

## From The Pastor's Desk

You've probably heard the expression, "A place for everything and everything in its place." We use this expression to remind ourselves of the importance of having some organization in our lives. We don't want to spend 20 minutes every time we need to find the car keys, so we ordinarily put them in the same place each time we come in. And, the same thing applies to so many things that we use every day. Knowing where to find things is a great help in our day to day living, and so we have the expression, "A place for everything and everything in its place." But allow me to change that statement: to express what perhaps is even a greater need – the need for balance in our lives. The new expression would go like this: "A time for everything, and everything in its time".

One of life's greatest struggles is to live a balanced life. It seems to happen so often that one aspect of life becomes so large that it swallows up other equally important aspects of our lives. This commonly happens with people whose whole life is taken up with their work. Leisure, family life, personal time out, recreation, study, prayer – all of these things get pushed aside because work has become the controlling force in a person's life. A first grader wondered why her dad brought home a briefcase full of work every evening. Her mom explained, "Daddy has so much to do that he can't finish it all at the office." "Well, then," asked the child innocently, "why don't they put him in a slower group?" Not a bad idea.

But, other things can also assume the role of the controlling force. Sports or other recreational activities can sometimes occupy too much of our lives. They didn't invent the expression, 'Golf Widow,' for nothing. Or, maybe it's another hobby or pastime that takes up too much of our time, pushing more important things like family life or needed personal time to one side. Addictions are big killers when it comes to balance in a person's life. It doesn't much matter what the addiction is – it could be porn sites on internet, TV, shopping, alcohol, drugs, sex, or any number of other things – all addictions create a lopsided life.

In the last several years instead of slowing down, for most people the pace of life has picked up. Many of us are living lives that are seriously out of balance. And, the part that often suffers the most is our personal prayer life. In fact, some of us may not even have a personal prayer life. But, without time for prayer, we run the serious risk of living lives that are not based on anything but the need to move on to the next task or event in our lives.

Imagine a wick that is placed in oil, and then lit. If the oil runs out, the wick burns out. As long as there is oil, the wick doesn't burn out. As long as we are living in dependence on the power of God, we don't burn out. The question we need to ask is, "What's burning?" If we're trying to live without God then we will discover, sooner or later, that we are the ones who are burning up, and eventually we will burn out. But if we place our hope and trust in God and take the time we need for personal prayer and reflection, then we will be feeding off of the oil that is God's power in our lives.

*Fr. Joe*

## Weekly Readings

<b>Sunday, July 17</b>	Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Monday, July 18</b>	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday, July 19</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
<b>Wednesday, July 20</b>	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
<b>Thursday, July 21</b>	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday, July 22</b>	Jer 3:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
<b>Saturday, July 23</b>	Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
<b>Sunday, July 24</b>	Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

## Liturgy, Reconciliation & Activities

### 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

### Monday, July 18 St. Camilus de Lillis

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

### Tuesday, July 19

7:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Intentions of Raymundo Gumapac
6:30 p.m.	Auction Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.	K of C Officer's Meeting

### Wednesday, July 20 St. Apolinaris

7:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Ramon Delgado Murphy
9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
6:00 p.m.	Confessions
6:00 p.m.	Family Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Community Life Commission Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico
	Wednesday Movie Night: "Convinced"

### Thursday, July 21 St. Larence of Drindisi

7:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Andrea Hubbard
7:00 p.m.	Festival Committee Meeting

### Friday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Set-up
8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—For Those Hurt By Abortion
9:00 a.m.	Holy Hour
3:00 p.m.	Snow Cone Friday
5:00 p.m.	Mouton/Wagner Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, July 23 St. Bridget

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Intentions of Rose Steininger
2:00 p.m.	Mouton/Wagner Wedding
3:30 p.m.	Confessions
5:30 p.m.	Holy Mass—Intentions of Marialina Tolentino
6:30 p.m.	HSCC Family Outdoor Movie Night

### Sunday, July 24

8:00 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Ann Keough
9:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Bob Mulligan
10:45 a.m.	R.C.I.A. Inquiry Session
11:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Francis Xavier Hagan
12:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 1-Court of Honor
5:30 p.m.	Holy Mass—People of Holy Spirit

*Please pray for the souls in Purgatory*

**Youth Ministry**

**Our Homeless Sleep Out** is this Wednesday! Please pray for our teens who will be sleeping in boxes in the courtyard to show solidarity with the homeless of the city. We will also be serving dinner to residents at Dallas Life!

