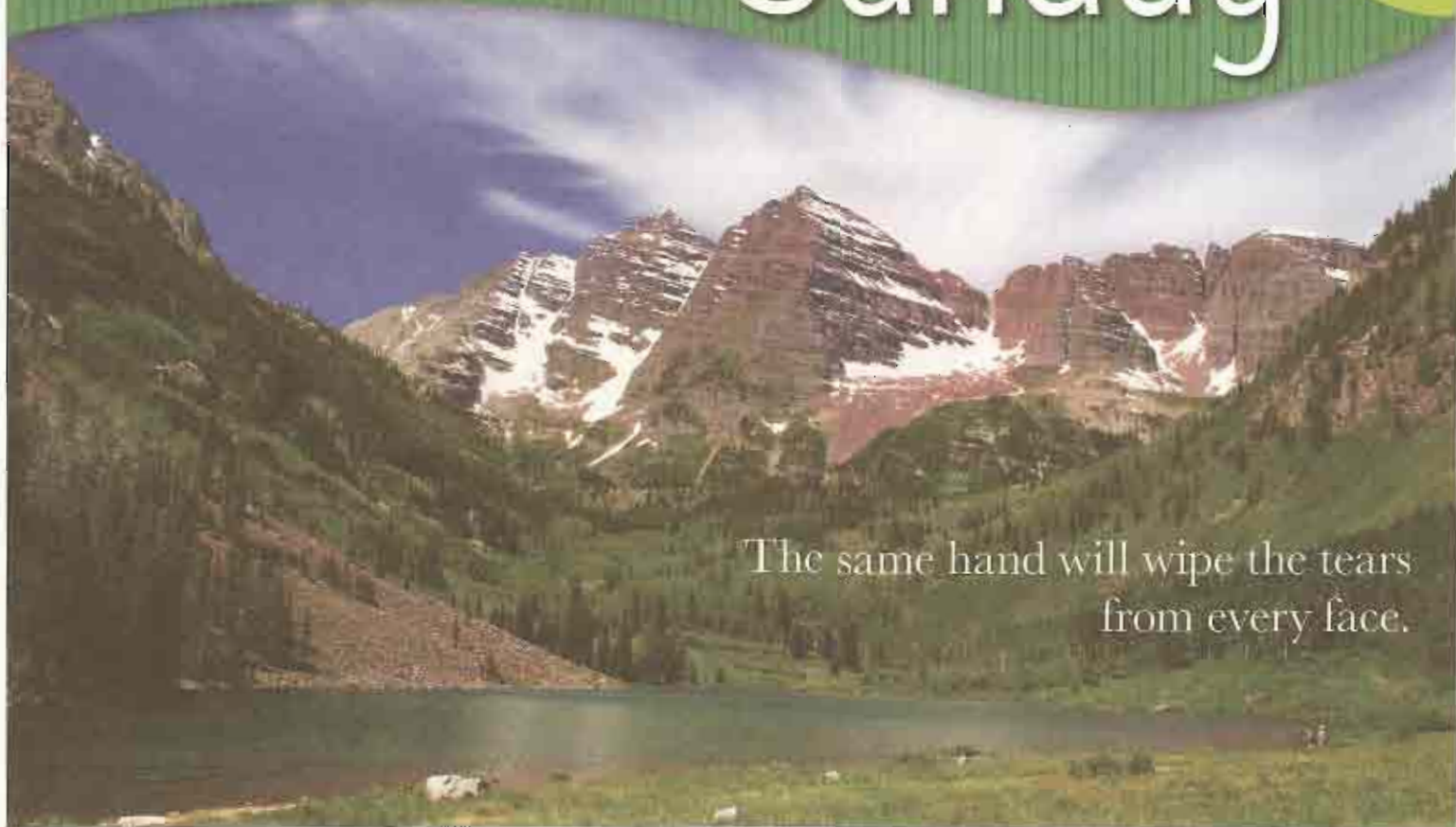


October 12, 2008

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



SHUTTERSTOCK

The same hand will wipe the tears
from every face.

One summer I visited some friends in Colorado. I hadn't brought boots, but a quick trip to the store gave my feet what they needed to walk into the mountains. We saw ten hours of amazing, close-up, trickling water in stream beds washing smooth stones. We found tiny blue flowers and saw sunlight flicker between the leaves above us. Eventually we couldn't keep going because of fog, so we hiked back down.

