

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

The God of Moses

Blessings and peace be with each of you, beloved church family, and to our visitors. Well, it seems that we passed through the heat of August pretty well. Now that the temperatures are back to normal, the school year is beginning, and the Cardinals are deep in the playoff hunt, we can look forward to the fall activities of "Sign-Me-Up Sunday" and our Card Party. I want to thank those parishioners that have already been hard at work making these activities a success. Our parish needs active participation from many people to continue going strong and to grow. Thanks again to our volunteers!

This Sunday, our second reading is again from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter is clearly written to help those who are Jewish to see Jesus as the promised Messiah. The writer spends much of the letter showing how Jesus fits into Jewish history, and also compares Jesus to Moses. Since Moses is so central to the Jewish faith, if a person can see Jesus as greater than Moses, then they may find it easy to become a Christian. This letter tries to help those that are faithful to Judaism to see that they can still be faithful to the God of Moses by becoming the disciples of Jesus.

Once the Christian Church was mainly made up of Gentiles a new controversy arose. Some in the Early Church began to question whether the God of Moses was the same as the God of Christians. The God of the Old Testament seems harsh or angry in some of the biblical texts. Since the God that Jesus revealed was such a loving and merciful Father, some began to question whether they were the same God at all. There were some teaching that the Old Testament did not belong in the Bible, since Jesus revealed a whole new God. This teaching was rejected by the Church, but it did have some followers for a time. The

Church discerned that Jesus was not introducing a new God, but rather giving a better or deeper understanding of the One True God as revealed in the Bible.



**From The Desk Of
Fr. Matthew**

This brings us to our second reading for this Sunday. The Letter to the Hebrews reads, "You have not approached a mountain that cannot be touched shrouded with darkness and blazing fire . . . No you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God with countless angels in festal gathering . . ." This, once again, shows the contrast between Moses and Jesus. Since Moses was only a man, he could not bring us all up to the Throne of God. He could meet with God and bring us His message, but he could not bring the people onto the mountain.

Jesus went up a mountain as well. He was crucified on the mountain and made a way for us to be with God in a deeper way. Since our sins were now washed away, Jesus can bring us into God's presence in a way that Moses could not. (This is not to take anything away from Moses. Since Jesus was both human and Divine, He was able to accomplish what no human prophet could do before Him.) While we appreciate the revelation of God that we received through Moses, the Lord was revealed more fully in Jesus.

This is why we are Christians. We believe that Jesus was able to do what no one else could. We admire the great teachers and prophets of the past, but we worship Christ.

*Fr. Matthew J. Bank
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 29, 2010 - Sept. 05, 2010

Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11
Heb 12:18-19,22-24a Lk 14:1,7-14

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6,12-17
Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PRAYER CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 TBA

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Tone Conte

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Michael Ellermann
Maudelle Fite
Jean Latham
Jean Nashville
Brenda Moore
Angela Mullen

Host: Linda Kamp
Host: Helene Laberta

ELDERS

8:15 Ernest Nashville
11:00 Ann Ortwerth

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Linda Crymes
11:00 Kristin Parran

USHERS -

8:15 Youth
11:00 Youth

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte
Robert Caldwell

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Pat Quain
Melba Smith
Johnny Taylor
Ann Conte
Jacquie Crawford
Martha Darris

Host: Norman Williams
Host: Andrew Atherton

ELDERS

8:15 Andrew Atherton
11:00 Edna Whitfield

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Audrey Ellermann
11:00 Cathy Burt

USHERS - Group 1

8:15 Linda Kamp
11:00 Lisa Bowie-Perry

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Sidne Williams
Von Williams
Jacqueline Bryan

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Sharon Cooney Smith
Carla Gregory
Richard Lane
Blondell Lucas
Mary Middleton
Pat Pou

Host: Deborah Grant
Host: Pearlina Harris
Host: Donna Lane
Host: Barbara Richter

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Anastasia Wright
John Wright
11:00 Sheonna Cooney
Dorothy Butler

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Temani Combs
Emma Pou
Jessica Pou

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Derrion George

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Nikki Taylor
Dorothy Brack
Henrene Brown
Cynthia Clayton
Sharon Cooney-Smith
Deborah Grant

Host: Angela Thames
Host: Edna Whitfield
Host: Jean Anthony
Host: Anita Banks

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Angela Mullen
Jacquie Crawford
11:00 Bobbie Cox
Richard Buckley



“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.—7:00 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 08/17/10

Foster, Ossie
McCoy, Bernice*
Surrisis, Michael & Family
Wingate, Noelle *

INTENTIONS 08/24/10

Hawthorne, Ann

SICKNESS 08/24/10

Hubert, Presley*
Patrick, Bernard*
INTENTIONS
Alexandre, Rosemary S.*
Allen-Smith, Queen*
Bell, Gilbert*
Brown, Eric*
Buckley, Darrell*
Clay, Delores*
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*
Kirksey, Dana*
Latham, Darrian*
Martin, Linda*
McGinnis, Kathy
Mosby, Marvin*
Ortwerth, Maria*
Parran, Lauren*
Perkins, Ivory J.*
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Smith, Queen*
Weekly, Ollie & Family*

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl*
Barry, Jack*
Burke, Leon*
Cherry, Glenda*
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*
Remsburg, 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
Logan, Mildred
Kullman, 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.

LITURGY NOTES

The Gospel of the Lord!

