

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 25, 2011**

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.

Masses for the Week Sept. 25th to Oct. 2nd

SATURDAY, Sept. 24, 2011

4:30PM Bill McCarthy (24th Anniv)

SUNDAY, Sept. 25, 2011 26th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Peter Cuong
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Julia & Frank Schaller, Sr.
12:30PM Carmen Rodriguez

MONDAY, Sept. 26, 2011 Sts. Cosmas and Damian

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners
8:00AM Maria Chi Pham

TUESDAY, Sept. 27, 2011 St. Vincent de Paul

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners
8:00AM Marta Pham Thi Ninh

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28, 2011 St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners
8:00AM Val Moffitt

THURSDAY, Sept. 29, 2011 St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

7:00AM Bader, Steel, Sheer Families
8:00AM James Colleran

FRIDAY, Sept. 30, 2011 St. Jerome

7:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa
8:00AM Peter Buu Chuong

SATURDAY, Oct. 1, 2011

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen
4:30PM Joan Lowery (1st Anniv)

SUNDAY, Oct. 2, 2011 27th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Peter Cuong
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Julia & Frank Schaller, Sr.
12:30PM Carmen Rodriguez

***Please remember in your prayers the
deceased benefactors and friends of
St. Helena Church.***

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Jim Butterly
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	Joan Taft	Noreen Blyweiss
Andre Clarke	Leonard Fitzmaurice	Ellen Moffa
Fressia Moya	Eleanor Garin	Joseph Knox
David Spieser	William Ten Hagen	Ray Tiegs
Bill Christie	Carmen Isley	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Sept. 25, 2011 26th Sunday of Ord. Time

Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Mt 21: 28-32

MONDAY (26)

Zec 8: 1-8 Lk 9: 46-50

TUESDAY (27)

Zec 8: 20-23 Lk 9: 51-56

WEDNESDAY (28)

Neh 2: 1-8 Lk 9: 57-62

THURSDAY (29)

Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 Jn 1: 47-51

FRIDAY (30)

Bar 1: 15-22 Lk 10: 13-16

SATURDAY (01)

Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29 Lk 10: 17-24

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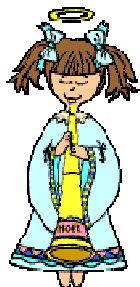
Reading: Mt 21: 28-32

From the Sacred Heart of Jesus

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. I call everyone to follow the commandments, to repent, and to become a witness of my word. All human beings have to struggle against the powers of sin. Sin works as a dark invisible cloud that menaces the purity of every soul and if nothing is done, it destroys and causes eternal death. The commandments have brought back many souls from eternal damnation, they have inspired repentance and change, they have kept spiritual order throughout the ages. Some people cover themselves with their false religiosity pretending to be clean on the outside, while their interior is full of darkness and death. I am offended by hypocrisy because I read the heart of every person. In the spiritual life, you do not need to be seen by others doing your spiritual works; you do not need to impress anyone except God, since the Eternal One is the only one who can give eternal rewards to you. Therefore work silently doing your good works, admit your sinfulness and present yourself humbly before me every day, do not count your spiritual riches, empty yourself and bring your offering to me. My immediate reward to you will be my peace, which is not like the peace you receive from men; it is that joy that only comes from me. I am the God of sinners. How fortunate you are when you admit to be a sinner and repent, how fortunate you are to come to me in your needs. I receive you with great joy because you are mine, you have cost me so much, I have died for your sins and I am glorified when you accept me as your Savior and Lord.

048 St. Helena – Rt. P

St. Helena Music Ministry Parish Choir



St. Helena Parish Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the 11:00am Mass in the Lower Church. Practice is held from 6:30pm to 7:30pm every Thursday in the Lower Church. Please come and help us praise God in song. All ages and ethnic groups are most welcome! Anyone who can play an instrument and would like to offer his/her gifts at our English Masses is also most welcome. For more information, call Gen Black (Music Director) at 267-334-2735.

