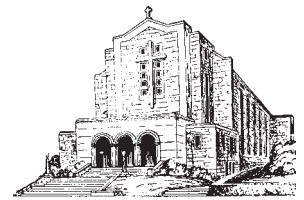




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 Sun-

day 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 - Tenemous 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 - 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.

October 26, 2008

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**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 of Oct. 26th to Nov. 2nd

SATURDAY, Oct. 25, 2008

4:30PM Joseph Magalski

SUNDAY, Oct. 26, 2008 30th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM (E) Mildred & John Batto
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Julia & Frank Schaller
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

MONDAY, Oct. 27, 2008

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey
8:00AM John Baptize Family

TUESDAY, Oct. 28, 2008 Sts. Simon & Jude

6:30AM Joseph McCaffrey
8:00AM James Weid

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 29, 2008

6:30AM Mildred & Sam Herb
8:00AM Tu & Phuoc Nguyen

THURSDAY, Oct. 30, 2008

6:30AM James & Catherine McCloskey
8:00AM Anna Vo Vi Bich

FRIDAY, Oct. 31, 2008

6:30AM Chuck Cassidy
8:00AM Gloria McCosker (5th Anniv)

SATURDAY, Nov. 1, 2008 All Saints Day

8:00AM All Souls
4:30PM Officer Chuck Cassidy (1st Anniv)

SUNDAY, Nov. 2, 2008 All Souls Day

8:00AM (E) Dominic & Maria Nguyen
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Tran Family
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

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 and those who care for them

Margaret Barr	Patricia Komly
Veronica Hellwig	Charles Ball
Martha Skinner	Cindy Halleck
Judy Kovescsek	Marie Halleck
Chiet Doan	John Adair
Helen Robinson	Alton Fenstermaker
Noel Lopez	John Quinn
Rita Klienknecht	Bob Moffatt
Joan A. Lowery	Marie Riehl
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Bill Sadler
Emma Vockenhuber	Madelyn Burke

We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died, especially our family and friends.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Oct. 26, 2008 30th Sunday of Ord. Time

Ex 22: 20-26 1 Thes 1: 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40

MONDAY (27)	Eph 4: 32-5:8	Lk 13: 10-17
TUESDAY (28)	Eph 2: 19-22	Lk 6: 12-16
WEDNESDAY (29)	Eph 6: 1-9	Lk 13: 22-30
THURSDAY (30)	Eph 6: 10-20	Lk 13: 31-35
FRIDAY (31)	Phil 1: 1-11	Lk 14: 1-6
SATURDAY (01)	Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14	Lk 1 Jn 3: 1-3
	Mt 5: 1-12a	



All You Need Is Love

One day a lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Do you remember how many commandments there are? There are ten, aren't there? Well, there were ten on the tablets of stone that God gave to Moses, but the Jews actually had 613 laws. There were 248 do's and 365 don'ts. Wow! That is a lot of do's and don'ts isn't it? Can you imagine trying to remember all of that? I don't think we need to. Listen to what Jesus said to the lawyer. Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others. You know, that reminds me of another love song, "All You Need Is Love." Let's pray and ask God to help us to love as we ought.

If no winner on October 23, 2008 the Jackpot Lottery Drawing for October 30, 2008 will be for \$63,500.00. The numbers for 10-16-08 were: 7 – 10 – 24 – 27 – 39. We had NO consolation winners on the October 16th.



Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States

Faithful Citizenship: An Exploration of Sacred Scripture and Tradition



How Does the Church Help the Faithful Address Social & Political Questions? Part 1

A Well-Formed Conscience

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. (CCC 1778)

Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church. Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning evil. (Faithful Citizenship, no. 17)

The formation of conscience includes several elements. First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God. Catholics must also understand that if they fail to form their consciences they can make erroneous judgments. (Faithful Citizenship, no. 18)

The Virtue of Prudence

Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. . . . It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience. The prudent man determines and directs his conduct in accordance with this judgment. With the help of this virtue we apply moral principles to particular cases without error and overcome doubts about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid. (CCC 1806)

Prudence is love choosing wisely between the things that help and those which hinder. (St. Augustine, *De Moribus* . . ., eccl. xv.) And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Phil 1:9-11)

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Is 11:2)

The Church fosters well-formed consciences not only by teaching moral truth but also by encouraging her members to develop the virtue of prudence. . . . Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively. Exercising this virtue often requires the courage to act in defense of moral principles when making decisions about how to build a society of justice and peace. (Faithful Citizenship, no. 19)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What comes to mind when you think of “conscience”? What new insights do the readings provide about conscience?
2. How do you personally make important decisions, particularly about political issues?
3. How is conscience formation a continuous process in your own life?
4. What activities or processes do you engage in, to form your conscience? How might you be able to apply the process of conscience formation suggested in *Faithful Citizenship* in your own life?
5. How does one develop the virtue of prudence?
6. Where have you exercised the virtue of prudence in your own political decision-making?

SUGGESTED PRAYER INTENTIONS

That we may all encourage each other up to do good and help each other to avoid evil, we pray to the Lord.
That we may be united in our support of human life and dignity instead of falling victim to the two temptations in public life, we pray to the Lord. That guided by our consciences and the Holy Spirit, we may make moral decisions about the political choices before us and choose candidates who will represent Catholic teachings, we pray to the Lord.



