



**Easter Sunday
April 24, 2011**

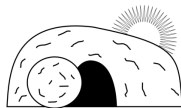
**St. Helena Church is a
Tithing & Evangelizing Parish
Mission Statement**

We, the Parish of St. Helena, are rooted in Jesus Christ and nourished by Eucharist. We are aware of our present diversity and the changes that enrich us. We strive with all that God has given us to live and to share the Gospel of love by creating a welcoming and united community. We seek to integrate actively people of all ages, races, and cultures into every area of life.

Masses for the Week Apr. 24th to May 1st

SUNDAY, April 24, 2011 *Easter Sunday*

8:00AM Mary Ellen Higgins
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Mary Ahern
12:30PM Wenceslao Chirnos



MONDAY, April 25, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Dominique & Maria Nguyen

TUESDAY, April 26, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Simon Toan Vu

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM Marta Pham Thi Ninh

THURSDAY, April 28, 2011

6:30AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa
8:00AM Anna & Charles Petrovich

FRIDAY, April 29, 2011

6:30AM
8:00AM

SATURDAY, April 30, 2011

8:00AM Peter Vinh Nguyen
4:30PM Marie Callahan

SUNDAY, May 1, 2011 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00AM Jennifer Tuffy
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM First Communion
12:30PM Mother of Quadalupe



***Please remember in your prayers
the deceased members of our
parish, families, friends and
benefactor, especially those
mentioned on our Easter Flower
Envelope.***



**Welcome to
St. Helena Church**



Our Church is a center for spiritual growth, where positive attitudes are developed, where good people become better, where hurts are healed, where lessons are learned, where friendships are developed, where marriages restless find peace, where love is alive, where God is understood, where the Holy Spirit leads, and where Jesus Christ is Lord. Together, let us spread the message of the Gospel to our neighbors.

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Tina Hosgood
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Kovescek	Bernie Black	Rita Voras
Rita Klienknecht	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Geraldo Acevedo	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
Joseph Voras	Rosa Di Nicola	Roberta Pohl
Sharon Doneker		

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 OR 1 Cor 5: 6b-8
Jn 20: 1-9 OR Mt 28: 1-10

MONDAY, (25)	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Mt 28: 8-15
TUESDAY, (26)	Acts 2: 36-41	Jn 20: 11-18
WEDNESDAY, (27)	Acts 3: 1-10	Lk 24: 13-35
THURSDAY, (28)	Acts 3: 11-26	Lk 24: 35-48
FRIDAY, (29)	Acts 4: 1-12	Jn 21: 1-14
SATURDAY, (30)	Acts 4: 13-21	Mk 16: 9-15

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John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

"Who Are You Looking For?"

We travel with Mary, Peter and the beloved disciple from the darkness to the wonder and light of Resurrection: from Good Friday to Easter Day! Jesus asks Mary Magdalene the question in the garden cemetery on the morning of His resurrection. Jesus encounters us today in the midst of our grief with the same question: "Who is it you are looking for?" Jesus calls Mary by her name, and he does the same for each of us this morning. Are we looking for Him? Do we recognize Him when he appears to us?

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday!



Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday *"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*

Join us Sunday, May 1, 2011, Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Helena's Parish Chapel as we pay devotion to the Merciful Jesus by chanting The Chaplet of Mercy and the veneration of His Image. The chapel will open at 2:30 PM and prayers will start promptly at 3:00 PM.

Please call Anita Repsch, at 215-548-3543 or Gemma Baldon. at 215-329-1659 for more information.

The Meaning of Easter



Many people are wondering what Easter actually means, as the true meaning of Easter has been lost. What I can tell you is it isn't about cute little fluffy chickens, nor does it have anything to do with Easter bunnies. It isn't even about Easter eggs. Although an egg can represent 'new life' because new life hatches from the egg, and Jesus was resurrected on the third day – giving us new life in Him. But just like Christmas, the real meaning has been forgotten. For those of us that are Christians, we understand what Easter is all about. But for those that haven't experienced this 'new life' in Jesus, I want to share with you the Easter story.