From the beginning, reading from one of the four gospels has been a high point of our Sunday assembling to give thanks and praise. For good reason, too. Christ comes to us in word as well as in deed, in the scriptures as well as in the sharing of His body and blood. And while we know that God speaks to us in all of holy scripture, at Mass we are most eager to hear the gospel, the good news of the very words and deeds of Jesus. (That is what the Old English word “gospel” means after all, “good news,” “God’s news.”) So when it is time, we jump to our feet. We acclaim the coming of the gospel with that most ancient and holy of words: Alleluia! (Unless it is Lent, our season of sorrow when we fast from our glorious word just like Israel in exile hung up its harps.) Fast to our feet, singing loud praise, we watch as the priest takes up the Book of the Gospels. Accompanied by servers with candles, perhaps with fragrant clouds of incense from another server’s bowl, the Book of the Gospels makes it’s way through our assembly from altar to ambo. It sat on the altar from the start of Mass as a sign that Christ is present in the gospel. Now it is taken “up to the heights” to be proclaimed from the ambo, just as Jesus preached the sermon on the mount, or the apostles, drunk with the Holy Spirit, shouted joy from Jerusalem’s Pentecost rooftops. As the priest announces that this is from Matthew or Mark, from Luke or John, we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads (may we understand this good news!), on our lips (may we always speak and spread this good news!), and over our hearts (may we love and always live this good news!) Then we listen. We stand together and listen. We stand and listen like a servant being given orders, like an honored guest being whose deeds are recounted, like a convicted criminal before the judge’s bench, like the beloved being met in haste by the lover. And when it is spoken, when the last word for this day has sunk deep within, the priest looks to us and says, “The gospel of the Lord!” to which we cry, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” What else could we possibly say?



SAINT OF THE WEEK...

St. Gregory the Great
 Feastday: September 3rd
 Patron of England and Teachers

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, he became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, and at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

He was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

Quote:

"Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him to part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing; but to renounce what one is, that is asking a lot" (St. Gregory, Homilies on the Gospels).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!!!

Voices of St. Alphonsus has advanced to the *2010 Verizon How Sweet the Sound Regional Show*. This is truly an accomplishment.

VOSA says "Thanks" to everyone that voted and or prayed for their advancement.

The regional event will take place on October 5, 2010 at the Scottrade Center, downtown St. Louis. Please tell your family and friends to go out and support and celebrate with VOSA. More information will be given as it becomes available.



from the STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

January 2010, Archbishop Carlson spoke to pastors and parish leaders from more than 80 parishes asking them a very important question. *"How do we know what God expects of us if we are not in close communication with Him through prayer?"*.

On Sunday, September 19, 2010, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will celebrate the 10th annual observance of Stewardship Awareness Sunday. The theme for 2010 is **Stewardship: Start with Prayer**. Archbishop Carlson's stewardship challenge to all parishes is to *"Let us reflect prayerfully on what stewardship means to us individually and as a Church."*

Alonzo Green Chairperson
 Sally Dumaine Co-Chairperson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11
 Friendship Club Retreat

SEPTEMBER 12
 St. Peter Claver Day Celebration
 Archbishop Carlson, celebrant
 8:15 a.m. Mass

SEPTEMBER 19
 Stewardship Sunday Awareness

OCTOBER 5
 VOSA Participates in
 How Sweet the Sound Competition

OCTOBER 17
 Ladies of Peter Claver
 Fashion Show

NOVEMBER 14
 Annual Card Party
 Unity Mass 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 25
 10:00 a.m.
 Thanksgiving Mass



Join the Missouri Catholic Conference Citizens' Network. At both Masses next weekend our parish will conduct a registration drive for the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) Citizens' Network. Through the involvement of Catholics, the MCC has had many successes, such as enacting a ban on partial birth abortions, expanding health care to the poor and passing a tough new law to regulate triple X pornography stores. But much more good can be done. Those who sign up are kept informed through regular MCC e-mails and are put in contact with their legislators when votes are pending. The MCC is the official public policy agency for the Catholic Church in Missouri.

Financial Corner...

Offerings and Tithes

AUGUST 2010	
Date	Amount
1	\$ 10,869.77
8	\$ 7,867.71
15	\$ 7,067.71
22	\$ 7,643.35
29	\$
Total	\$ 33,448.54
Wkly Avg.	\$ 8,362.14



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

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

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That, through our generous giving, we may allow those who are needy to share in the banquet of blessings that God has bestowed on us.

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” - Luke 14:14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven



E-Scrip card YTD	\$ 55.96
July 2010	\$ 55.96

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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.

A heartfelt thank you to all that gave generously to *God's Love in Action*. The total amount collected the last two Sunday's was \$3,063.30. Please pray for the poor and abandoned of Viet Nam and for me as I travel to do God's work.

Fr. Thê

Catholic Relief Services needs help. They are working with the victims of the massive floods in Pakistan, and they need our help. If you can, send a donation to: Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. You can specify that your donation is for the victims of the Pakistan floods. You can also donate online: www.crs.org. Our brothers and sisters need our assistance.

Thanks.



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Roberta George, Secretary

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

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Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

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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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Christine Bluett	Michael Page
Alice Cummings	Patricia Pou
Ossie Foster	Kevin Triggs
Almetta Jordan	Reola Weaver

Office Closing

September 6, 2010



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.

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?