

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Dear Friends,

Your contribution statement for the calendar year 2011 is in the mail and you should be receiving it anytime from this Monday onwards. Please keep in mind that your statement can only detail monies that were donated by check or parish envelope. If you put cash in the collection basket at mass we have no way of knowing who has given it. Thank you for your very generous financial support of St. Catherine's parish.

Even though, the parish office will be closed next Wednesday, February 2, due to a prior family commitment of our business administrator, Scott Morgan, the noon mass and the evening bible study will proceed as scheduled, and I will be in and out of the office during the day as well.

All ministers and volunteers, please keep your calendar open for our Appreciation Evening on Saturday, February 18, after the evening mass. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow ministers and volunteers, many of whom are new parishioners. Refreshments will be available; this will be your last chance to celebrate with us before the great Lenten Fast begins the following week.

Next weekend is the monthly food collection for Mission of Yahweh. The collection box will be in the entrance corridor.

God bless, Fr. Niall



MASS FOR LIFE: The Respect Life Office is hosting the thirty-ninth annual Mass for Life at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal DiNardo will be presiding at the Mass. Reception to follow at Cathedral Centre.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo issued this statement regarding the Department of Health and Human Services' Jan. 20 announcement that it will not change its mandate that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans:

“As shepherd of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and chair of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, I am distressed to learn that the Department of Health and Human Services' mandate that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans is being upheld. This mandate gravely compromises religious liberty.

The contraceptive/sterilization mandate imposed on health plans by HHS violates religious freedom, which is guaranteed by the First Amendment and several federal laws. Forcing all employers to buy coverage for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion, is a radical incursion into religious liberty and freedom of conscience.

HHS's mandate includes an incredibly narrow exemption for "religious employers" that protects almost no one. Those who sponsor, purchase and issue health plans should not be forced to violate their deeply held moral and religious convictions in order to take part in the health care system or provide for the needs of their families, their employees or those most in need.

Today's announcement that the mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change is deeply disappointing to me. As Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, “To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their health care is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom.”

I join my brother bishops, fellow Catholics and all people of goodwill who prize religious liberty as a cornerstone of our common life in expressing strong opposition to the HHS mandate.”

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28 - 29, 2012



Sat. 01/28 5:00 P.M. † Mollye Richard
 Sun. 01/29 8:30 A.M.
 11:15 A.M.
 Tue. 01/31 12:15 P.M † Barbara Bomba Hale
 Wed. 02/01 12:15 P.M.
 Thur. 02/02 12:15 P.M. SI Jeanette Coury
 Fri. 02/03 12:15 P.M. † Constance Salanitro
 Sat. 02/04 5:00 P.M. † Andrea Aguilar
 Sun. 02/05 8:30 A.M.
 11:15 A.M. † Gertrude Conlin

Sat. 01/28 **Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
 5:00 P.M. Mass
 6:00 P.M. Couples Dinner Group
 Sun. 01/29 8:30 A.M. Mass
 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. CCE
 11:15 A.M. Mass
 Tue. 01/31 12:15 P.M. Mass
 Wed. 02/01 **Parish Office Closed**
 12:15 P.M. Mass
 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Bible Study
 Thur. 02/02 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Bible Study
 12:15 P.M. Mass
 Fri. 02/03 12:15 P.M. Mass
 Sat. 02/04 **Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
 Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
 5:00 P.M. Mass
 Sun. 02/05 8:30 A.M. Mass
 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. CCE
 11:15 A.M. Mass



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

PS IV
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3;
 Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lk 2:22-40
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147;
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**READER AND
EMHC SCHEDULE**

January 28 - 29, 2012

	<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 3</u>
5:00 P.M	M. Green	B. Beard	_____
8:30 A.M	J. Robin	C. Sattler	B. Pearl
11:15 A.M	E. Smart	D. Thompson	S. Bedford

EMHC

5:00 P.M. T. Vanzant
 8:30 A.M. B. Pearl
 11:15 A.M. C. Bayens