



*For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love,
we pray to the Lord.*

Book of Blessings

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you mothers out there - and mine as well, even if she is not reading this - a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. I think all of you know how I feel about my mother...probably the same as most of you. I can never thank her enough for what she has done and been for me. I believe I told you before that I have no idea where I would be in life right now if not for the prayers of my mother. I never thought about or wanted to be a priest growing up, I always had dreams of making a living off the land somehow. My mother always prayed that one of her 6 children would be consecrated to God in some way. Well, when my other 5 brothers and sisters got married and left me the lone single child, my mother must have exclaimed, "Well, God I tried." You see, of all my siblings, I was the least likely candidate for any kind of religious life. However, my mother never stopped praying, even when the odds seemed enormous. And I cannot tell you how surprised she was the day I told her I was accepted into the seminary. She never told me about the prayers she had made for her children, at least not until I told her first I was going off to study for the priesthood. She just continued to pray and pray and pray. I know there are many mothers in this Church who pray for their children just as my mother prays for me, with love and hoping nothing but the best for them...even when they hope against hope as my mother did. Some of their prayers are prayers of thanksgiving, some for intercession and some out of sheer sadness with a sense of futility because they can no longer help their adult children. All I can say is never, never underestimate the power of a mother's prayer. And mothers, please do not give up on praying for us either, even if your prayers seem to fall on deaf ears...God has never been known to disregard the prayers of a loving mother. Up to this point I have been talking about our biological mothers, but let us not forget our spiritual mother, Mary. If the prayers of our mothers are heard loud and clear in heaven, how much louder must the prayers of the mother of God resound? On this Mother's Day, when we take a minute to call our mothers and thank them for all they have done for us, let us take time as well to call on our heavenly mother as well and ask her to intercede for each of us. She, like any mother who loves her children, is ready and willing to do what ever she can to help make our lives more complete by leading us closer to her beloved son, Jesus. All we have to do is ask.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday May 11th

12:00 PM MASS † Deacon Herman Lawrence by Tom and Kay Conwell
Readings: Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday May 12th /Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs Pancras, martyrs

12:00 PM MASS † Deacon Herman Lawrence by St. Vincent de Paul Society
Readings: Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 13th /Our Lady of Fatima

12:00 PM MASS † John Scherler by Virginia Shaw Scherler
Readings: Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday May 14th /Matthias Apostle

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
Readings: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17

Friday May 15th /Isidore (USA)

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
Readings: Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday May 16th

Readings: Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21

May 17th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† **Thomas A. Tully** by Carol Anne & David Martin

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

† **Krystyna Abram** by Tom Abram

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

People of the Parish

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD



Jeremy Goosey, Joshua Myrice, Mark Bilafer, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Todd King, Jonathan Brodeur, Christopher Kent, Thomas

York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart and Jason Frascht.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Clara Schaefer, Dorine Cheramie, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Ed Crimmins, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Stephanie Ortega, Don Trostle, Tony Niedermeier, Margaret Waskiewicz and Megan McCadden, Rosa María Méndez, Justa Talavera, Aurea Rivera, Martha Córdova, Leticia Lazo, Nilda Camarillo, Deborah Hachey, María Teresa Barreiro and Geraldine Gamero.

CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at Holy Family during the week of June 8th for one faith filled fun week as we learn about God's love and the teachings of his Son, Jesus Christ. Volunteers to help in any capacity from setting up to teaching will be appreciated. Enrollment forms and more information will be available during the upcoming week. Please contact Vicki Gable at 536-6355.

*****YOUTH NEWS*****

**May 26th Six Flags ... Arlington, Tx..All Day
Summer Fun Days Are Coming....June 3, 2009**

TODAY'S PHRASE

ALTAR STONE- A small flat stone, consecrated by a bishop, which contains in a hollowed out cavity relics of two canonized martyrs. The stone is usually inserted in the center of an altar that is not entirely consecrated. It constitutes the altar proper and can be moved from one altar to another. The host and chalice during the sacrifice of the Mass are placed on it.

USED IN A SENTENCE

Our altar stone here at Holy Family contains the relics of three canonized martyrs: St. James the Greater, St. Benedict and St. John Vianney.

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies will hold their last monthly meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 12th at The Event, which is located at 1001 A Ave. Following the meeting we will be served a chicken dinner at the cost of \$8.50. Bring a hat, any kind of hat, and we will decorate it at the meeting to create a parade of "crazy hats". Decorations will be provided or you may bring your own. If you want to car pool, we will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 AM or you may go directly to The Event arriving no later than 10 AM. Free nursery will be provided at the church. Come join us for lots of fun and plenty of laughter.

**Televised Holy Mass
Monday-Friday 2:30 – 3:00 PM
Channel 83**

This Mass is sponsored by St. Ann's Media and shown on the Inspiration Channel

Birth Choice is in need of volunteers. Please call 248-3110 if you are able to give just a couple of hours of time to help us in this ministry.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held on Monday, June 8, 2009. For more information call (405) 721-4115. Entry forms available in the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

The cost for attending our diocesan Youth Camp for an entire week is \$250.00 per person. If you are interested in attending, please call (405) 721-9220 or contact Vicki Gable in the RE Office, Jay Bonifield in the Youth Office or Father Larkin. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Better sign up soon, the spots are filling up fast, especially for the girls. (If cost is preventing someone from going, please see Father Larkin for financial assistance.)

Your are cordially invited to the Priestly Ordination of
Deacon Paul Mary Long Ngoc Phan
On Friday, the 5th of June at 7:00 PM
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
...Anyone interested in carpooling please call the office.

Father Long will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at Holy Family Parish at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6th. What an honor and blessing for all of us that Father Long chose to celebrate his first Mass with us here. That says a lot about our parish.

BYZANTINE DIVINE LITURGY (Mass)
Will be May 21, 2009 at
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
In Oklahoma City
All are Welcome!!!
For more information call Fr. Philip at
(405) 789-2595.

THANK YOU!!!

To all who helped make the First Holy Communion successful for the Communicant's. From the Mother's that helped with the retreat to the Catholic Daughter's that served and cleaned up at the reception, the instruction from the Catechist's to the preparation from the parents. God Bless each of you and many thanks!!

B I N G O

PLAY FOR BIGGER JACKPOTS!!! The Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 11909 is sponsoring Bingo in the Parish Hall after Mass on Saturday, May 16th. The meal will be Pot Luck. Please bring enough for yourself and a few others. Beverages provided. Bingo will be played for larger guaranteed cash prizes. Premium Games have even larger cash prizes. Come play!!