In Old Testament times, the priest would bring bulls, goats or a spotless lamb without any blemishes to be sacrificed as a sin offering for himself and for the people. The blood would purify and make atonement (forgive, make amends) for their sins. This was the old order of atonement. When Jesus came, He was a representation of the sacrificial lamb to take away the sins of the world. He was the final sacrifice. We no longer have to sacrifice animals to make atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this once and for all. It's His blood that cleanses us from all sin. He was crucified on the cross (the form of execution in those days). The sin of the world was upon Him, yet He was without sin and blameless. He bore it all. This is why Jesus is referred to as the 'Lamb of God'. He was bodily resurrected (came back to life) on the third day. He appeared to many – eating and drinking with them. He appeared to them for 40 days, then ascended (went up to) Heaven. Acts 1: 1-11

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St. Helena Church First Communion May 1, 2011 (11:00am Mass)



Let us rejoice with those children in our parish receiving their First Communion next Sunday, May 1st. Let our prayer be for them be that Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Eternal Salvation, will always nourish your faith.

*Cristian Clement-Emanuel
David Middleton
Elvin Gonzalez
Peter Vu
Khanh-Chuc Nguyen
Helena Pham
Vivian Pham
Victoria Tran
Jashon Cunningham
Francis Nguyen
David Poles
Dennis Caelan Smith
Michael Wells
Victoria Cao*

*Alexandra Emile
Kim Nguyen
Jonathan Toledo
Aliyah Parks
Joseph C. Lewis
Anna Vu
Florence Han
Matthew Tran
Angelique Hernandez
Francys Reyes
Ena Dalton
Isaiah Alicea
Jeremy Lugo-Lopez*



Dear Jesus,

When you said, "Let the children come to me," I'm, sure you meant me. Today, I want to come to You with my love, my friendship, my problems, and my dreams. Help me not to be selfish. Help my teachers to be patient with me. Bless my parents, my grandparents, and my whole family. Most of all, help me not to forget that You are my best friend and that I am Your child forever. Amen.

*St. Helena Parish is a Tithing Parish since Jan. 19, 2003. God has provided for us in wonderful ways and we are committed to "making a return to the Lord for all His goodness to us."
All we are and have is due to God's goodness.*

Stewardship Report



Easter Collection will be posted
in the next bulletin
due to early transmission.



The Priests, Sisters, Deacons, Faculty, & Parish Staff wish you and your families a Blessed and Holy Easter! Today, and for the next 50 days, we will celebrate and rejoice in the triumph of Christ over the power of death. Why not consider bringing a friend with you to Church for the next 50 days?



Last But Not Least

*Today we celebrate Easter Sunday. **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!** May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy*

*My sincere thanks to all who helped, in any way, with our Holy Week Services...to the **cleaners and decorators** who made our church look so beautiful...to the **musicians and singers** for their music and voices raised in song. To **Sister Sophie** and **our Catechists** who worked with those who received the sacraments and to all of **our parishioners** who attended the services and gave so generously to our collections. I hope this week gave a Spiritual Uplifting to you all and that you truly received the peace of the Risen Christ. **Congratulations** to the **Edward Santiago, Sr., Josette Breeding, Janet Mitchell, and Gladys Diaz** who received the **Sacrament of Baptism**, to **Ernest Ransom** who was **received into full Communion with the church** and to **Tom Breeding, Krystalie and Edward Santiago, Jr.** who received their First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for these children and adults as they continue on their "Journey of Faith."*

*Once again, I invite you to attend our **services today** for **Divine Mercy Sunday**. For those of you who have been praying the Novena for Divine Mercy, these services will be the closing of your Novena. For all others, the **Lord's mercy is open for you on this day** so please take advantage of this time. Join us in Chapel **at 3:00 pm** and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and **receive the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord**. Thanks for reading...have a good week.*

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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