My friend's father is a pilot, and the next day he took us up in his plane. He planned to be flying for an hour, but we had to go around some strange weather so our time in the air was almost doubled. He told us to relax and enjoy the extra scenery. Below us was a view unlike anything I had ever seen, although we were looking at the same land we had hiked the day before. We seemed to feel the texture of the place beneath us more keenly because of the extra movement a light propeller plane provides. Flying above the Rockies, we saw

where ridges had pushed up and created walls, which had then been sculpted by water and years of slow erosion. Pockets of water sparkled where bits of sun hit them. Gray and green in large, patched patterns showed the ancient rock and the movement of living growth over the surface of the land. In a word, it was beautiful.

The same piece of earth seen from two perspectives gave me an extraordinary sense of creation. My friends believe in God, and we spoke freely over those two days of God's hand in the small and large.

Isaiah says God will wipe away the shroud of death—a covering as large as a mountain, a sheet big enough to cover nations. The same hand will wipe the tears from every face.

The apostle Paul told his friends in Philippi that he knew what it was to have a lot and to have a little. Saint Paul knows the living God.

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Today's Readings

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14,
19–20

Mt 22:1–14 or
22:1–10

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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	October 11	6:00 PM	Bob & Marlene Fronk	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	October 12	8:00 AM	Agnes & Frank Drzal, RIP	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Andres & Maria Dominguez, RIP	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>28° Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	October 13	8:45 AM	Dolores Mees, RIP	<i>Weekday</i>
Tuesday	October 14	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Callistus I, pope and martyr</i>
Wednesday	October 15	8:45 AM	Bob & Marlene Fronk	<i>Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday	October 16	8:45 AM	Ray Perkins, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Hedwig, religious</i>
				<i>Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin</i>
Friday	October 17	8:45 AM	Vic Bierschenk, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr</i>
Saturday	October 18	6:00 PM	Kathy Wilson, RIP	<i>Feast of St. Luke, evangelist</i>
Sunday	October 19	8:00 AM	Richard Nadler, RIP	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Dennis Mees, RIP	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>29° 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
COLLECTION
October 4-5
\$11,823.44
SPECIAL
COLLECTION
(Property Purchase)
\$7,472.00**

We urge all parishioners to be informed on key issues and to vote.

**So we pray: Lord help us understand the issues we face
in our world today and how the Gospel helps us respond
as faithful citizens in our community. Free us from
blindness so that we see others as brothers and sisters,
and discernment to choose leaders who are guided by
your love.**

*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are A Gift From Gloria Bubenik
In Memory of Ronnie Lee Bubenik
And
Gary & Kathleen Christian
In Memory of Son, Eric William Christian*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps
you are called to service through ordained ministry or the
consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the
grace you need. (Matthew 22:1-14)**

28° Domingo Ordinario

**El Señor es el pastor que llama. Reza para que crezcan las
vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa.**

(Salmo 23)

PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION

Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00

Monthly Interest Payment—\$9,700.00

Total Contributions To Date—\$47,853.00

WELCOME TO ALL, INCLUDING VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS.

**Please join us this Sunday between Masses for breakfast
in the parish hall, provided by the Knights of Columbus.**

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's World Mission Sunday! As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's world wide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 diocese in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

SCRIPTURE STUDY. Elaine Hall Barclay and Cristina Guelda will continue the Scripture Study beginning in the Cry Room this Sunday at 9:15-10:15 AM. *Thank you and God Bless Duke and Ann Allen for many years of faithful service.*

T-SHIRT SALE. Christian T-shirts will be sold after every Mass this weekend. Proceeds will benefit the Youth 2000 trip in April. Donations gladly accepted.

NATIVITY PLAY. Adults interested in planning/creating a Nativity Play for our Parish community are asked to attend a planning meeting on **Sunday, October 12 at 5 PM.** Contact Jeanette Houle for more information. 817-613-8008, doschicas@att.net.

