



Dear Friends,

The reputation and lure of St. Catherine of Siena Parish is traveling far and wide; its friendly and hospitable nature is continuing to touch more and more people – welcome, welcome! A special welcome (back) to Cristina Apollo and her husband Glen who have decided to share their happiness and joy by having their daughter Chiara Josephine baptized in this church at the 8:30 a.m. mass this Sunday. Cristina herself grew up and celebrated all her sacraments here at St. Catherine and decided to reconnect with the church community that was such a big part of her life. Congratulations to them and to the very proud grandmother whom most of us know, Angela Apollo.

As I said last weekend after some of the masses: for those of you who are new to the parish and are not used to our strange ways, please keep in mind that all the parish information is in the bulletin, which is also on the parish web page and is presently being updated. This eliminates the need to make any announcements at the end of mass (except for the odd and rare ‘emergency announcement’) which tend to drive me ‘scatty.’ Yes, that is a real word! Someone was wondering if I was reinventing the English language as I went along. According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, it is “British English” for “crazy” – probably from “scatterbrained” – you get the idea! The bulletin, for the next few weeks, will have tentative updates on most of our ministries with final details to be printed as they become available.

With school around the corner, St. Catherine of Siena will be participating again in “Operation Backpack.” This is a joint venture between the Archdiocese and YMCA. This year a particular school will be assigned to every parish that participates in the program. By next week, we should know which school is assigned to us. We will have depository boxes in the entrance corridor where you can donate backpacks and school supplies for any grade, up until August 22. Now, here is one good idea for a ‘shopping expedition’ with your child/ren that should prevent them getting ‘bored’ and for a very good cause.

Keep enjoying your summer,

Fr. Niall

**FLOWERS DONATION.** The flowers for this weekend masses have been donated by Vivecca A. Hartman and family in memory of her mother Vivian H. John.

**CCE: THE CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** 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. If you are planning to join our Sunday CCE Program, please let me know. I 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. For registrations please contact Fr. Niall.

**THE CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the Sunday 11:15 a.m. mass will also resume on Sunday, 12 September. Please contact Fr. Niall.

**RCIA PROGRAM (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS).** 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. Parents will be asked to partake in this process. For more information, please contact Fr. Niall.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS** will have a refresher and tidying up session hopefully no later than early September. 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! Fr. Niall.

**ALTAR SERVER** training and scheduling (new and old members) will start in earnest in late August or early September. Please contact Fr. Niall.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will start in the fall. It will be on a Thursday evening. More information to follow.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 12:30 pm on Monday 26 at Saltgrass Steak Restaurant at 8943 Katy Freeway (south side), between Campbell and Voss. For arrangements and reservations, please call Merryl Piper at 713-465-9089 or Carolyn Russo at 713-460-5642.



**July 17-25, 2010**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**



**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  
**Mon. 07/19** 12:15 pm † Robert Luna  
**Tue. 07/20** 12:15 pm † Antonio Hinojosa  
**Thu. 07/22** 12:15 pm † Antonio Hinojosa  
**Fri. 07/23** 12:15 pm † Antonio Hinojosa  
**Sat. 07/24** 5:00 pm † Margaret Love  
**Sun. 07/25** 8:30 am S.I. Connie Gallegos  
 11:15 am † Martha Jacome

**Sat. 07/17** **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Archdiocese Black Bag**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Collection**  
 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun. 07/18** 8:30 am Mass  
 11:15 am Mass  
**Mon. 07/19** 12:15 pm Mass  
**Tue. 07/20** 12:15 pm Mass  
**Thu. 07/22** 12:15 pm Mass  
**Fri. 07/23** 12:15 pm Mass  
**Sat. 07/24** **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun. 07/25** 8:30 am Mass  
 11:15 am Mass  
 3:00 pm Indonesian Mass

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

**July 17-18, 2010**

	EMHC	Reader 1	Reader 2
5:00 pm	J. Poppe	S. Graul	S. Kaufman
8:30 am	S. Eggert	D. Malicki	M. Malicki
11:15 am	M. Fairchild	J. DeGreene	M. Hernandez

**Thank you for your faithful support**

07/11/10	Regular Contributions	\$7,762.39
07/11/10	Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
		\$7,882.39

**DSF**

Assigned goal for 2010:	\$39,893.00
Total amount paid to date:	\$36,734.32

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30  
**Sunday:** Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).  
**Psalm** — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).  
**Second Reading** — Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).  
**Gospel** — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).