



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that the northeast is getting hotter weather than we have in Houston. At least, down here we expect it and it is not a surprise. Mind you, I do like to see the rain; maybe that is what is keeping us cooler (relatively speaking) and most definitely greener. Anyway, no matter what we think of the weather, I hope you are having an enjoyable and restful summer and a well-deserved break.

You might think it is a little early to start planning for 'normal life' as it returns in earnest after Labor Day, but here are a few thoughts to keep on the back burner and maybe even make a decision in the next few weeks:

The children's religious education program (CCE) will recommence Sunday, September 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. This will facilitate families who worship either at the 8:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. masses.

Also, I am proposing we have our **RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** at the same time. The RCIA is a discernment process whereby those adults or youth, who are seeking baptism or full communion in the Church, through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, deepen their faith and learn about our traditions. If their faith makes them ready to accept full responsibility to be members of the Church then, they would celebrate the sacraments of initiation the following Easter. Their parents will be asked to partake in this process, because they are the ones who, in most cases, have been away from the Church for many years. Thus, they are in need of recommitting and deepening their faith to continue the Journey with their children – example is the best teacher! There will be more details in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 11:15 a.m. mass will also resume on that same Sunday, 12 September.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers will have a refresher and tidying up session hopefully no later than early September. There is also a need for a few people who would be willing to take the Eucharist to the home bound and more particularly to Triumph Hospital on Westview Street. Some of you may affectionately know it as the 'Walmart Hospital' because of its proximity to the Walmart Store, just across the street from it. This would be on a needs only basis. It would not be every week, and to date we have had no more than maybe two or three people there at the most.

I will be looking for new members to join these ministries. If you are new to the parish or you were doing a 'wait and see' please give this prayerful consideration – I will be after you anyway. I have been doing lots of 'talent spotting' so watch out!

Altar server training and scheduling (new and old members) will start in earnest in late August or early September.

If you are planning to join our Sunday CCE Program or are interested in the RCIA Process or Altar Servers, or any of the above mentioned ministries, please let me know. I also need to know who is going to join the CCE so that the purchasing of textbooks and other materials can be done as soon as possible. Please, do not wait until the last minute, as the registration fee will be considerably higher to offset the late order and purchase of textbooks.

Further into the fall, when all the above is going like a dream, I will start an **Adult Bible Study** which will be on a Thursday evening. Now, I know some of you are saying "I don't go out at night" – this is a good opportunity to consider car pooling or looking for someone who will pick you up and do the driving instead. Where there is a will there is a way, don't decide to give up before you have even given this a second thought – it can be done!

I think you have lots of food for thought as you relax for the next few weeks. It is going to be an exciting year and I am already looking forward to it.

Please keep in mind that next Sunday there will be a second collection at mass, which is the Annual Archdiocesan Black Bag Collection of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Have a great week,

Fr. Niall

PRAYER CHAIN An important aspect of our Christian faith calls us to pray for each other. If you would like to pray for the sick of our parish, or ask for prayer for you and your loved ones, you can e-mail **John Collignon** at jc22@att.net or call **Merryl Piper** at 713-465-9089.

ADDRESS CHANGE: If you are planning to move any time soon, please call the Parish Office at (713) 467 8170 to update your registration information. Thank you.



July 10-18, 2010

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sat. 07/10 5:00 pm † Edward J. Weynand
Sun. 07/11 8:30 am † Cleo Wiseman
 11:15 am † Antonio Hinojosa
Mon. 07/12 12:15 pm † Antonio Hinojosa
Tue. 07/13 12:15 pm † Antonio Hinojosa
Thu. 07/15 12:15 pm † Monica Senff
Fri. 07/16 12:15 pm † Antonio Hinojosa
Sat. 07/17 5:00 pm S.I. Chiara Mulden
Sun. 07/18 8:30 am † Iris Elkins
 11:15 am S.I. Crista Hinojosa

Sat. 07/10 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 pm Mass
Sun. 07/11 8:30 am Mass
 11:15 am Mass
 3:00 pm Indonesian Mass
Mon. 07/12 12:15 pm Mass
Tue. 07/13 12:15 pm Mass
Thu. 07/15 12:15 pm Mass
Fri. 07/16 12:15 pm Mass
Sat. 07/17 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Archdiocese St. Vincent de Paul Coll.
 5:00 pm Mass
Sun. 07/18 8:30 am Mass
 11:15 am Mass

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 AND
 READERS SCHEDULE**

July 10-11, 2010

EMHC	Reader 1	Reader 2
5:00 pm T. Vanzant	B. Mulligan	P. Spaeth
8:30 am S. Boone	C. Harkins	V. Berger
11:15 am R. Groendes	M. Walton	M. Tobola

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28; Mt 10:38-42

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07/04/10 Regular Contributions	\$6,430.75
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	\$7,460.75

DSF

Assigned goal for 2010:	\$39,893.00
Total amount paid to date:	\$35,566.82

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).
Psalm — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) *or Psalm 19*.
Second Reading — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).
Gospel — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).