School News



- ◆ **Save a Date for Spaghetti...** St. Helena School Parent Association will hold a Spaghetti Dinner, complete with live music and entertainment on Saturday, November 15th from 5:00-7:00pm in St. Helena School Hall. Get set for delicious food and fun.
- ◆ **A “BIG THANK YOU” to Sue Struble and her crew of Community Service Students** for their Campus Clean Up last Saturday and for the many Saturday’s to come as they continue to keep up with the falling Autumn leaves and keep our parish grounds clean and beautiful. Anyone who likes to work out doors is welcome to join them. Weather permitting, clean uptime is from 9:00am to 12Noon. BYOB (Bring Your Own Broom) or Rake!
- ◆ **Congratulations to St. Helena School newly elected Student Council officers and representatives who were installed during the 9:00am Mass on October 3rd...** President: MaryKate Glenn, Vice-President: Elizabeth Tong, Secretary: Joy Jamil, Treasurer: Abraham Musselman. Representatives: Grade 8 ♂ Kyle Armstrong, Camille deRamos, Quinton Jackson, Duyen Le, Alena Thieu. Grade 7♂ Andrea Boyer, Eric Jiwanmall, Alazia Nguyen, Sydney Renwick. Grade 6 ♂ Jennifer Nguyen, Hoang Pham, Cuong Tran.



Sts. Simon & Jude

On October 28th, Church celebrates the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude whose names occur together in the Canon of the Mass and are also celebrated on the same day. Possibly this is because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.

St. Jude

Patron: Desperate situations; forgotten causes; hospital workers; hospitals; impossible causes; lost causes; diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Symbols: Bearded man holding an oar, a boat, boat hook, a club, an axe or a book; nearly every image depicts him wearing a medallion with a profile of Jesus, and usually with a small flame above his head; often carries a pen or sits at a writing location to make reference to the canonical Epistle; sailboat; inverted cross; square; halbert; club; loaves and fish; long cross; knotted club; boat hook; fuller’s bat; lance; saw; flail; closed book; shield: red with sailboat with a cross on the mast.

St. Simon

Patron: Carriers; sawmen; sawyers; tanners.

Symbols: Boat; fish; man being sawn in two longitudinally; fish and book; oar; saw; two fishes; lance; fuller's bat; axe; cross; saw and oar saltire; fish on a boat hood; sword; shield: red background with two oars and a hatchet.

Father, you revealed yourself to us through the preaching of your apostles Simon and Jude. By their prayers, give your Church continued growth and increase the number of those who believe in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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



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Question	Greatest	Love
Lord	Soul	Heart
Mind	Second	Neighbor
Yourself		

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

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10/22/06.....	\$6356.00
10/21/07.....	\$6602.00
10/19/08.....	\$6348.00

<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i>	326	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i>	\$1394 .00
<i>Envelope Collection from Mass</i>	\$4193.00	<i>Drop Off Collection</i>	\$587 .00
<i>Children's Envelopes</i>	\$74.00		

World Mission Sunday Collection.....\$1842.00



Jokes to help you get through the Week...

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| What did the big turnip say to the little turnip? | <i>When did you turn up?</i> |
| What's red and goes up and down? | <i>A tomato in an elevator.</i> |
| What did one tube of glue say to the other tube of glue? | <i>We have to stick together.</i> |
| What do you say when you meet a two-headed monster? | <i>Hello, hello.</i> |
| What do you call a sleeping bull? | <i>A bulldozer.</i> |

Last But Not Least

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This week we celebrate the **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**... we are given the **greatest of the Lord's Commandments, "love your God, and love your neighbor."**

It is my sad duty to inform you that Rev. Charles T. Plock, C.M., of the Vincentian Missions, has been arrested on an allegation of inappropriate behavior over the internet with a minor...Father Plock worked here briefly as a member of the Hispanic Evangelization Team from September 1996 thru December 2000...this is the only known allegation of misconduct against Father Plock... while here, he served mostly at the 12:30 Spanish Mass. If you or anyone you know has been a victim of clergy sexual abuse, contact the Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program at 1-888-800-8780 or 215-965-4630 (designated Spanish line)...Bi-Lingual staff is available.

Today, our former students and parishioners will be joining together to celebrate our school at the annual **St. Helena Alumni Communion Breakfast**...our celebration will **begin with Mass at 9:30 am** in the **lower church**.... the **Communion Breakfast and festivities will follow in our school hall**.... **tickets are \$25.00 per person** and are **still available**...**see Father Steve or Sister Marie Albert for more information**...**my sincere thanks to all who worked on this affair and to all who will attend**.... your support of our school is very gratifying.

All of our **Masses on Sunday, November 2nd**, will be **in memory of the Souls of our deceased**...please pray for all deceased family, friends and parishioners throughout the month of November. **May they rest in peace.** Also on this day **Flu Shots** will be given out in the **rectory from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm** or **until we run out of the shots**, whichever comes first. All applicants for shots will be asked to fill out a form upon arrival at the rectory. Lastly, since we will need the heat in church turned on, as of **November 2nd** all **Sunday Masses** will be **moved to the lower church**. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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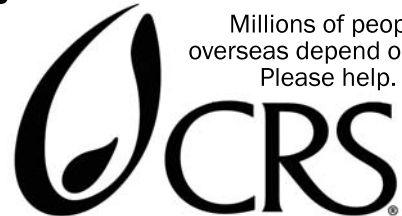
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