



**THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL
TEACH YOU EVERYTHING
AND REMIND YOU OF
ALL I HAVE SAID TO YOU.**

Jesus tells His disciples, and us, that they Holy Spirit "will instruct you in everything..." Do we take the time to be open to these instructions in our busy lives? Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts, minds and actions of Your faithful!



MONDAY Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a
TUESDAY Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
WEDNESDAY Acts 17:15,22—18:1
THURSDAY Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
FRIDAY Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
SATURDAY Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
SUNDAY Acts 1:1-11; Rv 22:12-14,16-17,20;
 Jn 17:20-26

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



Parent to Parent meeting for parents of children or dependents with disabilities will be offered on Saturday, May 22nd from 10am to noon at Corpus Christi Access Parish, 9900 Stella Link, in the school library. Topic – Listening that Facilitates: Attitudes and Skills that Encourage Healing. Presented by Maureen Bacchi, LMSW-ACP. Cost is \$5 per parent. Child/adult care provided. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Charleen Iannucci in the continuing Christian Education Office at 713-741-8793 or iannucci@diogh.org to register.



Summer Festivals for children with Disabilities will be offered at four parishes. Dates and locations are: June 12th at St. Monica Parish (N.W. Houston) and Christ the Good Shepherd Access Parish (Spring); June 19th at Most Holy Trinity Parish (Angleton); and June 26th at St. Frances Cabrini Parish (S. Houston). Cost is \$10 per participant. Siblings are welcomed and financial assistance is available. Please contact Charleen Iannucci in the Continuing Christian Education Office at 713-741-8793 or iannucci@diogh.org to volunteer or for additional registration information.



.KJT District 6 Family Day and Fishing Contest Sunday May 23 at Touvar Lake, between East Bernard and Eagle Lake, TX. Begins at 12 noon. All KJT members are welcome to attend.



O God, let all the nations PRAISE YOU.

MAY 18 THROUGH MAY 23

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	†J.P. Kirouac
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	Father/Son Team
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	For Vocations
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	†JoJo Langston
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	†A.J. Richter
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	†Arthur James Broussard
	9:30A.M.	†Jorge Lerma, Sr.
	11:00A.M.	†Lois Matteck



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Brad Armintor, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, Jennifer Cary, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditzges, Lenora Duval, Marcella

Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Belia Hardesty, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, Vickie Kaatz, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Sarah Marcotte, Mary McClintock, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran, Melda Neely, Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Paula Price, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Joe Reyes, Jr., Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Amelia Volz, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. "Protecting God's Children for Adults" educates clergy, staff and volunteers who work with children. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions. All Clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. The session does start promptly so please be on time. The session will be held on the following date:

Tuesday, August 24, in the hall of the Family Life Center 6:15-9:30p.m.

Please go to www.virtusonline.org to register; the password is "trust". Call Marsha Jacklitsch, 297-3043, for more information.



K.J.Z.T. #115 St. Mary: Star of the Sea, will have a meeting Tuesday, May 18th at 10:30a.m. at 620 Aiken, in Clute.





Attn: Graduating Seniors: The Graduation Mass and Luncheon will be on May 16th – 11:00 am Mass with Luncheon to follow

Congratulations! To our Graduates of 2004!!



Please Join Us After 9:30 Mass!

We would like to invite you to join us in a discussion of the Sunday readings after 9:30 Mass. Join fellow parishioners each Sunday as we break open God's Word. The group is open to men and women of all ages. While Religious Education is in session, the group meets upstairs in the Spiritual Learning Center. When Religious Ed is not meeting and during the Summer, the group will meet in Room 149-150 of the Family Life Center. You are always welcome and we look forward to your insight and participation. For further information contact Gary Forse at 299-3145 or gtforse@swbell.net.



Cash Flow for February 2004

Bank Account, Jan. 31, 2004	\$284,555.35
Savings Account, Jan. 31, 2004	<u>460,895.75</u>
Total January 31, 2004	\$745,451.10
5-Sunday Collections	\$73,389.27
Retained for DSF	<u>865.50</u>
Receipts for February	+74,254.77
Less Regular Expenses	-47,570.75
Less C. Tax	- <u>12,824.26</u>
Less Expenses	- 60,395.01
Difference in Suspense Accts.	+138.94
New Church Fund & Bishop Campaign	+23,221.35
Total of Savings & Bank Account	\$782,671.15

Cash Flow for March 2004

Bank & Savings Account	\$782,671.15
4-Sunday Collections	\$69,336.16
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>913.30</u>
Regular Receipts for March	+70,249.46
Less Regular Expenses	-\$32,938.79
Less Cathedral Tax	- <u>19,236.39</u>
Total of Regular Expenses	-52,175.18
Difference in Suspense Accts.	+10,095.94
New Church Fund & Bishop	+27,065.00
Less Bishop Campaign Payment (last one)	-53,000.00
Total of Savings & Bank Account	\$784,906.37



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the Girl Scouts of St. Michael's, Boy Scout Pack 324 and Troop 324 of St. Michael's, and Boy Scout Pack 366 of Our Lady Queen of Peace School for their generous contributions of food and paper goods (over 180 rolls of toilet paper!) on May 1 and 2.



The Creed

by Paul Turner

The Creed may not be the most boring part of Mass, but in many churches it contends mightily. It's long. It's the same thing week after week. It's hard to understand. People mumble it. You may hear people praise their church for its great music, an insightful preacher, outstanding lectors, beautiful art, or even convenient parking. But no one brags that their church has a rip-roaring experience at the Creed.

What to do? Some places just skip it. Others take the bull by the horns and sing the Creed. You can even hear it sung in Latin if you know where to go.

The liturgy itself offers a couple ways to break the monotony. At children's Masses, for example, we can recite the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. You probably know the Apostles' Creed as the one which begins the rosary. It's shorter than the one we use on Sunday. That's supposed to make it more appealing to children.

Legend has it that the Apostles formulated the one named for them. History has it that the Council of Constantinople (381) formulated the beliefs proclaimed by the Council of Nicea in 325. The Nicene Creed found its way into the weekly liturgy at the end of the fifth century.

One way to add variety to the Creed is by turning it into a question and answer device. This happens at the Easter Vigil, and, in the United States, on Easter Sunday Masses. This practice restores the Creed to its most ancient structure. Back in the second and third centuries, creeds took this form at the baptism of new Christians. "Do you believe ...?" "I do." And down they'd go into the water. Ever since Matthew closed his Gospel with Jesus urging us to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creeds have taken this three-part structure.

The purpose of the Creed is to express with conviction the heart of what we believe. It doesn't include Catholic issues the media like to chew on: celibacy, male leadership, and the church's positions on morality. Some elements of Catholic life have changed over the years and could change again. The Creed stays the same. Sadly, the secular press never gives us Easter headlines boasting, "Thousands Profess Faith in Christ at Easter Vigil." That's not news.

We know better. It's good news. It's worth saying over and over again, week after week, in a long, mantra that gives us unity, pride and faith.



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Spring Cleaning Sale in St. Michael's Library after all Masses! Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16. "Used" books, tapes, etc. **CHEAP!!!** Making room for new materials. Check this out!

