

From The Pastor's Desk

There are some things that make a difficult life even more difficult. One of these is the inability to allow ourselves to experience newness. Many of us are so caught up in old and routine ways of doing things that if something new hit us in the face; we still wouldn't notice it. We would still insist on doing things the same old way, day after day, until the day we died. We have to be thankful that not all people are like this, because if all people refused to see new things, then the world would have stopped moving forward many hundreds of years ago.

If some men and women did not have the openness to see how things were able to be done differently, we'd all still be living primitive lives. In not that many years, we have seen transportation go from horse and buggy, to supersonic jet and space shuttle. Communication is now as close as a smart phone, or the Internet. Medicine has probably made more progress in the last hundred years, than in the prior thousand years. All this because people were open to seeing new things.

In our faith journeys, it is equally necessary to be open to newness. The priest and the Levite in today's Gospel story are not prepared to deal with anything out of the ordinary. Seeing their fellow countryman beaten and lying by the side of the road, they don't know what to do, and so make the decision to become blind. They actually cross over to the other side of the road, so that they will not have to get too close to this person who is in distress.

Their own narrow view of life will not allow them to enter into the pain of this other person. It would be too disturbing to their daily routine to reach out in compassion to this robbed and beaten person. As you heard this story, perhaps you shook your head in disbelief. How could two religious persons be so closed to the pain of another person?

It seems to me that the most important question here is this one: *What are the obstacles that prevent me from seeing and responding to the needs of others?* It's true that we can't respond to all the needs that we come across. However, there is quite a difference between not responding to all the needs we see, and not responding to any of the needs that we encounter. If our first response is always to turn away, or to cross to the other side, then we have a serious spiritual problem – one that we need to thoughtfully look at.

Aren't we all God's children? We all need to see one another in this way, and respond with compassion and love when we see one another in need. May the Lord open our eyes and our hearts giving us the courage to reach out in love to all those whom the Lord sends our way.



Weekly Readings

- Sunday, July 10** Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
- Monday, July 11** Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday, July 12** Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday, July 13** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday, July 14** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday, July 15** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday, July 16** Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday, July 17** Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Liturgy, Reconciliation & Activities

Sunday, July 10 Blessing of Singles

- 8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Zeb Baird
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Janie Skotak
- 10:45 a.m. R.C.I.A. Inquiry Session
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Polina Bun Suk Lee
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Lilia Calderon

Monday, July 11 St. Benedict

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers

Tuesday, July 12

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Cristela Delgado Murphy

Wednesday, July 13 St. Henry

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Bella Miller
- 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Family Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Open Youth Night
- 7:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico
- Wednesday Movie Night:
"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"

Thursday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Philomena Mattingly
- 7:00 p.m. Zone Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting

Friday, July 15 St. Bonaventure

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Bob Rombach
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour

Saturday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Polina Bun Suk Lee
- 9:20 a.m. Eucharistic Ministers Enrichment Session
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Jim Rourke
- 6:30 p.m. K of C Corporate Communion Dinner

Sunday, July 17

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Polina Bun Suk Lee
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Theresa Okeke's Grandkids
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Mildred Santiago
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—People of Holy Spirit

Youth Ministry

Our Homeless Sleep Out is **Wednesday, July 20**. This is a great opportunity for any high school youth to stand in solidarity with the homeless. We will serve dinner at Dallas Life and then sleep in boxes in the courtyard. Permission slips are online and are due **July 13!**

Open Youth Room is **THIS Wednesday, July 13!** Come to room 106 at 6:30pm for games, fellowship and kickball! See you there!

We are looking for some new volunteers for our Confirmation program this year. We meet only once a month and you will only be committed to helping 7 times! Please Email DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org, if you can help our teens prepare for this awesome Sacrament!



Msgr. Johnson and early church building

We celebrate and remember our former pastor **Msgr. Robert Johnson (1977-1981)**

It was during his tenure that our church sanctuary was built and dedicated.

