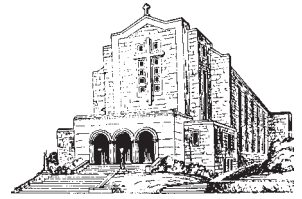




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## CHURCH OFFICE

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 enter-

### 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

**Pastoral 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** - 4th 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.**

# July 13, 2008

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



### 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.*

#### 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.

#### We Remember in Prayer

##### *Our sick and those who care for them*

Charles Crane	Maureen Gallagher
Paul Macolono	Margaret Barr
Bruno Tommassie	Joyce Deussing
Veronica Hellwig	Charles Ball
Martha Skinner	Cindy Halleck
Judy Kovescek	Marie Halleck
Chiet Doan	John Adair
Charles McBride	Kathleen Miller
Jim Kennedy	Helen Robinson
Madaline Burke	John Quinn
Charles Salmon	Rosemary Kane
Joan A. Lowery	Gerry Devlin
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Bill Sadler
Emma Vockenhuber	Alton Fenstermaker
Marie Riehl	Patricia Komly
Bob Moffatt	

#### Masses for the Week of July 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

##### **SATURDAY, July 12, 2008**

4:30PM Joseph Magalski

##### **SUNDAY, July 13, 2008 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM (E) Ed, Stella, & Dorothy Quinn

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Frances McBride

12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

##### **MONDAY, July 14, 2008 Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:00AM John L. Tetley

##### **TUESDAY, July 15, 2008 St. Bonaventure**

8:00AM Felisa Reyta

##### **WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2008 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

8:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

##### **THURSDAY, July 17, 2008**

8:00AM St. Helena Alumni/ae

##### **FRIDAY, July 18, 2008 Camillus de Liellis**

9:00AM Joseph Owens

##### **SATURDAY, July 19, 2008**

8:00AM Elizabeth Morini

4:30PM Agnes Kopiec

##### **SUNDAY, July 20, 2008 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

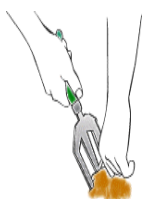
8:00AM (E) Mildred & John Batto

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Efraim C. deRamos

12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

#### How Does Your Garden Grow?



Do you think Jesus was really trying to teach people how to plant a garden? No, the story has a much deeper meaning. In the Gospel, the seed represents the word of God and the soil represents the people who hear the word. Many times people hear the word of God, but they don't understand it. A person who hears God's word, tries to understand what it says and put it into practice in their daily life is like good soil. What kind of soil are you?

#### We Remember in Prayer

##### *Those who have died this past week.*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

##### **SUNDAY, July 13, 2008 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Romans 8: 18-23

Matthew 13: 1-23

##### **MONDAY (14)**

Is 1: 10-17

Mt 10: 34-11:1

##### **TUESDAY (15)**

Is 7: 1-9

Mt 11: 20-24

##### **WEDNESDAY (16)**

Is 10: 5-7, 13-16

Mt 11: 25-27

##### **THURSDAY (17)**

Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19

Mt 11: 28-30

##### **FRIDAY (18)**

Is 38: 1-8, 21-22

Mt 12: 1-8

##### **SATURDAY (19)**

Mi 2: 1-5

Mt 12: 14-21

#### St. Helena Jackpot Lottery

The winning numbers for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 were:  
11 – 16 – 21 – 32 – 36. We had "NO" winners last week. If no jackpot winner on the July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Jackpot for July 17<sup>th</sup> will be \$58,000.00.

Want to earn extra dollars or help with tuition...become a Lottery Ticket Seller.

See Sr. Sophie for more information

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# Children ages 9 to 11 registered for “Surfing with the Scriptures”



## Beach Party VBS

for the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>  
are to arrive at 8:45am in front of the  
Lower School off of Spencer Street.



Please bring towel and bathing suit each day!

Cost is \$12.00 per day (per child) or \$50.00 for the week (per child)

If interested, see Sr. Sophie today.

# St. Helena School News

We congratulate the following students who received the following End of Year Awards...

