

From The Pastor's Desk

Things affect people. I'm talking about material things like house, food, medicine. Even a moment's reflection will convince us that it makes a tremendous difference in our lives when we don't have what we need. And, it also makes a tremendous difference when we do have what we need. Without shelter and food, we die. With shelter and food, we live.

At all times we have some kind of relationship to the things we own. We have a normal and a balanced relationship to our possessions when we use them as a help to living a balanced and worthwhile life. When we use food and medicine to keep us healthy, we are using them in a proper and a balanced way. But, when we use food only for the pleasure it brings and medicinal drugs as an addictive substance, we are misusing them. Our relationship to them has become radically unbalanced. And so it goes for all of our possessions.

When we have a wholesome and positive relationship with our possessions, we are using them in the way that God intended. They are supportive in our quest for a human and humane life. And we also use our possessions in a positive way when we use them to make our love for others real and helpful. Sharing what we have with others establishes a relationship of love between others and ourselves. When our sharing helps others with food, shelter, medicine, education, then we can be assured that we have a balance relationship with what we own.

Jesus is warning us against an unbalanced relationship to our possessions when he warns us against all kinds of greed. When our possessions build walls between God and ourselves, and between other people, and ourselves, then we are in a very dangerous position. When we seek security and independence in created things and fail to see that true security comes from our relationship to God, then we have misunderstood the purpose of created things. We have placed things first, and God second or even somewhere further down the line. This is one of the real problems that are often associated with our possessions. Jesus warns us very clearly that *"...one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."*

We begin to think that things can accomplish only what God can accomplish – that is, give us true security. If we place our dependence on created things, then we have made them equal to God. In fact, we have used them as a replacement for God, since God is the One on whom we are wholly dependent. If we think that the more we have, the more secure we are, and then we have made greed into our God.

If we are people who hoard our possessions, refusing to share with others in need, only concerned about ourselves and our own pleasure, then the answer is as clear as can be. Our love stops with ourselves. Our care is always only self-care. We have built a wall around our possessions and money so that no one else can benefit from what we have.

If, on the other hand, we treat all of our possessions as gift from God, and use them to help, not only ourselves, but others, we will, as St. Paul says, be seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



Weekly Readings

- Sunday, July 31** Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
- Monday, Aug. 1** Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday, Aug. 2** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday, Aug. 3** Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday, Aug. 4** Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16: 13-23
- Friday, Aug. 5** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; 4:1; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday, Aug. 6** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Sunday, Aug. 7** Wis 18: 6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Liturgy, Reconciliation & Activities

Sunday, July 31

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Robert Reves
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Eleanor McCaskill
- 10:30 a.m. R.C.I.A. Sponsor Information Session
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Pacita Cabralda
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Andrea Hubbard

Monday, Aug. 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Library Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 2

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Conrado Bacuyag
- 7:30 p.m. K of C General Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 3 St. John Vianney

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Benedict & Polina Lee
- 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 / Outreach Commission Meeting
- Wednesday Movie Night: "Two Suitcases (St. Josephine Bakhita)"

Thursday, Aug. 4

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Jim & Peggy Finger
- 6:30 p.m. FF Commission Meeting

Friday, Aug. 5

- 7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Alberto Laaguan Balbalan
- 9:00 a.m. First Friday Holy Hour/Exposition & Adoration
- 3:00 p.m. Snow Cone Friday
- 7:00 p.m. First Friday Holy Hour/Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, Aug. 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Divina Manuel Abao
- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass—†Tiffany Fletcher
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Constanca Tolentino-Martin

Sunday, Aug. 7

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Timothy Karaffa
- 8:30 a.m. 2016-2017 FF Registration & Ice Cream Social
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—For those hurt by Abortion
- 10:30 a.m. First Sunday Rosary
- 10:45 a.m. R.C.I.A. Inquiry
- 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Efren Santiago
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Cathy Ordemann

Youth Ministry

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our shipping costs for our 100,000 Rosaries for Angola campaign! We are so excited to finally have a company who will ship the rosaries and we are blessed with so many donations that we will be able to extend our mission work with Fr. Graciano and the people of Angola! Obrigado!

Do you have a 9th-12th grader who is interested in joining a leadership group that helps plans service projects, Sunday night events and retreats throughout the year? Our Team Spirit retreat is **Sunday, Aug. 14** Contact DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org, if you would like to sign your teen up!

Today, is the last day of World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland! Please pray for the safe travels of all the pilgrims and for a renewed spirit for them to bring back to their home parishes!