There will be no Daily Mass on the following upcoming Mondays. Instead, there will be a Communion Service on these days: **July 11, July 18, July 25, and Aug 11.**

There will be a special collection NEXT WEEKEND for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While many Africans are growing in their faith, they still face the challenges of high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. This fund supports essential pastoral projects across the continent that nourish the people of this young and vibrant Church.



Altar flowers this week were donated in celebration of **James & Mary Russell's 50th Wedding Anniversary**, requested by their children and also in memory of **†Cristela Delgado Murphy**, requested by Doreen Delgado.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in **honor of Jo Anne Hammonds** requested by Juanita Ramsden.

Sacramental Preparation

General Registration for the 2016-2017 sacramental preparation year has now begun. Please feel free to contact Deborah, Devyn, Lisa or Lindee in the Faith Formation office if you have any questions regarding First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to **Lisa Estrada, x12**. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is not until **Saturday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

FALL FESTIVAL

In all things, Be Merciful!

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 24 & 25!

Rummage Sale collections begin **TOMORROW, Monday, July 11**. Bring your kitchenware, pots, pans, utensils, clothing, shoes, knick-knacks, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, garden tools, lamps, linens, electronics—**Large items also welcome! (NO COMPUTERS, please.)** If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact: **Michelle Hernandez, (214) 864-2566.**



AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED! We are now accepting new, unique, or estate-quality items as donations to our Fall Festival Auction! Also, please ask your favorite restaurants and businesses for gift certificates or donations of their services for the Auction. Forms to request items can be picked up at the Front Desk in the Community Center.

Proceeds from this year's Fall Festival will go to technology enhancements in the Church, Chapel, and Narthex!



HELP NEEDED THIS SUNDAY, July 10, to **prepare raffle ticket packets** for the Fall Festival mailing to our parishioners. Two dozen volunteers are needed, so it will only take a few hours. Lunch will be provided. If you can help, please contact Peggy Carlough (214) 729-3164! We appreciate your help with this project!

Finance

Due to early bulletin deadlines contributions will be provided in the July 24 bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish, our diocese and the global Catholic Church. May God bless you!

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, Aug. 9 at both the 9:30 AND 11:30 a.m. Masses, there will be a special blessing of the backpacks! Children are invited to bring their school backpacks to Mass, and Father will bless the children and the backpacks and give them an awesome send-off before the new school year begins! For those without backpacks, we will have a few on-hand to distribute. Please contact **Donna Greenlee** in our Outreach Ministry for backpack and school supply assistance. Additionally, all school educators will be given a special blessing as they, too, begin a new school year.

Afterwards, join us in the dining room for an ice cream social and meet some of your fellow classmates and parishioners. And, if you haven't already signed up for Faith Formation, we'll be on-site registering for the upcoming year.

What a great way to start off the new school year!

We still have a few VBS T-shirts left over! They are available at the front desk for \$5.00...

GENERAL REGISTRATION for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation year is now officially underway through the months of July and August. Please be aware that class fees have increased as of July 1. Also, classes are already beginning to fill up!

A minimum payment of 50% is required for all new paperwork with the balance due by August 1 in order for your child to be placed on a class roster. Reminder statements have already been mailed so that you don't forget! Please don't wait till the last minute...It's so hard for us to plan for the appropriate number of classes needed and ensure we have the proper number of trained, screened adult catechists available and ready to go if we're inundated at the end of August. Sometimes, we simply can't do it. ***Plus, you have to pay your balance in full at the time of registration if you wait till August.*** So don't delay! You can stop by the Community Center Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ONLY to obtain the necessary registration paperwork. If these hours are not doable due to work schedules, please contact our office so that we can work out other arrangements. Also, due to vacation schedules (since July is our only downtime), please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office before heading over to ensure we are in the office to help you with your paperwork.