Saint Helena School News

- September 28th - NO SCHOOL for Students
- ****CANDY DRIVE BEGINS IN OCTOBER****
- Oct 4 – High School Night
- Oct 7 – Dismissal at 1PM
- Oct 19 – Fall Pictures (Must wear uniforms)
- Oct 28 – Progress Report Day – Students Off
- Oct 31 – Professional Development For Teachers – Students Off
- Our parish school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, its admission policies, or in any school-administered program.



Need a Laugh for the Week... An unemployed handyman looking for work jobs knocks on the front door of a house. When the owner answers, the handyman asks if there are any odd jobs the owner needs done. The owner says, "well, I was just about to paint my porch around back. I'd pay you good money to do it for me." The handyman agrees, and the owner gives him a bucket of green paint and a clean paint brush. A little while later the handyman knocks on the front door again and announces that he's done. "But there's something you should know," he says. "That car of yours isn't a Porche, it's a BMW."

News from St. Helena 55+ Club

The next Seniors Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13th at 12:00Noon in the Rectory Basement. We are planning a trip to Atlantic City's Casino on Wednesday, November 2nd. If interested, see Sr. Sophie.

Evangelization Corner

Q. Does Roman Catholic mean the same thing as Catholic?

A. Yes. The Catholic Church often uses the terms Roman Catholic and Catholic interchangeably. The Catholic Church has 4 marks* by which we know her: she is One; she is Holy; she is Catholic; she is Apostolic.

Q. How does someone become a Catholic?

A. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, call the Roman Catholic church or Diocese closest to you and set up an appointment to speak with a Priest.

New Roman Missal Changes

While the translation will not affect the Scripture readings or the hymns, there are a number of translation precisions that have been introduced into the new edition of the missal to make it reflect more accurately and clearly the Latin missal which is normative for all translations.

The third edition of the Roman Missal in Latin was published in 2002. Our current translation goes back to 1973. The new translation reflects the effort of the Church to capture as best we can in the vernacular the rule of faith that is at the heart of the Church's public prayer.

For all of us, this moment of attention to some word changes in the Mass can provide us, as well, an occasion to reflect on the meaning of the Mass and why it is that the Mass is at the very heart of our life as members of the Church. It is right to say that "the Mass is what Catholics do." It is at the heart of Catholic life for individuals and for the entire community.

PART OF MASS	PRESENT TEXT	NEW TEXT
Greeting	Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.	Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.
Penitential Act, Form A (Confiteor)	I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever- Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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



9/20/09.....\$6696.00
 9/19/10.....\$7071.00
9/18/11.....\$6006.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	301	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1261.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3949.00	Drop Off Collection	\$795.00
Welcome Back Collection.....			\$816.00

Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Today's Gospel parable is clearly directed at the religious and civil leaders of the people in Jesus' time. They spoke much about God and, in particular, how God was to be served by a strict observance of the Law. But it is clear they did not have the spirit that Jesus was communicating through his life and teaching, namely, the spirit of love, compassion, caring and forgiveness for the weak and vulnerable. As we go through this week, let us be mindful to show love, compassion and forgiveness to those we live with and work with.

Our school is now in session, and so too are our rules for use of the parking area. Only those with *Staff Parking Permits* are permitted to be parked on the lot all day. No parking is permitted in the center on the school side. This area must remain open for use by our school children. *Overnight Permits* allow you to park on the lot between *7:00 pm and 7:00 am*. All cars with these permits must be removed by 7:00 am. We do not want to have to remove any cars from the lot, so please be a good neighbor and follow these rules.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. Why not consider praying the rosary as a family each night.

Our *Annual Alumni/ae Communion Breakfast is planned for October 23rd*. Mass will begin in the lower church at 9:30 am, followed by the breakfast in the school hall. Tickets to the breakfast are \$25.00 per person and all proceeds benefit St. Helena School Development Fund. If interested, see Sr. Marie Albert. *I would like to thank Sr. Marie and the Alumni/ae committee for their hard work for this affair.*

Finally, remember to pray for the sick, the homeless, the needy and deceased of our parish and throughout the world. May our Lord shower his graces upon them! Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your brother and shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh