

January 18, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



Naming is important in the Bible.

In the cultures in which these Scriptures grew, names were connected to identities. *Abraham*, for instance, is the “Father of a Multitude”—a suitable title for the one who said yes to God when asked to lead a chosen people. *Isaac*’s name connects him to laughter. When we think of what he lived through, we see irony and hope in that name.

Names connect us today. We might be named after a parent or other relative; we are linked with our family—the roots of our identity—because of our name.

The person given a name in the Bible knows something. Jacob wrestles in the early pages of the Bible and calls the place *Peniel*—a name that means he saw God “face to face” and yet survived. He is renamed *Israel* after he struggles with God and humans and is able to both return home and walk into a new life. There is an authority in the one giving a name. God renames and remakes those who are called. *Saul* becomes *Paul*. With a new name, he is a new person.

Nicknames can happen to us in ways we would rather avoid.

We would probably rather not be known as *Sleepy* or *Dopey*.

Thomas Aquinas was called the *Dumb Ox*. He was also named the *Angelic Doctor*. We can imagine which one his mother would prefer.

Simon, son of John, gets a nickname in today’s Gospel. Now he is *Cephas*, or *Peter*—“Rock”—named for what Jesus sees in him as well as what he calls out of him. Christ names the place where he plans to build.

When God calls prophets and apostles, the call is by name. God calls them not just to *do* something, but to *be* something. By what name does God call each of us?

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Today's Readings

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c–15a,
17–20

Jn 1:35–42

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 17	6:00 PM	Stephen Porter	<i>Memorial of St. Anthony, abbot</i>
Sunday	January 18	8:00 AM	Peace	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Our Youth	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	Ricardo Ramirez	<i>2º Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	January 19	8:45 AM	Adam Batista	<i>Weekday</i>
Tuesday	January 20	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Fabian, pope and martyr</i> <i>Memorial of St. Sebastian, martyr</i>
Wednesday	January 21	8:45 AM	Special Intentions	<i>Memorial of St. Agnes, virgin and martyr</i>
Thursday	January 22	8:45 AM	Special Intentions	<i>Memorial of St. Vincent, deacon and martyr</i>
Friday	January 23	8:45 AM	Special Intentions	<i>Weekday</i>
Saturday	January 24	6:00 PM	Special Intentions	<i>Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the church</i>
Sunday	January 25	8:00 AM	Peace	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	In Thanksgiving	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>3º Domingo Ordinario</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria

Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey

Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

**REGULAR
COLLECTIONS**
January 3-4—\$11,059.00
January 10-11—\$10,144.00
LAND PURCHASE
\$9,791.00

*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are a Gift from Rita Voelkel
In Memory of Henrietta & Rudolph Pesek*



2nd Sunday of the Year
We don't always recognize the voice of God. Spend time in silence regularly to listen to God's voice. God calls, what do you hear?
(1 Samuel 3:3-10)

2º Domingo Ordinario
Habla Señor que tu siervo te escucha. Para escuchar al Señor se necesita silencio. Haz silencio cada día para que puedas escuchar la llamada de Dios.
(1 Samuel 3:3-10)

PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION

Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00

Monthly Interest Payment—\$9,700.00

Total Contributions to Date—75,597.59

Interest Paid to Date—\$59,219.31

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

January 17-18

Catholic Charities, USA Office in Puerto Rico

January 24-25—Church in Latin America

PARISH PANTRY. THANK YOU for a great year! You have been very generous and the pantry has helped many parish members in need. This past Christmas, we gave to 19 families. Again, you should have seen their smiles and heard their thank you. *Please keep remembering the pantry this year with your gifts.*

TAX STATEMENTS. If you need a **2008 Tax Statement**, please call the church office at 817-596-9585.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed **Monday, January 19**, in observance of *Martin Luther King Day*.

2009 COLLECTION ENVELOPES. Please pick up your envelopes in the Church Foyer. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box for 2009, please contact the church office at 817-596-9585.

BLOOD DRIVE. The next blood drive is **Monday, January 26**, in the Holy Spirit Center from **3:30-7:30**. In the past parishioners were very generous. Donors need to bring photo ID and a list of medications. **Please note the drive starts 30 minutes earlier than last time. The sign-up sheet is in the Church Foyer behind the grocery basket. Thank you for your generosity.**

DONACION DE SANGRE - Habra una coleccion de sangre el Lunes, 26 de Enero de 2009, en el Holy Spirit Center desde las 3:30 p.m. hasta las 7:30 p.m. En el pasado, nuestra congregacion ha sido muy generosa y esperamos que nuevamente recuerden a aquellos menos afortunados. Por favor traiga un documento con su foto y la lista de medicamentos que toma. Los donantes deben ser mayores de 17 anos. Gracias nuevamente por su gran generosidad.

CENTER OF HOPE—Happy New Year! It is our turn again! St. Stephen will be serving at the **Center of Hope February 2-5**. Please do your part to help. Donating food, serving food or both! Whatever you can do is always very helpful and very much appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Church Foyer at all Masses this weekend. *Thank you!* For questions, call Norma Gonzales at 817-596-4876.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING: Sunday, February 1, during **RE** classes. We will discuss the Confirmation Retreat, fundraising efforts, and much more. Questions, please contact Jeanette Houle 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

REUNION PARA PADRES DE NINOS QUE SERAN CONFIRMADOS: DOMINGO, FEBRERO 1, durante las **Clases de Educacion Religiosa**. Trataremos el Retiro de Confirmacion, modos de recaudar fondos, y mucho mas. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuniquese con Jeanette Houle al 817-613-8008 o doschicas@att.net.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (ages 18 – 35) - Quo Vadis? Where are you going? Are you stuck at a crossroads in your life? Do you know where you are going? And, more importantly, do you know where God is leading you? Come join the Young Adults of Fort Worth for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and fun! Find out what helped others to discern their Vocations and get the road map that may help you discern your own Vocation! Let God be your GPS on **Friday, February 27 - March 1, 2009, at the Catholic Renewal Center (4503 Bridge Street, Fort Worth)**. Contact Jeanette Houle 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

RETIRO DE JOVENES (Edades 18-35) - Quo Vadis? A Donde Vas? Esta detenido en un cruce de caminos en su vida? Sabe a donde va? Y mas importante que todo, sabe a donde Dios lo esta conduciendo? Unase a los Jovenes de Fort Worth para un fin de semana de oracion, companerismo, y diversion! Descubra que fue lo que ayudo a otros a discernir sus Vocaciones y aprenda cual es el camino que podra guiario a discernir su propia Vocacion! Deje que Dios sea su GPS. Viernes, Febrero 27 - Marzo 1, 2009 en el Catholic Renewal Center (4503 Bridge Street, Fort Worth). Para mas informacion comuniquese con Jeanette Houle 817 613-8008 o doschicas@att.net.

REVISING OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL with guidelines from the Diocese of Fort Worth. Please take time to read the special booklet available in the church foyer. It explains the **WHY, WHAT, HOW, AND WHO of a Parish Council**. Parish councils can act as the "wisdom community" of the parish where people learn to be stewards of the gifts of God and to listen to the needs of all. Through the process of consultation, the parish council contributes to the building up of the faith community and can be an adventure in shared responsibility, like the communities of the first Christians that took action as a body. The above process requires prayer, study, dialogue, discipline, determination and time. We, the church, have the opportunities to share our wisdom in order that the best decisions are reached. *If you did not get a booklet last weekend, please pick up a copy in the Church Foyer.*

REVISIONES DE NUESTRO CONSEJO PASTORAL con directivas de la Diocesis de Fort Worth. Por favor recoja una copia del folleto en el Foyer de la Iglesia. Este explica el **POR QUE, COMO, QUIEN, Y QUE de un Consejo Pastoral**. Los consejos pastorales pueden actuar como la "sabiduria de la comunidad" en donde los miembros aprenden a ser administradores de los dones de Dios y a escuchar a las necesidades de los feligreses. Por medio del proceso de consulta, los concejos pastorales ayudan a alimentar la fe de la comunidad y pueden ser una experiencia en responsabilidad compartida, tal como las comunidades de los primeros Cristianos que tomaban decisiones como un solo cuerpo. Este proceso requiere oracion, estudio, dialogo, disciplina, determinacion y tiempo. Nosostros, la iglesia, tenemos las oportunidades de compartir nuestro conocimiento y sabiduria con el objeto de lograr las mejores decisiones.

Holy Family Catholic School will host their annual Open House on Sunday, January 25, from 11 AM to 2 PM. Please come tour our campus, meet our teachers and learn what Catholic education is all about. For more information, please call 817-737-4201.

Yours for the Asking! Spain and Portugal in the Spring. Msgr. Charles King, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Denton, is leading a pilgrimage from DFW to Spain and Portugal on April 13 returning April 27. You may receive a copy of the itinerary and more information by calling Bob Wolfe at 817-788-9383.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (All activities held at Bethel Road)

Sunday, January 18

9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (English)
9:15 AM Adult Catechism (Room 19)
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (Room 3)
11:15 AM Religious Education Classes (Spanish)

Monday, January 19

6:00 PM Parish Pantry
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

Tuesday, January 20

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 PM Youth Group
6:30 PM Choir Practice
6:45 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 PM Catholic Daughters

Thursday, January 22

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
7:00 PM Hora Espanola Santa

Saturday, January 24

7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya—Spanish

dear Padre

Does it matter whether I go to Mass?

Q I know Mass is supposed to bring me closer to God, but I feel much closer to God when I take a walk along the beach. Wouldn't God rather I do the thing that makes me feel closest to him?

Kurt

Dear Kurt,

The beach can calm the soul and lead to praise of God, but this is not the worship God asks of us.

This worship, ever since the days of Moses and Pharaoh, has been the keeping of a Sabbath Day in a gathering of a whole people, a community. So in the Book of Exodus, God gives this message to Pharaoh: "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness" (5:1). For us Catholics, weekly Mass celebrates our deepest nature and calling as the people of the God of the Bible.

Worship is for God first of all and above all. Find this attitude in yourself, and you will find more in the Mass than you ever dreamed. You will find what every human heart is seeking, the Love to whom we can give ourselves, what Jesus teaches as the first and greatest commandment.

Jesus also teaches that the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. This is what we often find difficult about weekly Mass: all those people! But staying with them and praying with them, crying babies and all, is the worship God asks of your heart.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.



SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 19 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	January 20 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	January 21 <i>Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr</i> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	January 22 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	January 23 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	January 24 <i>Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church</i> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21	January 25 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20