

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

Through the eyes of faith

Greetings and blessings be with you, "Rock" family, and to our guests joining us for worship! I want to begin by giving my thanks, again, to all of you that made our Feast Day last weekend such a success. It was such a wonderful celebration of our founder and patron, Saint Alphonsus. It is the generosity of this community that makes such joyous events possible. I do appreciate your time and ministries for the sake of our parish. I hope that we can have many more celebrations of our faith and fellowship together.

This Sunday we hear in the Second reading about Abraham and his faith from the Letter to the Hebrews. This is not his story from Genesis, but the interpretation of that story by the Apostolic Tradition. Once Christ is revealed, the way we look back on history is changed. Abraham is not simply an ancestor, but he is an example of faith, and a symbol of the Gospel message. The Letter to the Hebrews states, "He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, he received Isaac back as a symbol." (Heb 11:12) This shows that the early Christians saw an image of a father offering his son, and then receiving him back, as a symbol of God offering His Son, and then receiving Him back in the Resurrection. The Gospel message is "hidden" in the ancient texts.

The Church refers to this as the "allegorical sense" of Scripture. (You can find a discussion of the various senses of Scripture in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #115-119) This sense of Scripture means that we look upon the Law, Prophets, and Wisdom writings from the Old Testament and we find hints or clues about God's plan of the Gospel of Jesus. We are not suggesting that the prophets knew that they were speaking about Jesus, before He was born, but instead that the Holy Spirit in-

spired them to speak God's plan in both a current and future perspective.

The New Testament itself does this when the Gospel writers or Saint Paul relate some ancient text to the story of Jesus. Some examples of this are when Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple and Saint John expressed that this was based on the verse, "The zeal for Your house consumes me." from Psalm 69. Also the Apostles related the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (Is 52-53) to Jesus. Saint Paul also makes these same types of comparisons many times in his writings.

This way of reading of Scripture communicates something very special about us. It is that we believe that the Holy Spirit is the primary Author of the Bible. Even if the human writers did not know God's entire plan, the Holy Spirit was able to use them to reveal deeper truths than they realized. The prophets spoke of profound mysteries that even they did not understand. The same Holy Spirit can also use us to do greater things than we are able to do on our own. Sometimes He will really surprise us!

 Lastly, I want to share a bit of good news with the parish. The former General Superior of the Redemptorists, Fr. Joe Tobin, has been named an Archbishop in Rome. He was appointed Secretary of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life. It is a great honor for the Redemptorists and for the Denver Province. Please pray for him.

**From The Desk Of
 Fr. Matthew**



*Fr. Matthew J. Benk
 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...

August 8, 2010 - August 15, 2010

Sunday:
 Heb 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12
 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday:
 Ez 1:2-5,24-28c Ps 148:1-2,11-14
 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:
 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9
 Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday:
 Ez 9:1-7;10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6
 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:
 Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59,61-62
 Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:
 Ez 16:1-15,60,63
 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:
 Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32
 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 19:13-15

Sunday:
 Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12,16
 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PRAYER CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 TBA

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Melba Smith
Johnny Taylor
Janet Thompson
Norman Williams
Andrew Atherton
Martha Darris

Host: Ann Conte

Host: Jacquie Crawford

ELDERS

8:15: Andrew Atherton
11:00: Anita Banks

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Audrey Ellermann
11:00 Pat Garnett

USHERS - Group 2

8:15 Pat Quain
11:00 Rosemary Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte
Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Maudelle Fite
Linda Kamp
Jean Latham
Jean Nashville
Brenda Moore
Angela Mullen

Host: Michael Ellermann

Host: Helene Laberta

ELDERS

8:15: Nina Hughes
11:00: Dorothy Bennett

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 TBA
11:00 Almeta Jordan

USHERS - Group 3

8:15 Beverly Thompson
11:00 Faye Combs

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Jacqueline Bryant
Emma Pou
Jessica Pou

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Derrion George

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Blondell Lucas
Pat Pou
Barbara Richter
Angela Thames
Jean Anthony
Anita Banks

Host: Pamela Leong

Host: Mary Middleton

Host: Nikki Taylor

Host: Edna Whitfield

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Mike Ellermann
Carol Powell-Henderson
11:00 Donna Lane
Bonita Cornute

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Caleb Camp
David Camp

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Alexis Hicks

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Henrene Brown
Deborah Grant
Carla Gregory
Pearlina Harris
Donna Lane
Richard Lane
Mary Middleton

Host: Richard Buckley

Host: Joy Camp

Host: Cynthia Clayton

Host: Pat Pou

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Craig Franklin
Jacquie Crawford
11:00 John Whitfield
Richard Lane



“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER”

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Howard, daughter of Dorothy Howard.

