

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTIONS...

The Law was not enough

Greetings beloved children of God! After Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi, we are finally back to just “good old” Ordinary Time. Now we have the long summer months of walking with Jesus through His teaching, ministry and miracles. This is the time when we really get to know our Savior, Jesus, in the time between His birth and passion. Even as we have times of vacation and travel this summer, we need to make sure that we are worshipping wherever we are. We never take a vacation from God!

Our second reading this Sunday is Saint Paul’s reflection on our salvation and the Law. In his Letter to the Galatians, Paul is trying to help the people to understand that our salvation is not our reward for keeping the Law. There are two reasons for this. The first is that on our own, we cannot keep the Law. The second reason is that even if a person were to keep the Law, they would not be good enough to “earn” heaven. Let us consider these two positions for a bit.

The first principle is that we cannot keep the Law. When the Lord gave Moses the Law, it really was to help the people to live in a more just and righteous society. There were laws of what to eat, how to wash, and how to treat others. These laws were given to govern the behavior of the community, and to make sure that there was some justice for the weak and some limits on the strong. Just like in our own society, there is a need to have some laws for the common good. God went so far as to regulate how we are to feel and think. “Love the Lord your God . . . Do not covet. . . Have no false gods before you.” To truly keep the Law, we would have to be perfect in action, speech, and thought. It became clear to the people that they simply could not keep it perfectly.

Even if we could keep it perfectly, we would still be created beings simply doing what we are told. In the end, a relationship with God is not a reward for service, but a gift that we could not ever earn. Even the greatest Saints in our history would acknowledge that they were nothing compared to God. To be with God for all eternity, as His beloved children, is a gift that none of us deserve, none of us have earned.

No matter how good a person may be, we still come up drastically short from the holiness of God.

This is why we need a Savior. Without Christ, we could only try hard and hope that God is merciful. Now that our Savior has come, we can receive salvation in Him. Saint Paul states, “I have been crucified with Christ, therefore I no longer live but Christ lives in me.” Only Jesus was good enough. Only Jesus belongs in heaven. It is through Jesus that we receive salvation.

This, of course, does not mean that we can live in sin and disregard the commandments of God. But it means that we do good out of love, not out of some fear that we have to earn our way to heaven. We are saved by faith. Faith without works is dead. Our works of love show our faith to be real. Jesus saves, not the Law. Our relationship with God is a great gift, not a reward but a sign of His grace and mercy to sinners. We are saved by Jesus, in Jesus, and because of Jesus. This truth should keep us humble.



Fr. Matthew S. Bonk
C.S.S.R.

Mass Schedule...

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
(before each Mass)
7:30-8:00 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) **5:30 p.m.**
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction: 9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

Weekly Readings...



June 13, 2010 - June 20, 2010

Sunday:
2 Sm 12:7-10,13 Ps 32:1-2,5,7,11 Gal 2:16,19-21 Lk 7:36-8:3

Monday:
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b,4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:
1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b,11,16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:
2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Ps 31:20-21,24 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday:
Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday:
2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 Ps 132:11-14,17-18 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:
2Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5,29-34 Mt 6:24-34

Sunday:
Zec 12:10-11;13:1 Ps 63:2-6,8-9 Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PRAYER CORNER

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Anastasia Wright
John Wright

ALTER SERVERS

11:00 Caleb Camp
David Camp

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00 Alexis Hicks

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Johnny Taylor
Ann Conte
Jacquie Crawford
Martha Darris
Michael Ellermann
Maudelle Fite

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

11:00 Sharon Cooney-Smith
Deborah Grant
Pamela Leong
Karen Madison
Mary Middleton
Jean Anthony
Anita Banks



Host: Norman Williams
Host: Andrew Atherton

Host: Blondell Lucas

Host: Pat Pou

Host: Nikki Taylor

Host: Edna Whitfield

ELDERS

8:15 Nina Hughes
11:00 Anita Banks

INCENSE BEARERS

8:15 Jocelyn Woodson-Reed
11:00 Janis McSpadden

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Shira Truitt
Carol Henderson-Powell
11:00 Patricia Bowens
Bonita Cornute

USHERS - Group 2

8:15 Pat Quain
11:00 Rosemary Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte
Robert Caldwell

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Jasmine Burt
Alexis Hicks

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 John Wright

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Linda Kamp
Helene Laberta
Brenda Moore
Angela Mullen
Pat Quain
Melba Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Henrene Brown
Richard Buckley
Joy Camp
Cynthia Clayton
Sharon Cooney-Smith
Karen Madison
Mary Middleton
Pat Pou



Host: Jean Latham
Host: Jean Nashville

Host: Pearlina Harris

Host: Donna Lane

Host: Pamela Leong

Host: Blondell Lucas

ELDERS

8:15: Ruth Jones
11:00: Dorothy Bennett

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Angela Mullen
11:00 Joy Camp

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Elizabeth Boykin-Moore
Jason Thompson
11:00 Bobby Cox
Richard Lane

USHERS - Group 3

8:15 Beverly Thompson
11:00 Faye Combs



“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER”

“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of our souls and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” To include someone in our Prayer Corner, please call the office Monday through Tuesday 9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

(We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.

INTENTIONS 06/02/10

Jackson, Eulalia*
Ortwerth, Maria*

INTENTIONS CON

Mosby, Marvin*
Norflect (Rhodes), Marsha & Family*
Parran, Lauren*
Perkins, Ivory J.*
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Smith, Queen*
Smith, Amos
Weekly, Ollie & Family*

SICKNESS CON

Weekly, Willie*
Williams, Ethel*
Wilson, Earl*
Worth, Shirley*
Zacher, Clarence*
Zikovic, Katrina*

INTENTIONS 06/09/10

Bentley, Barbara
Cooney, Helen
Gray, Corrine
Gray, Joseph
Green, Wendell & Family
Hatchett, Shannen
Hinton, Mary Ann*
McGrath, Renee

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl*
Barry, Jack*
Coleman, Ken*
Crider, Joanne*
Crowley, Tammy*
Davenport, Jean*
Ervin, Keith*
Fisher, Bill*
Fitzsimmons, Karen*
George, Betty*
Hatten, Pam*
Hardin, Wilhelmina*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hudson, Edward*
Jackson, Eulalia*
Jones, Harriet*
Locke, Wilma*
Luster, Juanita*
McCoy, Steven*
McSpadden, Phillip*
Patin, Larry*
Perkins, Belinda*
Perkins, Charles Sr.*
Rankins, Gloria*
Reedy, Judith*
Reedy, Sidney*
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR*
Reichert, Matthew*
Remsberg, Corey Sgt.*
Scott, Mauri*
Thomas, Webster*
Vardiman, Katie*
Wallace, Eugene*
Washington, Yvette*

SHUT-IN

Anderson, Hortense
Buckley, June
Camp, Cynthia
Carson, Donetta
Chopin, Dave & Ann
Clay, Irvin & Evelyn
DuMaine, William
Fowler, Queen
Goodlow, Elizabeth
Jackson, Margaret
Johnson, Deacon Les
Joiner, Ruby
Jones, Mother Julia
Kulhman, Ann
McCoy, Carolyn
Riley, Jerry
Rinderer, Barbara
Ringo, Maggie
Roberts, Juanita
Robinson, Vernita
Turner, Thelma

SICKNESS 06/09/10

Goodlow, Charles*

HOSPITAL 06/09/10

Brown, Sylvia J.

INTENTIONS

Alexandre, Rosemary S.*
Allen-Smith, Queen*
Bell, Gilbert*
Brown, Eric*
Buckley, Darrell*
Cloyd Jr., Harvey Carroll*
Collins, Amy*
George, Roberta*
Latham, Darby Lashar*
Davis, Denise*
George, Roberta*
Glenn, Lesley*
Glenn, Rae*
Grant, Bernice*
Hatchett, Ann*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hughes, Goyia*
Hughes, Irene*
Jones, Harriett*
Kemp, Joanne*
King, Michael*
Latham, Darrian*
Martin, Linda*
McGinnis, Kathy

HOSPITAL

Albright, Winston*
Crenshaw, Roscoe*
Gales, Mary Ann*
Holt, Christine*
Rodgers, Pearl*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process to assist prospective Catholics in their journey to become active members into the Roman Catholic Church. They hear the preaching of the mystery of Christ, the Holy Spirit opens their hearts, and they freely and knowingly seek the living God and enter the path of faith and conversion. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are: *Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist*. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive the Eucharist, the food of eternal life. They thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance towards the perfection of charity. To enroll in the 2010 RCIA classes, please call: Donna L. Lane at 533-0304. Classes will begin September 26, 2010. Classes for Youth 11-16 years old (RCIC) who wish to become Catholic will start at the same time.

Baptism Classes for children (7-10 years old) will begin on October 30, 2010. Older children (11-16 years old) will be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) beginning September 26, 2010. Please contact Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

LWANGA CENTER HAPPENINGS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!

Are you making plans for the summer? Why not consider exploring your creative talents and make it an exciting time? You may be surprised as hidden talent comes alive on canvas. If you are available 9 a.m.—Noon, Monday, June 14th thru Friday, June 18th, creative art design classes will be conducted at the Vaughn Cultural Center, 3701 Grandel Square, by a notable local artist. **THERE IS NO COST TO YOU!** Registration will be limited to 20 students and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Interested?

Call the Lwanga Center at 314 367-7929.

ATTENTION:

The Reverend Renee L. Fenner will be installed as Pastor of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church 2900 St. Catherine Street Florissant, MO 63033. The installation will take place Thursday, June 24th, 2010 7:00pm. Reception to follow.

LITURGY NOTES

THE PENITENTIAL PSALMS

Psalms 6,32,38,51,102,130,& 143

Have you ever been so sorry for your sins that you can't even find the words to express your sorrow to God? Pray the penitential psalms in times of repentance and penance and when preparing for Confession.

The Lord says: "You have collapsed through your guilt. Take with you words, and return to the Lord" (Hos 14:2-3). In His mercy, God gives you in the penitential psalms the words to pray when you're so discouraged by your sinfulness that you don't know what to tell Him. Perhaps you are "very near to falling" (Ps 38:18), faint of spirit (Ps 143:4), or sunk in "the depths" (Ps 130:1) with weeping, tears, and eyes dimmed with sorrow (Ps 6:7, 8). Because of your guilt, you can't even sleep (Ps 102:8).

Therefore, to comfort and assure you, these psalms declare that God can't resist a repentant heart. He accepts a humble and contrite heart (Ps 51:19). In your repentant fear of Him, He wants you to be confident that "with Him is forgiveness" (Ps 130:4). Be penitential people, and make all heaven rejoice (Lk 15:7).

Prayer: Triune God, "I acknowledge my sin to You, my guilt I cover not" (Ps 32:5). "Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me" (Ps 51:4).

Promise: "Your sins are forgiven." - Lk 7:48

Praise: Praise You, risen Jesus! You died for us while we were still sinners (Rm 5:8). You take away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29). Alleluia!

SAINT OF THE WEEK...

St. Anthony of Padua
Doctor of the Church

Feastday: June 13th

Canonized less than one year after his death, Saint Anthony of Padua is a loved and admired saint in the Catholic Church, a doctor of the Church. He joined the Franciscan Order in 1221, when he was 26 years old. Because of five Franciscan protomartyrs who shed their blood for the Catholic Faith in the year 1220, in Morocco, in North Africa, and whose headless and mutilated bodies had been brought to Saint Anthony's monastery on their way back for burial. St. Anthony became a Franciscan in hope of shedding his own blood and becoming a martyr. He lived only ten years after joining the order.

So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, so that the most unlettered and innocent might understand it, that Pope Pius XII made him a Doctor of the Church in 1946. St. Anthony was only 36 years old when he died. He is called the "hammer of the Heretics" His great protection against their lies and deceits in the matter of Christian doctrine was to utter, simply and innocently, the Holy Name of Mary.

When St. Anthony of Padua found he was preaching the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he then went out and preached it to the fishes. This was not, as liberals and naturalists are trying to say, for the instruction of the fishes, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. St. Anthony wanted to profess the Catholic Faith with his mind and his heart, at every moment.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus, to whom He miraculously appeared, and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles." Upon exhumation, some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Alphonsus Vacation Bible School
June 21-25, 2010

Classes for children 1st thru 6th grade will begin Monday, June 21, at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Class size is limited. For registration information see Ms. Reola Weaver or call Roberta George, the parish secretary at 533-0304.



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North Deanery Unified Choirs

The North Deanery Unified Choirs under the direction of Simeon Layne will hold their monthly rehearsal here at Rock Church on Saturday, June 26th. The rehearsal will start at 11am in the church. All interested people are encouraged to join the choir.

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ATTENTION:

We are accepting nominations for our Parish Council. Nomination forms are located at the usher's table or you can call the office and submit your name. All people that are nominated will be invited to a meeting on Sunday, July 11th, time TBA later. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, June 27th. Nominations can be placed in the locked box at the usher's table.

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BREAKFAST IN THE GYM

Please support the Ladies of Peter Claver's, breakfast. It will be served June 20th after both Masses. Breakfast include scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns or pancakes, toast, coffee, tea and juice.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

JUNE 21-25th

Conquest Vacation Bible School
Sponsored by Catholic Charities
9am-3pm

JUNE 22-JULY 2

Olin Mills

JUNE 26

North Deanery Unified
Choir Rehearsal

JUNE 27th

Parish Gathering

AUGUST 8

Jane Brown Retirement Mass 3pm

SEPTEMBER 12

St. Peter Claver Day Celebration
Archbishop Carlson, celebrant
8:15am

NOVEMBER 6

Trivia Night

NOVEMBER 7

Annual Card Party

NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Mass
One Mass
10am

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"ROCK" 2010 GRADUATES



Che Andrews
12th, Nenrix Hall

Theodore Branch, III
Vatterott College

Martilla Davis
12th, Cardinal Ritter

Darrion R. George
12th, Mehlville

Deron Gipson
Pre-School, Lexington

Harold "Tre" Hardin
12th, Cardinal Ritter

Evan King
5th, Drummond Elementary

Jessica Lambert
8th, Annunziata

Victoria Lambert
12th, McCluer Nirth

Darien Middleton
8th, Nipher Middle School

Financial Corner...

Offerings and Tithes

JUNE 2010	
Date	Amount
6	\$ 9,452.55
13	\$
20	\$
27	\$
Total	\$
Wkly Avg.	\$



ACA REPORT

Challenge Goal: \$22,911

Challenge New Donor Goal: 49

Parish Progress Report June 2nd \$25,090

New Donors: 76

Pledge cards are still available in the Church office. Please consider giving any amount.

Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume.

"When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet."
Luke 7:44

Today's Gospel calls us to consider how we serve God. Do we consume like the Pharisee who simply reclines at the table and expects to be served? Or do we contribute like the woman who kneels before Jesus and washes His feet? Every day we must make a choice. Take or give? Consume or contribute? Recline or serve?



E-Scrip card YTD	\$ 736.57
May 2010	\$ 55.86

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ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Carnival at the Rock Family Gathering

Due to the type of fun planned we will need more volunteers to help with the various events, games, prizes, etc. Tickets go on sale soon!!

TASKS:

- Manning a game booth (basketball, ring toss)
- Manning a prize booth
- Manning ticket sales
- Servers for food
- Clean-up crew
- Set-up table and chairs
- Cover tables with plastic
- Cooks to barbeque
- Coordinator for potluck dishes
- Music

2010 CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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Sign-Up deadline is drawing to a close. Please contact Roberta, parish secretary in order to schedule an appointment if you have not done so.

Parish Commissions we are especially looking for your participation. Again, every family who participates will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a free church pictorial directory. Olan Mills Studio will be here in the gym June 22nd - June 26th, June 29th and 30th and July 1st - July 2nd, times vary. Please call the office to schedule an appointment time. Olan Mills posters depict the dates and times of the sittings. The posters are located at the Grand and North-side entrances.

ATTENTION:

Our troops in Afghanistan are requesting donations of ground coffee. Please place donations in the basket located at the Martin Deporres altar. Reola Weaver will collect and mail the coffee to the troops. Although any brand will be appreciated, they like Maxwell House and Folgers.

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL STAFF

Roberta George, Secretary

SUPPORT STAFF

Bro. Terry Burke, C.Ss.R., Manager
Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Angela Mullen
Vice Chair: Michael Page
Secretary: Rosalind Hood
Assist. Secretary: Alice Cummings
Member-at-Large I: Eugene Wallace
Finance Liaison: Jeffrey McDonald
Lois Scott
Brenda Moore-Jones
Christine Bluett
Garnetta Thames
Jerilyn M. Bell

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation—TBD
Christian Service - TBD
Family Life Comm. - TBD
Finance & Adm. - John Wright
Liturgy - Richard Buckley
Social Life - Hilliard Phillips

MUSIC MINISTRY

8: 15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny Dumaine

COMMUNITY HELP

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center
Wilhelmina Hardin, Dir of M.A.T.
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership
Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300
Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class
every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas
School - (314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304
(ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center
(314) 367-7929

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Joyce Jones, Business Manager
Donna Lane, Dir. Religious Education

REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.

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Ext. 1002

Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304

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OFFICE CLOSING

JULY 5, 2010

Independence Day



Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesday's. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ATTENTION

If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Inform one of the priests, and they can anoint you after Mass. Call and leave your hospital information at the office; a priest will visit you.

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER????

St. Alphonsus Rock has prayer ministry after each Mass every Sunday. Go to the choir area after Mass, and there will be members there to pray with you and for you. Feel a heavy burden? Need a healing? Have a thankful heart? Worried?