Sacramental Preparation

General Registration for the 2016-2017 sacramental preparation year is currently underway. Year 1 Parents, don't forget to reregister your children for Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry AND our sacramental preparation program. After reviewing the rosters, there are quite a few of you who have yet to enroll! If you were in 1st Grade or 7th Grade, you are eligible for First Communion and/or Confirmation preparation (based on last year's attendance). 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 registration and requirements.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is not until **Saturday, Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** All completed paperwork must be turned in two weeks prior to the Sept. 10 class date.

REMINDER: There will be no Daily Mass THIS Monday, Aug. 1. Instead, there will be a Communion service.

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

Rummage Pre-Sale Date Change: New dates are **Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Aug. 20., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Collections are now in progress! Large items welcome! **NO COMPUTERS**, please! Arrange pick up for large items by calling 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 to help with the Rummage Sale, 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! 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.



Fall Festival Raffle Tickets: A packet of raffle tickets have been sent to all registered families. If you haven't received yours, please contact the church office. The raffle is a great chance to win some amazing prizes including: \$5,000 VISA Gift Card, HE Washer/Dryer, \$1000 Best Buy Gift Card, Tool Set & Chest, and 2 FitBit Fitness Activity Trackers! Tickets are only \$5!



Take a look at our NEW Exterior Lighting! The whole campus is now well lit for evening activities and added safety! This is the first project funded by your donations to the Diocesan Capital Campaign, **Our Faith, Our Future** through The Catholic Foundation.

As of June 30, 2016 Total Pledged to the Diocese is \$1,047,700 with payments made to date of \$318,812. **Holy Spirit will receive 30% of each dollar paid to the campaign.** Please continue to give generously! Our next facility project depends upon your support.

Finances

Weekend of July 23/24

Contributions	\$21,989.82
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>(\$24,038.00)</u>
Deficit	<u>(\$ 2,048.18)</u>

Rosaries for Angola Collection: \$ 5,377.26

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



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

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Join us **NEXT Sunday, Aug. 7** at both the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses, for a special blessing of the school backpacks! Children are

invited to bring their backpacks to Mass, and Father will bless both the children and their backpacks for an awesome send-off before the new school year begins! For those of you 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!

On-Site Faith Formation registration takes place Sunday, Aug. 7 & Aug. 14 after all the MORNING Masses in the dining room. Please see the green column for detailed information regarding registration.

Catechists, please mark your calendars for Aug. 8 and 15 for certification training! We will offer the 10-hour course **CREED** on **Monday, Aug. 8** (first 5 hours) and **Monday, Aug. 15** (final 5 hours) from 5-10 p.m. in the dining room. **You must attend both nights to receive the 10-hour course credit.** Dinner will be provided and for childcare needs, please contact **Sharon Bush** at (972) 298-9460. Please register with Deborah if you wish to attend. Cost of the course is free but a good will offering will be gratefully accepted to help offset the cost of dinner. *This course is also open to all youth mentors and RCIA team members.*

Monday, Aug. 22 will be Catechist Orientation for all Children's Faith Formation catechists, aides AND teens. **We'll start with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. so bring something yummy to share with your fellow catechists. Orientation will begin at 6:45 p.m.**

Thanks to some wonderful adults who have stepped forward to help with our 4th Grade Faith Formation classes! We could still use a few extra adults to serve as aides in a couple of classes. Give Deborah a call, if interested in serving in our Children's Ministry!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out, "box" cars in tow, and enjoyed our first ever Family Movie Night! **A tremendous thanks to Rebecca Garza and mom, Anna Rodriguez, Ana & Isabella Jarecke and David & Hannah Lapeyrolerie (Chase, too!) for helping out with snow cones, popcorn and hot dogs! It was a great fun!**

