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## CHURCH OFFICE

The church office in the rectory is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, except for the 12:00 to 1:00 lunch hour.

## MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4:30PM Mass in English

Sunday - 8:00 AM Mass in English

9:30 AM Mass in Vietnamese

11:00 AM Mass in English

12:30 PM Mass in Spanish

Weekdays - 6:30, 8:00 AM

Saturdays 8:00 AM

Obligatory Holy Days - (except Jan. 1 & Christmas)

6:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

First Fridays - 6:30, 8:00,

(also 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)



## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 PM; 15 minutes after Mass (5:30 - 5:45)

### Baptisms

Baptismal Preparation Classes the 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00pm in Room E. Please call the rectory to set up an interview with one of the priest before you begin planning for the baptism. Spanish Baptisms - 3rd Sunday of each month. English Baptisms - 4th Sunday of each month. Baptisms take place in the chapel at 2:00 pm

### Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays 11:00 AM Mass followed by session until 1:30 PM in Room E

### Sick Calls

Priests & Eucharistic Ministers regularly visit shut-ins. Please phone the rectory if you are confined to the house or entering the hospital.

### Parish Religious Education Classes

Sunday 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

## DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Every Thursday in Chapel 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM followed by Evening Prayer.

**Daily Rosary** - Monday through Friday after the 8 AM Mass

**Miraculous Medal** - Saturdays 7:45 AM

**Our Lady of La Vang Devotions** - Saturday 8:30 AM

**Grupo Carismático** - Tenemos circulo de oración en

español todos los miercoles a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia de abajo.

Estan todos invitados.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

**Senior Citizens** - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, 12 Noon Room 4 of the upper school.

**Parent School Committee** - meets monthly

**Parish Council** - meets six times a year

**Finance Council** - meets four times a year

**Cub Scouts** - Tuesdays, 7-8 PM - School Hall

**Boy Scouts** - Wednesdays, 7-9 PM - School Hall

**Evangelization Committee** - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Rectory Meeting Room.

**Liturgy Committe** - 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**(Community Neighborhood Organizing)** - Meets Monthly

**Aid for Friends** - an organization providing the elderly with food and friendship

**Parish Nurse Facilitator** - Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, 215-329-0110

**WE WELCOME NEWCOMERS! PLEASE PHONE 215-424-1300 TO MEET WITH A PRIEST.**



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 2009**



**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 May 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, May 9, 2009**

4:30PM Robert Patrick

**SUNDAY, May 10, 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM (E) Frances Westermann  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Anna Petrovich  
12:30PM (S) Rodolfo Velez

**MONDAY, May 11, 2009**

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey  
8:00AM Teresa Qui Nguyen

**TUESDAY, May 12, 2009 *Sts. Nereus and  
Achilleus & Pancras***

6:30AM Fr. Thomas Gaynard  
8:00AM Peter Huan Tran

**WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2009 *Our Lady of Fatima***

6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna  
8:00AM Grundy Family

**THURSDAY, May 14, 2009 *St. Matthias***

6:30AM John L. Tetley  
8:00AM Joe OWens

**FRIDAY, May 15, 2009 *St. Isidore***

6:30AM Margaret Nally  
8:00AM Maria Phien Nguyen

**SATURDAY, May 16, 2009**

8:00AM Lenny Donnelly  
4:30PM Elizaeth Sers

**SUNDAY, May 17, 2009 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM (E) Edith Burtnick  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) John McBride  
12:30PM (S) Walter Schatt



**We Remember in Prayer  
...Our Deceased, especially  
Doris Heigl.**

**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 are strengthened, where families are bonded, where the 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**

Margaret Barr  
Veronica Hellwig  
Martha Skinner  
Judy Kovescsek  
Chiet Doan  
Helen Robinson  
Noel Lopez  
Rita Klienknecht  
Joan A. Lowery  
Lawrence Arockiaswamy  
Emma Vockenhuber  
Charles T. Benner



