

Dear Friends,

Bible Study began last Wednesday evening and again on Thursday morning with an introduction to the background and the world in which St. Mark's gospel was written. We will continue from there and keep going until the end of May when we will take our summer break. The timetable is posted on the parish website and there are hard copies of the class dates on the table under the bulletin board in the entry hall. If you are not able to attend all the classes, please come as often as you can. If you call or email me I can let you know the week prior what passage we will be studying and that will give you a chance to have read and become acquainted with it. In response to a couple of other questions asked; no, you don't have to be a parishioner here at St. Catherine of Siena nor do you have to be Catholic to attend the Bible Study. I will be looking forward to meeting you all again and hopefully to seeing some new faces as well.

Here is a date to keep on your calendar now that the Christmas and New Year parties are over and done with, and you might be wondering what to do with the few empty spaces on your social calendar: **Saturday, February 18, 2012**, the weekend before Ash Wednesday, we are going to have a Minister/Volunteer Appreciation Evening after the evening mass. Refreshments will be available. This will be both by way of thanking all of you who are involved in parish ministry as well as give you an opportunity to meet each other. Invitations will be sent out via email and snail mail for those of you who have no email in the next couple of weeks. So, please cancel all engagements that don't absolutely need your presence that evening – we are looking at a good time to be had by all up until 9 P.M.(ish), in case you have to book a baby/house/pet-sitter!

Please take note that the parish office will be closed this Monday, January 16, in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Have a great week and God bless, Fr. Niall



**COUPLES DINNER GROUP REMINDER:** Our "Re-grouping Meeting" and Happy Hour will take place on Saturday, January 28th at 6pm in the parish hall. Please bring wine and a snack to share. New members are welcome. If you are interested in joining the group or you would like more information, please contact Joan Higdon at 713-468-3153.

*Joan Higdon*

**WOMENS - SILENT - LENTEN RETREAT:** The Lenten season offers us an opportunity to link our lives with Jesus and to draw strength from the Lord for ourselves and those who are dear to us. We will be participating in a Silent Lenten Retreat at the Cenacle Retreat House February 24 - 26, 2012. The retreat will be led by Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ. Contact Mary Malicki at 713-465-3652 for more information.

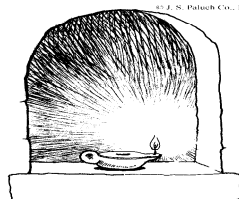
*Mary Malicki*

**CARING HEARTS** is the St. Catherine's support group for those who have experienced a death, whether recently or from a more extended time. You are welcome to come and receive the comfort and support that comes from being with others who can understand.

Meeting – Wednesday, January 25th, beginning at 2:00 P.M. Contact Charlotte Maluski 281-589-8729.

*Charlotte Maluski*

**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** If you are interested in providing a Catholic School education for you children, we would enjoy meeting you, showing you our facilities, and answering all of your questions about our school during Catholic Schools Week. Please come to our Open House on Wednesday February 1st. Open House hours are 9:30 a.m. - to 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Catholic School, 11740 Joan of Arc, Houston, Texas 77024  
*Keri Ramon, St. Cecilia Catholic School, 713-468-9515*



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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 14 - 15, 2012**



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**Sat. 01/14** 5:00 P.M. SI Susan Trocki  
**Sun. 01/15** 8:30 A.M. SI Rody Speake  
 11:15 A.M. † Christian Brogan  
**Tue. 01/17** 12:15 P.M † John In Sik Cho  
**Wed. 01/18** 12:15 P.M. SI Jeanette Coury  
**Thur. 01/19** 12:15 P.M. † Wilma Brogan  
**Fri. 01/20** 12:15 P.M. † Dolores Sumugat  
**Sat. 01/21** 5:00 P.M. SI President of the US  
**Sun. 01/22** 8:30 A.M.  
 11:15 A.M. SI Sister Muriel Clarke

**Sat. 01/14** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 P.M. Mass  
**Sun. 01/15** 8:30 A.M. Mass  
 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. CCE  
 11:15 A. M. Mass  
**Mon. 01/16** **Parish Office Closed**  
**Tue. 01/17** 12:15 P.M. Mass  
**Wed. 01/18** 12:15 P.M. Mass  
 7 - 8:30 P.M. Bible Study  
**Thur. 01/19** 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Bible Study  
 12:15 P.M. Mass  
**Fri. 01/20** 12:15 P.M. Mass  
**Sat. 01/21** **Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
 Bishops' Fund for Latin America  
 Collection  
 5:00 P.M. Mass  
**Sun. 01/22** 8:30 A.M. Mass  
 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. CCE  
 11:15 A. M. Mass  
 3:00 Indonesian Mass



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**PS II**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
 Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31;  
 Mk 1:14-20

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**READER AND  
 EMHC SCHEDULE**

January 14 - 15, 2012

	<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 3</u>
5:00 P.M	_____	M. Beard	E. Garrison
8:30 A.M	M. Boone	A. Babin	D. Malicki
11:15 A.M	L. Filobelo	L. Powell	S. Casias

EMHC

5:00 P.M. S. Hawkins  
 8:30 A.M. E. Hooker  
 11:15 A.M. B. Thienes