

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, July 21**

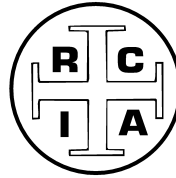
7:30 am _Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 227:30 am _Anton & Lydia Janka
_Erika Mannina (In Memory of Birthday)**Wednesday, July 23**6:00 pm Andre Davis (For Improved Health)
Joyce Ann Daniel (For Improved Health)**Thursday, July 24**7:30 am _Mary Jo Leonard
_Jimmy G. Balli, Jr.**Friday, July 25**

7:30 am _Myrtle & Peter Cronovich

Saturday, July 265:00 pm _Joseph Tramonte/_Louis Urbani
Nora Saracco (In Honor of 95th Birthday)
John Stevens (In Honor of 75th Birthday)**Sunday, July 27**7:00 am Vangie Huerta (For Improved Health)
8:30 am _Diamantina M. Huerta (Anniversary of Death)
_Norberto Perez (In Memory of Birthday)
_Eddie De Los Santos / _Juan Rodriguez
10:00 am _Fred A. Weinberg / _Kevin De Mary
_Harriet Chamberlain / _William Copado
_Robert Hadden (In Memory of Birthday)
12:00 pm _Otilia "Tila" Romero
Willie Roque (In Honor of Birthday)**This Week at St. Patrick Parish****Sunday, July 20**10 am / 12 pm Nursery
11:00 am Baptism II Class
11:15 am Bible Study**Monday, July 21 – Parish Office closed until 1:00 pm**9:00 am Staff Meeting – 2009 Annual Calendar Review
7:00 pm Youth Group Night**Tuesday, July 22**5:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
Catechists Meeting
7:00 pm Bible Study**Wednesday, July 23**12:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;
5:45 pm Benediction; 6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Youth Group Night**Thursday, July 24**

7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice

Sunday, July 278:00 am UTMB Blood Drive
10 am/12 pm Nursery
11:00 am Baptism III Class
11:15 am Bible Study**Collection – July 12/13, 2008**Loose.....\$1,383.83
Envelopes / Checks (291).....\$11,037.50
Total.....\$12,421.33

There will be no RCIA classes for the rest of the summer. Classes will resume again on September 15. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Bible Corner

(Answers to last week's questions)

1. What was the Lord's punishment for Miriam, who spoke against Moses? Read Numbers 12:8-12. **Leprosy.**
2. She hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house in Jericho. Read Joshua 2:1-8 **Rahab.**
3. What did Pilate's wife say to her husband about the trial of Jesus? Read Matthew 27:15-19 **"Have nothing to do with that righteous man."**
4. What did the women bring to the sepulcher where Jesus had been buried? Read Mark 16:1; Luke 23:52-56; 24:1 **Sweet spices for anointing his body.**
5. The angel of the Lord appeared to her and told her that she would bear a son. Read Judges 13:1-5, 24 **The Mother of Samson.**
6. Ruth's mother-in-law was Naomi, but who was her father-in-law? Read Ruth 1:1-5 **Elimelech.**
7. She was at the temple when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to be presented to the Lord. Read Luke 2:20-24, 36 **Anna.**
(Submitted by Leana Dennings – 763-2744)

Helpers Needed

There will be a cleaning of the church on Saturday, July 26, from 8 to 10 a.m. We have a team of about 7 persons, but we need more helpers. Please come to the church on Saturday morning to help us.

Life Awareness Weekend

July 25-27, 2008, Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road, Houston, TX

The Life Awareness Weekend assists single, young adults, ages 18 to 45, who feel a "tug" toward a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life. During the weekend, the participants listen to presentations made by Priests, Brothers and Sisters and engage in discussions as they discern what God is saying in their lives. The Life Awareness Weekend is a great "First Step" and a great way to get good solid information about Church Vocations. Registration starts at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 25. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations at (713) 652-8239.

Attention Texas A&M Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students

St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M in College Station invites incoming freshman and transfer students to the 2008 Welcome Weekend Retreat, Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24. Welcome Weekend is a great way to start college life, learn about the dynamic Catholic presence at TAMU and make new friends. For more information or to register, call 979-846-5717 or visit www.aggieatholic.org.