Patricia Komly  
Charles Ball  
Cindy Halleck  
Marie Halleck  
Robert F. Taylor, Jr  
Alton Fenstermaker  
John Quinn  
Bob Moffatt  
Marie Riehl  
Jack Tetlow  
Madelyn Burke  
Bruce Bowers

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, May 10, 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9: 26-31      1 Jn 3: 18-24      Jn 15: 1-8

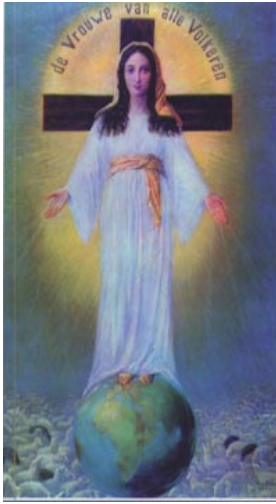
**MONDAY (11)**      Acts 14: 5-18      Jn 14: 21-26  
**TUESDAY (12)**      Acts 14: 19-88      Jn 14: 27-31a  
**WEDNESDAY (13)**      Acts 15: 1-6      Jn 15: 1-8  
**THURSDAY (14)**      Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26      Jn 15: 9-17  
**FRIDAY (15)**      Acts 15: 22-31      Jn 15: 12-17  
**SATURDAY (16)**      Acts 16: 1-10      Jn 15: 18-21

**“Love One Another”**

Do you think that God likes to hear us tell Him that we love Him? I know He does. But He likes it even better when our actions show Him that we love Him. How do we do that? The Bible tells us that, "God showed his love for us by sending His one and only Son so that we might live through him." It goes on to say that, "since God loved us so much, we ought to love one another." One of the best ways to show our love for God is to love one another. Yes, God likes to hear us say, "I love you," but He would rather see us say, "I love you."

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let's tell Mom that we love her, but more important, let's remember to show her that we love her. And as we worship today, let's tell God we love him, but more important, let's remember to show him we love him by loving one another.

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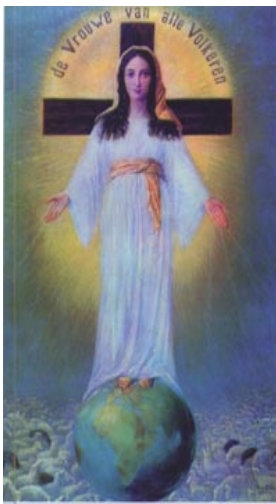


# Mary, Mother of All Nations

*Lord Jesus Christ*

*Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Mother of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate! Amen*

*Join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm for our Annual Mary, Mother of All Nations Celebration. Adoration after the 12:30pm Mass until 4:00pm. Benediction at 4:00pm followed by the Rosary of Nations. Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother by our First Communicants. Social and Video of previous Mary celebrations in the hall after the Celebration. We need Food from various nationalities. Please bring to the Hall between 2:30pm and 3:30pm.*



## *The Lady of All Nations*

*Mary is standing in front of her Son's Cross, to which she is so inseparably and painfully united. From Mary's open hands, the three rays of "Grace, Redemption and Peace" stream down upon all nations. These gifts emerge from the Cross of Christ, and she promises to grant them to everyone who says the prayer at the top of the page before a crucifix.*



