA Classes - School

September 3, 2015

Choir Practice (10:30 Mass)

September 4, 2015

Adoration of the Blessed

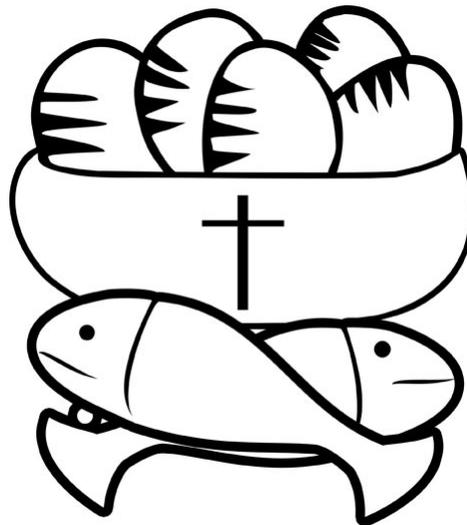
Sacrament - Church

Confessions – Church

September 5, 2015

Confessions – Church

Youth Choir – Church



TITHING REPORT

August 22 & 23, 2015

Envelopes	\$ 3,612.00
Loose	\$ 2,173.61
Total	\$ 5,785.61

NEEDY COLLECTION

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 41.00
Total	\$ 41.00



We are distributing food to the needy every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month starting at 9:00 am.

We are in need of volunteers to help!

If you are interested, please call Rosie Buchan at (575) 309-5040 so she can give you further information and to inform you of a time to meet to help prepare for our distribution, or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number so that we may contact you.

Our next distribution will be September 5, 2015.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned Vegetables,
- Crackers,
- Cereal,
- Lunchbox Snacks,
- Breakfast Oatmeal, Canned Meat, and
- Soups

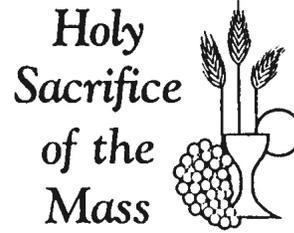
Any help will be greatly appreciated. You can place items in the baskets in the back of the church or bring them into the parish office. Thank you and may God Bless you.



We are in need of Volunteers to help with Meals-On-Wheels for the week of August 31st – September 4th. Please call Judy Vaughn at (575) 762-2427.



Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Library. We will study “Peter, Cornerstone of Catholicism” with Dr. Tim Gray. Workbooks will be available for \$34.95, if you would like to purchase one.



<u>SATURDAY</u> 5:30 P.M.	<u>August 29, 2015</u> † Benerito & Rosarito Gallegos † Benny Gallegos, Jr.
<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<u>August 30, 2015</u> † Joseph & † Beatrice Sandoval For the people of the parish
<u>MONDAY</u> 5:30 P.M.	<u>August 31, 2015</u> Cyril & Mary Albracht
<u>TUESDAY</u> 7:00 A.M.	<u>September 1, 2015</u> † Rosemary Smithhisler
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 7:00 A.M.	<u>September 2, 2015</u> † Allan & † Ginny Haynes
<u>THURSDAY</u> 7:00 A.M.	<u>September 3, 2015</u> † Susan Martel
<u>FRIDAY</u> 5:30 P.M.	<u>September 4, 2015</u> TBA
<u>SATURDAY</u> 5:30 P.M.	<u>September 5, 2015</u> For the people of the parish
<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<u>September 6, 2015</u> † Rosemary Smithhisler † Gertrude “Sister” Tenorio † Matthew Tenorio, Jr.