INTENTION 08/4/10
Howard, Dorothy & Family
Jackson, Eulalia

INTENTIONS 07/28/10
Anthony, Marty
Carter, Emmett
Clay, Delores*
Heneger, Dwyane
Jefferson, Anna
McAllister, Mattie
Valle, Dorothy

SICKNESS 07/28/10
Cherry, Glenda*

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

INTENTIONS CONT
Ortwerth, Maria*
Parran, Lauren*
Perkins, Ivory J.*
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Smith, Queen*
Weekly, Ollie & Family*
Williams, Anita

SICKNESS
Anderson, Daryl*
Barry, Jack*
Burke, Leon*
Coleman, Ken*
Crider, Joanne*
Crowley, Tammy*
Davenport, Jean*
Ervin, Keith*
Fisher, Bill*
Fitzsimmons, Karen*
Gardner, Charles*
George, Betty*
Hatten, Pam*
Hardin, Wilhelmina*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hudson, Edward*
Jackson, Eulalia*
Locke, Wilma*

Luster, Juanita*
McCoy, Steven*
McSpadden, Phillip*
Miller, Charlotte*
Patin, Larry*
Perkins, Belinda*
Perkins, Charles Sr.*
Peuperbanugh, Gary*
Rankins, Gloria*
Reedy, Judith*
Reedy, Sidney*
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR*
Reichert, Matthew*
Remsberg, Corey Sgt.*
Scott, Mauri*
Shockley, Larry*
Thomas, Webster*
Vardiman, Katie*
Wallace, Eugene*

SICKNESS CONT
Washington, Yvette*
Weekly, Willie*
Williams, Ethel*
Wilson, Earl*
Worth, Shirley*
Yarbrough, Peggy*
Zacher, Clarence*
Zikovic, Katrina*

SHUT-IN
Anderson, Hortense
Bentley, Barbara
Buckley, June
Camp, Cynthia
Carson, Donetta
Chopin, Dave & Ann
Clay, Irvin & Evelyn
Cooney, Helen
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

HOSPITAL
Albright, Winston*
Crenshaw, Roscoe*
Gales, Mary Ann*
Rodgers, Pearl*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for 2010—2011 Religious Education Classes:

Parish Sponsored Parent Administered Religious Education Program (PSPA) Parents, as you lay the foundation in education, morality and spirituality for your child, keep in mind their religious education. The PSPA Religious Education Program is for the education of our children who do not attend Catholic schools. This program is home based, meaning the parent and child spend one on one time together with grade level materials dealing with their Catholic education. All children are expected to be involved in a PSR, Catholic school or our PSPA program on a continued basis. Religious education classes are required before Sacramental preparation. God exists in the very foundation in which we raise our children; lets learn all we can about Him. To register, please call Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304.

Youth Baptism Our Lord said: “Unless a man is reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:5) The Church always understood these words to mean that children should not be deprived of Baptism, because they are baptized in the faith of the Church. This faith is proclaimed for them by their parents and godparents who represent both the local Church and the whole society of saints and believers. (The Rite of the Catholic Church)

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.

Youth Confirmation there will be **NO** Confirmation classes this year.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Children ages 7-10 years old **and** in the 2nd grade who are enrolled in a Religious Education program since 1st grade are eligible for the reception of these Sacraments. Classes will begin on February 12, 2011. Call Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

We offer vibrant celebrations of the Liturgy at St. Alphonsus ‘Rock’ Church, which can only happen through the participation of a wide range of gifted liturgical ministers. We welcome your participation in liturgical ministries at the Rock - in fact, we depend upon it!

To help enrich our celebrations and develop your ministry skills, we offer a variety of training workshops, mentoring and ministry development opportunities.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lay ministers help with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass – Body and Blood. We need Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:15 and 11:00 Liturgy.

You must be an adult, at least 21 years old, confirmed and an active practicing Catholic and registered member of the parish to serve in this honored role. We are especially seeking young adults 21-35 to join this ministry.

PASTORAL AIDES/SERVERS

We need Pastoral Aides and Servers to assist the presider, bearing candles and the cross in the procession, setting the altar/table for Communion, and fulfilling other roles during the liturgy.

Youth who have made their 1st Holy Communion whose parents are registered members of the parish and adult males and/or females who are practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish are encouraged to sign-up for this important ministry.

USHERS/GREETERS

Ushers/Greeters welcome the congregation to the Rock, hand out the parish bulletins and worship aides, assist with the collection and presentation of the gifts and guide the congregation during the Communion procession.

We need Ushers/Greeters for both Liturgies – 8:15 and 11:00. Youth who have made their 1st Holy Communion whose parents are registered members of the parish and adult males and/or females who are practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish are encouraged to sign-up for this important ministry

For more information on how to get involved in any Liturgical Ministry and to sign-up, please contact:

Richard Buckley or Sharon Cooney-Smith, Co-Chairpersons of the Liturgy Commission.