# Announcements



- ◆ The **Vietnamese choir** will sell flowers before and after each of the mass on Mother's Day, May 10, 2009. Each year our Vietnamese choir sells flower to raise fund in an effort to self-support its necessary activities during the year. When you buy these flowers, you not only help the choir to help our church, you also bring a beautiful gift home to your Mom and/or your love ones.
- ◆ Congratulations to **William Torres '09** of La Salle College High School who received First Honors.
- ◆ Congratulations to the following students from **Cardinal Dougherty High School** who received First honors...Class of 2009: Josephine Jamil, Gabriella Mosquera, Chinh Pham, Nam Long Tran, James Yeager. Class of 2010: Jessica Blondo, Thoa Tran Bui, Judy Cao, Paule Christie Chery, Louis Garcia, Laurence Jamil, Duong Nguyen, Theresa Nguyen. Class of 2011: Krishnah Aquitania, Paul Armstrong, Trinh Dinh, Maylyn Jamil, Dassandra Moya, Anthony Nguyen, Larry Nguyen, Thoa Nguyen, Thuong Tran Nguyen, Thu Pham, Tamika Pierre-Louis, Ricardo Pomales, Alyssa Ramos, Anysia Rodriguez, Javier Vazquez, Jared Woodard. Class of 2012: Mary Grace Estampa, Christine Nguyen, Tri Nugyen, Uyen Nguyen, Allan Terciano.
- ◆ Congratulations to the following students from **Cardinal Dougherty High School** who received Second honors...Class of 2009: Kevin P. Hopkins, Phong Duy Ngo. Class of 2010: Nathaniel Arrington, Hoang Nguyen, Nhan Pham, Daniel Rodenbaugh. Class of 2011: Nhan Cao Tran Do, Nhi Pham, Dacia Thompason. Class of 2012: Anthony Moreno.

## *St. Helena Parish Easter Garden of Gethsemane – Lower Church*

### **Butterfly**



- ◆ *The Butterfly is one of the significant symbols of Easter. Its whole life cycle is meant to symbolize the life of Jesus Christ. The first stage, is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth. Second phase begins from the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing His raising from the dead in a glorified body and peace.*

### ***An Easter Prayer***

God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to death on the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection, empowered and transformed by your grace in and among us. O Lord, so stir up in your church, indeed in each of us, that Spirit of adoption and reconciliation that is made possible by your grace revealed in Jesus the Christ, that we being renewed in both body and mind, may worship and serve you in sincerity and truth. We pray this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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*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.*



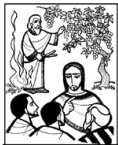
## Stewardship Report

4/29/07.....	\$6572.00
4/27/08.....	\$6635.00
<b>5/03/09.....</b>	<b>\$6020.00</b>

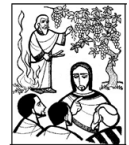
<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i>	325	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i>	\$1421.00
<i>Envelope Collection from Mass</i>	\$4221.00	<i>Drop Off Collection</i>	\$343.00

**Maintenance and Improvement Collection.....\$2416.00**

**Children's Envelopes May 3, 2009 (\$34) Good Deeds...** I cleaned my room. I helped clean the yard. I took in the groceries for my parents. I washed the dishes. I helped my friend with his homework. I helped my teacher. I help iron the clothes. I washed the floor. I made my bed. I gave money to the poor.



## Last But Not Least...



***"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."***

**Today we celebrate Mother's Day!** This is a special day set aside to honor all mothers and to thank them for the hard work they do for their families. On behalf of the parish and school staff, I wish all Mothers a **"Happy Mother's Day."** During all the Masses this weekend, we will present these special women with a gift from the parish. **Children, why not treat mom to a BIG breakfast this day? Or perhaps, be good to her and listen to her.**

**Congratulations to all of us!** What a **tribute to YOU** our parishioners! As of this weekend, we have raised **\$745,700** for the Heritage of Faith, Vision of Hope Campaign...this is **157% of our goal** of \$475,000. Please consider taking home the Archdiocese **Heritage of Faith, Vision of Home Newsletter** found next to the bulletins. Notice that we are **#2...**Hurray for St. Helena!

Thanks to all who helped make First Communion last weekend a beautiful celebration. Our precious Lord is truly happy to have 52 children receive him each week in Holy Communion.

I ask that you **reserve next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** for our Annual **Mary, Mother of All Nations Parish Celebration.** The Evangelization Committee has been working hard on this special Mary Celebration. (See the schedule of the celebration on page 2). To help make this celebration a **TRUE CELEBRATION**, we need your presence and help. We are in need of different foods from the various nationalities within our parish. Please bring your food dish to the school hall on Sunday between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. We have planned a special entertainment for this day...**Come... Pray... Honor Mary... Eat... See celebrations from previous years... Celebrate with us!** May the Mother of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate! Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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