BLOOD DRIVE. There will be a Blood Drive, **Monday, October 20, 4-8 PM, in the Holy Spirit Center.** There is a big demand for blood due to the war in Iraq and the recent hurricanes. Please be generous. Donors must be 17 years of age, and it is necessary to show a photo ID. Phone 1-800 DONATE4 if you have questions. While walk-ins are always welcome, we need people to sign up so Carter Blood Center knows how many technicians to send. *Thank you and God bless you.*

COLECCION DE SANGRE. La coleccion de sangre del Carter Blood Care tomara lugar el Lunes, Octubre 20, de 4:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en nuestro Salon del Holy Spirit. Debido a los recientes huracanes, la demanda de sangre ha sido muy grande. Los donantes deben ser mayores de 17 anos de edad y tener un documento con foto. Si tiene alguna duda acerca de su salud, por favor llame al 1-800 DONATE4. Los reglamentos son mas flexibles ahora y quizas usted pueda donar. El Centro de Coleccion de Sangre cuenta con empleados de habla espanola. Por favor sea generoso. GRACIAS y que Dios lo bendiga.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS. Dr. Carolyn Osiek, a Charles Fischer Catholic Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School of TCU will be speaking on the topic of "Jesus in the Four Gospels," **Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM.** Dr. Osiek holds a doctorate in New Testament and Christian Origins from Harvard University, and is a past president of the Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature. She is a scholar. We invite all members of our Parish to attend this unique experience. Please bring your Bibles. Rooms 1 and 2.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE June 9-18, 2009. Ten memorable days around Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee. Trip includes air fare, first class hotels, professional guide, breakfast and dinner, Bible study and applicable entrance fees. Packages start at \$3,100. For more information contact Jeanette Houle at 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann—The celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Fort Worth. As an integral part of our anniversary celebration, I am inviting the *Why Catholic?* adult catechesis program from Renew International to be the cornerstone for our spiritual catechetical renewal efforts as we celebrate forty years as a local Church. The diocese, in conjunction with Renew International, will be conducting Parish Information Sessions across the diocese October 26th through 30th. These sessions are especially for pastors, priests, deacons, and parish ministers. **Watch the bulletin for more information.**

Beginning Experience: October 24-26; contact Catholic Renewal Center at 817-429-2920.

Marriage Matters with Sister Renee Mirkes, Saturday, October 25, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 5819 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington, TX. A seminar for clergy, married or engaged couples, singles, catechists, marriage prep volunteers and teens, intended to deepen our understanding of marriage. Contact Suzanna Ordenez, Director of Family Life at 817-560-3300.

Today...Tomorrow...Forever (for married couples planning to have their marriage, validated or sanated in the church); **November 8;** **Cana-Two:** (designed for couples with one or both parties entering into a second marriage); **November 9;** contact www.fwdioc.org, Family Life Office, Marriage preparation or 817-560-3300 ext 304.

TEEN CORNER

Youth Group: Halloween party, October 29. There will be a costume judging contest—start planning your costume now!

All youth ages 13 and above are invited to participate in the **Youth Music Ministry.** Any questions contact Anthony Lucia at 940-859-1449 or Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net.

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

Sunday, October 12

9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (English)
9:15 AM Adult Catechism (Room 19)
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (Cry Room)
11:15 AM Religious Education Classes (Spanish)
7:30 PM Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, October 13

6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Citizenship Classes

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

Saturday, October 18

7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya—Spanish (Rm. 1 & 2)

Dear Padre

How can I understand Scripture readings?

Q The first part of the Mass contains many readings from the Bible. I get lost with so much to think about. What can I do?

Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed,

Bible readings at Mass form an integral part of the Church's liturgical and spiritual life, and the Church calls us to foster a "warm and living love for Scripture" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 24). The current *Lectionary* of Scripture readings for Mass allows Catholics to

hear more of the Bible during liturgy so "that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word" (SC 51).

But this greater variety does overwhelm some people. Keep in mind that the Bible readings highlight who Jesus is. Listen attentively to the priest's homily, which focuses on the day's readings, to hear concrete ways to live our Christian discipleship.

It's also very helpful to read the daily Scriptures in advance, either at home or before Mass begins. Catholic bookstores carry Sunday and daily missals that contain each day's readings as well as short reflections to help you understand them. Another good resource for daily Scripture readings is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Web site: www.usccb.org/nab.

These simple steps should make you feel less overwhelmed. They're also a great way to make the Bible's wealth part of your prayer life.

John K. Schmidt, C.Ss.R.



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Monday



October 13

Weekday

Gal 4:22-24,
26-27, 31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday



October 14

Weekday

Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday



October 15

Saint Teresa
of Jesus,
virgin and
doctor of the Church
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday



October 16

Weekday

Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54

Friday



October 17

Saint Ignatius
of Antioch,
bishop and
martyr

Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday



October 18

Saint Luke,
evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Sunday



October 19

Twenty-ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21