Married Couples – “I Place Much of my Hope for the Future in Marriage Encounter” (Pope John Paul II) Our Holy Father invited all married couples to experience the

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, which is a fantastic gift of the Catholic Church. Some upcoming weekend dates are September 5 through 7 & October 10 through 12. Contact Brian or Tina Little at 281-485-5648 for more information, or go on-line to www.mehouston.org. Early registration is highly recommended to save your place on the Weekend.

Tuition Assistance Still Available for Galveston Catholic School

The Ursuline Sisters have given a small amount of funds for tuition assistance for students not currently attending Galveston Catholic who cannot afford to pay the full amount. This is not a full scholarship. Please come to the school Monday-Thursday from 9:00-1:00 pm for further information or call 409-765-6607 to make an appointment with Madeleine Nix, Principal.

Job Opening

Galveston Catholic School has a job opening for an experienced full-time bookkeeper. This is a year round position, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Salary depends upon experience. You may apply Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Galveston Catholic School, 2601 Ursuline (Avenue N), Galveston.

Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be held Sunday, July 27, 2008, from 8:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Look for the donor coach in the parking lot. To donate, you must be 17 years old or 16 with parental consent and weigh at least 110 lbs. Please bring your photo ID.

Archdiocesan Choir

Do you love to sing? Do you love to make a joyful noise to the Lord? The Archdiocesan Choir is holding auditions on August 9, 10, 16 and 17. This select chorus of approximately 70 voices provides music for ordinations of bishops, priests and deacons, Chrism Mass and other liturgies. Requirements: 18 or older, good singing voice, some ability to read music is preferred. Call the Office of Worship to schedule a time – 713-741-8760. For more information, visit www.archgh.org/Worship/diocesanchoir.htm.

Welcome!

Welcome to St. Patrick Church! If you wish to become a member of our parish, please register by completing a registration form located on the rack in the back of church.

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St. Paul the Apostle* *His Life and Mission* by Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed for the Church a special year to honor St. Paul the Apostle, beginning with the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 28, 2008. This year honors the saint at the 200th anniversary of his birth.

St. Paul is the most prominent personality of the New Testament, apart from Jesus himself. Thirteen of the 27 books of the New Testament bear his name. All of them are letters. Much of what we know about Paul comes from these remarkable written sources, supplemented by stories from the Acts of the Apostles, in which Paul figures prominently in the second half (chapters 9-28).

These are the only two sources for Paul's life; however, they differ at times in details. Lacking any formal biography, biblical scholars have been able to piece together the basic outline of Paul's life. They use Paul's letters as the primary source of information, since they are first-person accounts. Acts is used to complement and supplement that information.

Paul, also known by his Jewish name, Saul (see Acts 13:9), was born in Tarsus, Cilicia, in Asia Minor (now modern-day Turkey) probably between 1 and 10 A.D. He was a diaspora Jew, that is, a Jew living outside the homeland of Palestine. Tarsus was a large, prosperous city in the Roman Empire, so it is quite fair to call Paul an urbanite. He was likely well-educated.

Paul's call and mission

Paul himself admits that he persecuted the Church out of zeal for his Jewish background. However, around the year 35 A.D. he had a remarkable experience. On the road to Damascus, the risen Lord, Jesus, appeared to him and called him to be “the apostle to the Gentiles” (Acts 9:1-19). Paul never describes this event in detail. Rather, he speaks of a “revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:12) that leaves the impression of a supernatural appearance of the resurrected Jesus, or perhaps what we might call a mystical experience.

Paul would not characterize his experience as a “conversion” in the sense of a change of religion, but more likely as a “call” or “commission.” Acts portrays the event in terms reminiscent of the call of Old Testament prophets, and this is consistent with Paul's own description found in Acts. Paul considers himself an “apostle,” one who has been called and sent by the Lord Jesus himself for a special mission. He was to bring the gentiles into the fold of those who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the long-awaited messiah, the Savior of the world.

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