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](mailto:DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org), if you can help our teens prepare for this awesome Sacrament!

Parents, will your teen be in the 9th-12th grade this year and be interested in joining a leadership group? Our Team Spirit group meets once a week during the school year to help plan retreats, skits and service events throughout the year. Contact Devyn at the Email above if your teen is interested in joining!

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



Don't miss Mass when traveling this summer! You can find a church to attend mass anywhere you are in the world at: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**There will be a special collection THIS 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 memory of **†Ramon Delgado Murphy**, requested by Doreen Delgado.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in in memory of **†Ramon Delgado Murphy**, requested by Doreen Delgado.

**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 **Saturday, Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
*In all things, Be Merciful!*  
**Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 24 & 25!**

**Rummage Sale** collections are in progress! Drop off your kitchenware, pots, pans, utensils, clothing, shoes, knick-knacks, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, garden tools, lamps, linens, electronics—**Large items welcome! NO COMPUTERS, please.**



**PLEASE NOTE:** To arrange pick up for large items, please call the parish office. If the office is closed, please do not leave them outside the door.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact: **Michelle Hernandez, (214) 864-2566.**

**RUMMAGE PRE-SALE:** Mark your calendars for the pre-sale, **Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!** We are now accepting new, unique, or estate-quality items as donations to our Fall Festival Auction! 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!

**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!

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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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 Monday, Aug. 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.



### CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS!

Certification training begins on **Monday, Aug. 8 5:00 -10:00 p.m. & Monday, Aug. 15 from 5:00 -10:00 p.m.**

We are currently working on securing facilitators and hope to have that firmed up shortly. Watch your Email for more information!

**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



Our summer movie series continues on **THIS Wednesday, July 20** with the film “**Convinced**”.

Show time is at **7:00 p.m., Room 212.**

Bring a snack to share! Bring a friend! Call **Sharon Bush** to arrange child care by **TOMORROW, Monday, July 18.**



**Diocesan  
 Silver & Gold  
 Anniversary Mass**

If you were married in **1991** or in **1966**, then the **Diocesan Silver and Gold Mass** celebrates your wedding anniversary on **Saturday, Aug. 27, 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Avenue, 75201). Couples celebrating *any anniversary over 50 years* are also encouraged to attend (those married before 1966).

Bishop Farrell will preside at the Mass, and he will offer a special blessing for all anniversary couples. Each couple will receive a certificate from the diocese. Families of the anniversary couples are welcome to attend, and there is a festive reception following the Mass at the Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center.

**Please** register so that pews can be reserved for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> and 50+ anniversary **couples**. Register by phone (214) 379-2874 or online at [www.cathdal.org/Wedding Anniversary](http://www.cathdal.org/WeddingAnniversary) August 2016 by **Monday, Aug. 15**, so that your name can appear in the program.

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, Nov. 5**

**9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Parish Retreat:**

**Living Beyond the Year of Mercy**

**with Maryknoll Missioner**

**Ken Eppes**

**For all ages!**



**Community Life Ministry**

**Family Movie Night**

Join us next **Saturday, July 23** for a family outdoor movie night in the Courtyard. We will be showing “Cars” & serving hot dogs, snow cones & popcorn. **See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.**



**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. **See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.**



**Snow Cone Fridays**

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



afternoon treat!

**Outreach Ministry**

**Project Joseph, A Retreat for Men Suffering from Abortion.** There will be a day of healing for men on **Saturday, July 23**. Project Joseph is a life-changing opportunity for men who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Are you suffering from a past abortion experience? Don't wait any longer to experience Christ's mercy. This is the year. This is the time. For more information visit: [healing@projectjosephdallas.org](mailto:healing@projectjosephdallas.org) or call (469) 416-2101 for confidential assistance.

**This week's Act of Mercy is Admonish the Sinner.** We are told not to judge. But, we need to be supportive in helping others and help them correct their mistakes. In this way, we can walk more closely with the Lord. However, before we correct someone else we should do as Christ told us, “first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.” We should only admonish close friends and relatives, someone we have a close and loving relationship with. We need to be sure the person we're talking to knows that we love them. We should include a lot of encouragement at the same time. We should always spend time in prayer with the Lord, reflecting on our motives before admonishing. Last but not least, we should always do this in private. 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.