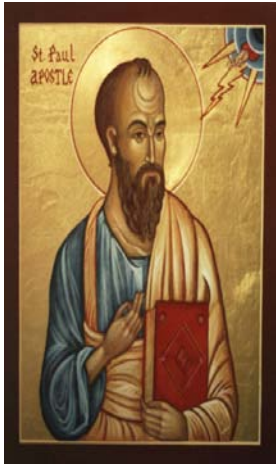
<u>GRADE</u>	<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>EXCELLENCE</u>	<u>EFFORT</u>
7	MaryKate Glenn	MaryKate Glenn	Abraham Musselman
6	Alazia Nguyen	Katherine Sesuca	Sophonny Huynh
5	Eric Tran	Hoang Pham	Cuong Tran
4	Theresa Estampa	Tu Dinh	Phearath Dang
3	Jessica Nguyen	Christine Sesuca	Catherine Nguyen
2-K	Peter Han	Emmanuel Gerard	Diana Nguyen
2-L	Lam Vo	Arielle Ellison	Victoria Eronwu

## Perfect Attendance Awards

Grade 7	Jonas Carter Howard
Grade 6	Michelle Joseph, Alazia Nguyen, Thu-Thu Tran
Grade 5	Eric Tran, Cuong Tran, Han Thach, Vanada Sam, Reginald Nwakanmi, Jennifer Nguyen, Sandy Mai, Sunkey Ly, Donyelle Fredericks, Cathering Nguyen
Grade 4	Harrison Pham, Brionna Terrell
Grade 3	Darren Luckey, Jessica Nguyen
Grade 2-K	Emmanuel Gerard, Kwasiwa Kununya, Diana Nguyen
Grade 2-L	Mikael Eubanks, Samantha Huynh, Manuwa Kebbie, Simon Pham, Teresa Vu
Grade 1-G	Jaelyn Slaughter
Grade 1-H	Jessica Vo



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# Jubilee Year of St. Paul

June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009

## Life and work of St. Paul ~ Part 2: Conversion and early labors

We read in the Acts of the Apostles three accounts of the conversion of St. Paul (9:1-19; 22:3-21; 26:9-23) presenting some slight differences, which it is not difficult to harmonize and which do not affect the basis of the narrative, which is perfectly identical in substance. These differences cannot in any way alter the reality of the fact; their bearing on the narrative is extremely remote; they do not deal even with the circumstances accompanying the miracle but with the subjective impressions which the companions of St. Paul received of these circumstances. . . . To base a denial of the historical character of the account upon these differences would seem therefore a violent and arbitrary proceeding.

All efforts hitherto made to explain without a miracle the apparition of Jesus to Paul have failed. Naturalistic explanations are reduced to two: either Paul believed that he really saw Christ, but was the victim of an hallucination, or he believed that he saw Him only through a spiritual vision, which tradition, recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, later erroneously materialized. Renan explained everything by hallucination due to disease brought on by a combination of moral causes such as doubt, remorse, fear, and of physical causes such as ophthalmia, fatigue, fever, the sudden transition from the torrid desert to the fresh gardens of Damascus, perhaps a sudden storm accompanied by lightning and thunder. All this combined, according to Renan's theory, to produce a cerebral commotion, a passing delirium which Paul took in good faith for an apparition of the risen Christ.

## “For the Young of Heart at St. Helena’s”

### The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a  
Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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### St. Helena Parish Annual Flea Market

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

(weather permitting)

8:00am to 1:00pm

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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



7/09/06 .....	\$6209.00
7/08/07 .....	\$6608.00
<b>7/06/08.....</b>	<b>\$6352.00</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass    281  
 Envelope Collection from Mass    \$4705.00

Loose Collection from Mass    \$1097.00  
 Drop Off Collection                \$550.00

**Maintenance & Improvement Collection.....\$2107.00**



# Last But Not Least

*“The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.  
 All who come to him will have life forever.”*

This week we celebrate the *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Our *Vacation Bible School is in full swing*...our *5 to 8 year olds* are “*Surfing through the Scriptures*...next week’s school will be for our *9 to 12 year olds*...space is still available...contact Sister Sophie if interested.

Our *Parish Flea Markets* for the month of July will be held on *Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>* .... space is available...if interested, contact Sister Sophie for more information.

Remember that our *school office* is open *Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday* from *9 am until 12 noon*...if you have not registered for the 2008-2009 school year as yet, please do so as soon as possible as our lower classes are filling up fast (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade are full)...the *Rectory office* is open *Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm* to *pay any balances from the current school year*...no student will be permitted to start school in September unless all balances from the 2007-2008 year are paid and the July payment for the new year has been paid.

We will be *replacing the broken book holders* in the church in the next few weeks...we will do the *lower church first and then the upper church*...please be kind as you take and return the books to the holders...thank you for your patience as we work to complete this job.

I hope you are enjoying the heat of the summer...remember to check on your elderly and home bound family and friends and keep your self hydrated if you are out in the heat. Thanks for reading...have a great week.

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
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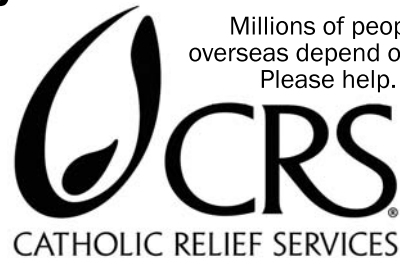
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