“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Peter 2:9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.”

-Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14.

SAINT OF THE WEEK...

St. Clare
 Feastday: August 11th
 Patron of Sore Eyes

Clare was a beautiful Italian noblewoman who became the Foundress of an order of nuns now called "Poor Clares." When she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate Francis and to live a poor humble life for Jesus. So one evening, in a little chapel outside Assisi, she gave herself to God. St. Francis cut off her hair and gave her a rough brown habit to wear, tied with a plain cord around her waist.

Her sister, St. Agnes joined her, as well as other young women who wanted to be brides of Jesus. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Our Lord was close to them all the time; once He saved them from a great danger in answer to St. Clare's prayer. An army of rough soldiers came and they planned to raid the convent. Although very sick, St. Clare had herself carried to the wall and right there, where the enemies could see it, she had the Blessed Sacrament placed. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice answered: "I will keep them always in My care." At the same time the attackers fled as fast as they could. St. Clare was sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she said that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
 2010—2013**

We want to congratulate our 10 new Pastoral Parish Council members! We also want to thank all 12 of our Parish Council members for their service to our community. We appreciate your ministry!

New Members

Rose Jno Baptiste	11:00
Annette House-Blake	11:00
Christine Bluett	8:15
Ossie Foster	11:00
Almetta Jordan	11:00
Helene Laberta	8:15
Sharon Lyons	8:15
Patricia Pou	11:00
Kevin Triggs	8:15
Reola Weaver	11:00

Returning Members

Alice Cummings	8:15
Mike Page	11:00

**3rd National Gathering
 For Black Catholic Women
 Friday, August 13, 2010 through
 Sunday, August 15, 2010**

Plenary Sessions include:

Commemorating the power of Black women
 Celebrating the Faith of Black Catholic Women

Commit: Black Catholic Women Transforming Family and Community

Here I am God, Send Me

For more information
 National Black Sisters' Conference Charlotte, NC
 P.O. Box 442165
 Ft. Washington, MD 20749
 202-529-9250

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

AUGUST 8

Jane Brown Retirement Mass
 3:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12

St. Peter Claver Day Celebration
 Archbishop Carlson, celebrant
 8:15 a.m. Mass

SEPTEMBER 19

Sign Me Up Sunday

OCTOBER 3

Ladies of Peter Claver
 Fashion Show

NOVEMBER 14

Annual Card Party

NOVEMBER 25

10:00 a.m.
 Thanksgiving Mass



**LWANGA CENTER
 HAPPENINGS....**

Sept. 2010—May 2011

The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola in everyday life will be offered at St. Charles Lwanga Center. The Bridges Foundation, Inc. will conduct an information session at Lwanga Center on Wednesday, Aug. 11th @ 7 p.m. Contact Cheryl Rauschenbach for more information: 636 225-8433 or e-mail Cheryl at Cheryl_rauschenbach@yahoo.com



Feastday: July 31st
 Founder of the Society of Jesus

Financial Corner...

Offerings and Tithes

AUGUST 2010	
Date	Amount
1	\$ 10,869.77
8	\$
15	\$
22	\$
29	\$
Total	\$ 10,869.77
Wkly Avg.	\$



**Memorial Brick Garden
Sale Campaign
COMING SOON....**

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

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That, like our Blessed Mother, we may say “Yes” to what God calls us to do, always remembering that God has done great things for us.

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” - Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

TEEN MINISTRY

The Teen Ministry will have a bake sale August 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th after both masses. Please support their efforts in raising funds to assist them in attending KUJENGA XI. KUJENGA is a Catholic Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by the St. Charles Lwanga Center .

Attention Rock Family

The Card Party/Fall Festival will be held at Cardinal Ritter November 14th 2010. Due to space limitations, we were unable to accommodate all of our needs at our parish hall. We hope this decision will help us expand the event by including more for the youth and young adults. We want to build on the Card Party making it a triumphant event, not only this year, but for future years. We hope you see this as a positive move and pray for a successful event. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you there.

We are still in need of a chairperson for the 50/50 raffle. Please contact Shannon at shannonmarie323@gmail.com for more information.

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hodak's Fried Chicken Dinners
Served from 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Bingo, games, prizes,
games of chance and fun.
Music by a DJ from 3:00—5:00 p.m.
On Baden and Church Road
(one block from North Broadway)

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL STAFF

Joyce Jones, Business Manager
 Donna Lane, Dir. Religious Education
 Roberta George, Secretary

REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE

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

SUPPORT STAFF

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

Athletic Office: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002
 Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Rose Jno Baptiste	Helene Laberta
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Almetta Jordan	Reola Weaver

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

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

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

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.



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Rev. Matthew S. Bonk, C.Ss.R., Pastor
Rev. Thử Phạm, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor

Office Closing
September 6, 2010

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?