Faith Formation Registration Information

- ◆ **All families wishing to sign children up for Faith Formation must be registered members of Holy Spirit.** If you haven't already completed a Parish Census Form to be a part of our wonderful faith community, you must do that **first before** picking up registration paperwork for Faith Formation.
- ◆ **Children registering for sacramental preparation MUST HAVE completed one year of Faith Formation last year, whether it was at Holy Spirit or another parish.** If it was at another parish, a Letter of Verification from that parish **MUST** be on file with our office prior to registering for sacramental preparation. Also, if you have a copy of the child's baptismal certificate, that would be awesome!
- ◆ **The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the 8th Grade or older and First Communion in the 2nd Grade.** However, attendance for two consecutive years in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry remains a diocesan mandatory requirement for sacramental preparation. We check attendance when you register for sacramental preparation to ensure you meet the two-year requirement and that attendance was satisfactory the year prior. **That means 6 absences or less for 2015-2016.**
- ◆ **For paperwork received on the 7th or 14th, all Faith Formation registration fees/sacramental expenses must be paid in full by Thursday, Aug. 18 before your child will be placed on a class roster.** Current class fees are \$45.00 for one child; \$90.00 for two children; and \$105.00 for three or more children. Sacramental expenses are separate. **Class fees will increase again as of Saturday, Aug. 27 so register now!**

SPECIAL NOTE: We will not accept registrations after Thursday, August 18 in order to prepare for the first day of class and Parent Orientation on Sunday, Aug. 28. You can still obtain paperwork Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., but it will not be processed until after the Labor Day Holiday. Children registering after August 18 will attend class on **Sunday, Sept. 11. Absolutely no registration paperwork will be distributed or accepted on Sunday, Aug. 28!**

If you received a fee statement in the mail, those are now due in order for your child to be placed on a class roster for the upcoming year. **We cannot guarantee class availability for those with outstanding balances. Please contact Deborah with any questions. All outstanding fees must be paid in full by Aug. 18. Credit card payments made be made on-line at our parish website at www.holyspiritcatholic.com**

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



**Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 Women's ACTS Retreat
 Oct. 20-23**

The purpose of an ACTS weekend is to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners. Participants experience God's love and joy throughout the weekend and return with a deeper love for each other and a desire to share that love in their parish.

You are invited to join us for an extraordinary weekend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Elsa Yzaguirre (214) 718-6102 OR
 Mary Lindsey (972) 824-3677**

A Divine Mercy Moment

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue."

- St. Faustina (Diary 163)



A Live, Theatrical Drama Coming Soon!

Monday, Oct. 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

More info: (972) 298-4971 or DivineMercyDrama.com

**Please Join Us for a Novena for the
 Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Starting Monday, Aug. 1, 6:00 p.m.,
 in the Church**

Our parish community will be praying the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other prayers for the deceased, the ill or dying, and the poor souls in purgatory.

In order that all of us in our multilingual, multicultural parish may join together in this Novena, those who wish to do so may lead some of the prayers in their first language.

Monday-Friday, **Aug. 1-5: 6:00 p.m.**
 Saturday, **Aug. 6 after 5:30 p.m. Mass**
 Sunday, **Aug. 7 after 11:30 a.m. Mass**
 Monday-Tuesday **Aug. 8-9: 6:00 p.m.**

Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact **John Rizo** at jrizo@sbcglobal.net.

Community Life Ministry

Snow Cone Fridays

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



Parish Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Parish Blood Drive on Sunday, Aug. 21. Sign-ups will begin NEXT weekend in the Narthex to schedule your donation time. This helps ensure Carter Bloodcare will schedule appropriate staff to process donations and also gives you preference over walk-ins. **Eligible donors are 17 years of age weighing at least 110 lbs. and in general good health (16 years old with signed parental permission). There will also be free donuts and fruit for all donors and their family members. For questions regarding medications, call 1-800-Bloodcare. Often times persons with Type 2 Diabetes are eligible depending on meds.**

Outreach Ministry

This week we want to Forgive Offences Willingly. Forgiving others is often difficult because we don't have God's limitless mercy and compassion. However, Jesus teaches us to forgive others. *"Be kind to one another, full of pity, having forgiveness for one another, even as God in Christ had forgiveness for you."* (Ephesians 4:32) And *"You are good, O Lord, and full of forgiveness, your mercy is great to all who make their cry to you."* (Psalm 86:5) Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives so go to Confession often and pray for a forgiving heart. 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.



5-7 de Agosto El Viñedo de Raquel™ una oportunidad extraordinaria para cualquier persona que lucha con dolor emocional y espiritual por aborto(s) en su pasado. El fin de semana es un proceso unico y efectivo diseñado específicamente para ayudar a sentir las misericordia y compasión de Dios. El fin de semana ayudará que su alma encuentre una voz, y transformar el dolor del pasado en esperanza. El Viñedo de Raquel es una "terapia para el alma" que combina sanación espiritual y psicológica. Para servicios confidenciales o más informacion, llame: Español (972) 679-4760 o sanacion@rachedallas.org.