On-Site Faith Formation registration takes place Sunday, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 after all the MORNING masses in the dining room. Food & Fellowship will be offered, courtesy of Community Life!

If you're looking to join our children's Catechetical Team for the 2016-2017 year, contact Deborah on how you can sign up to be a catechist, aide, hall monitor or substitute! We are always in need of adults to help out on Sunday mornings.



Thank you to all the Faith Formation catechists for getting back to me on re-commitments! At this point in time, we have only two not

coming back, which out of 90+ adults, is absolutely AWESOME! Catechist training begins the first week of August so watch for information on dates, times and course topics.

Adult & Family Ministry

For information about any of our Adult & Family Ministry programs, please Email:
 Richard Johnson: richardjohnson@holyspiritcc.org
 Veronica Houston: veronicahouston@holyspiritcc.org



Adult Faith Formation Clusters Fall 2016

Sundays

9:15-10:30 a.m. **Adult Cluster 1:**
Acts—The Spread of the Kingdom

9:15-10:30 a.m. **Adult Cluster 2: The Prophets—**
Messengers of God’s Mercy

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Adult Cluster 3: Estudio Biblico**

Mondays

9:15-11:30 a.m. **Monday Morning Scripture Study:**
Parables of the Kingdom

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Monday Evening Scripture Study:**
A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Tuesdays

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Hearts Afire: Divine Mercy in the Second**
Greatest Story Ever Told

Wednesdays

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Wednesday Evening Scripture Study:**
Acts—The Spread of the Kingdom

For Those Seeking Annulments

The annulment process through the Catholic Church is best explained in person by trained procurator advocates. Procurator advocates are trained by the Diocese of Dallas Tribunal and are appointed by the Bishop of Dallas. They are bound to confidentiality when working with a client. However, some information packets are available from our Adult & Family Ministry Office that give an overview of the process, if you wish to know more about the process prior to meeting with one of our trained procurator advocates.

If you are interested in knowing more about what is involved in annulment process, please contact **Veronica Houston, x26**.

Your divorce must be final prior to beginning an annulment process. There are a number of documents that need to be gathered to process an annulment. The procurator advocate will go over that list with you.

If you wish to have a procurator advocate assigned to you that is not connected to Holy Spirit, please contact the Diocese of Dallas Tribunal.

Visit www.cathdal.org for more information about the annulment process under the Office of the Tribunal.

Community Life Ministry



Family Movie Night

On **Saturday, July 23** Holy Spirit will be having a family outdoor movie night in the Courtyard. Hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, shade and a great movie!

Hawaiian Falls Day

Our 2nd Annual Holy Spirit Day at Hawaiian Falls will be **Saturday, July 30**. Tickets are available each weekend in July after all Masses.



Snow Cone Fridays



The Knights of Columbus will be offering **FREE snow cones, tea & water** this summer under the bell tower on **Fridays, July 8 - Aug. 12, 3:00-5:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy the shade of the courtyard and an afternoon treat!

Outreach Ministry

EM’s to the Sick and Homebound: There will be a Ministry Enrichment session on **Saturday, July 16** at 9:20 a.m. following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Room 221.

Exercise Class will **NOT** meet on **Monday, July 11**. Class will resume on **Wednesday, July 13, 9:30 a.m.**

The Act of Mercy for this week is: Counsel the Doubtful.

Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way. Some of the ways we can do this is to attend a Adult Faith Formation Class or join a Bible study group so that we can become stronger in our faith. Through our studies and our prayers, we can better follow Christ and be a witness so others may see God's love in our actions. Other suggestions are to accompany a friend who is struggling with their faith to join a parish group for service or faith formation, or to share a book you found useful in dealing with struggles with faith, and to worship at Sunday Mass. These are just a few suggestions of how to help others in their faith journeys. Don't forget to write down the acts of mercy that you perform on a piece of paper or the form that we've provided and slip them into the "Acts of Mercy Box" on the table in the Narthex.

