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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.



December 21, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Dec. 21st to 28th

SATURDAY, Dec. 20, 2008 St. Lucy

4:30PM Laura Killgallon

SUNDAY, Dec. 21, 2008 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann

12:30PM (S) John L. Tetley



MONDAY, Dec. 22, 2008

6:30AM Marie Thiem Nguyen

8:00AM Dominic & Maria Nguyen

TUESDAY, Dec. 23, 2008 St. John Kanty

6:30AM Michael & Jim Weid

8:00AM Mildred & John Batto

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24, 2008 Christmas Eve

6:00PM Mass for Christmas in English

8:00PM Mass for Christmas in Spanish

9:30PM Mass for Christmas in Vietnamese

THURSDAY, Dec. 25, 2008 Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM Mass for Christmas in English

9:30AM Mass for Christmas in Vietnamese

11:00AM Mass for Christmas in English

12:30PM Mass for Christmas in Spanish

FRIDAY, Dec. 26, 2008 St. Stephen

6:30AM Dave Miller (25th Anniv)

8:00AM Fitzmaurice & Pokorny Families

SATURDAY, Dec. 27, 2008 St. John

8:00AM Tu & Phuoc Nguyen

4:30PM Koehler Family

SUNDAY, Dec. 28, 2008 Holy Family of Jesus

8:00AM (E) Francis Repsch

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Dorothy Quinn (7th Anniv)

12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

There is salvation in the name of Jesus.



When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't go to the bookstore and get a book to help them choose a name for Mary's baby.

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
Charles T. Benner	Joseph Langan
Robert F. Taylor, Jr.	

We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died, especially the names mentioned on our Christmas Flower envelopes.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Dec. 21, 2008 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

MONDAY (22) 1 Sm 1: 24-28 Lk 1: 46-56

TUESDAY (23) Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Lk 1: 57-66

WEDNESDAY (24) 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1: 67-79

THURSDAY (25) Is 52: 7-10 Heb 1: 1-6
Jn 1: 1-18

FRIDAY (26) Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59
Mt 10: 17-22

SATURDAY (27) 1 Jn 1: 1-4 Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

There is salvation in the name of Jesus.

In fact, they didn't choose the baby's name at all! God chose it for them! God sent an angel to tell Mary what to name her baby. The angel said to Mary, "You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus" You see, the name Jesus means "the Lord saves." Was it important for Mary's baby to be named Jesus? Yes it was, because the Bible tells us that there is no other name that can save us from our sin. (Acts 4:12)



PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE – DEC. 22ND

*We are in need of your help with our annual decorating of the church for Christmas. This year we will decorate on **Monday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm**...anyone who would like to help with this project is invited to meet us at the church...your help will be greatly appreciated.*



Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ The Manger – December 21st

As despair closes in on the Holy Family, the innkeeper tells them of the stable where they are welcome to stay. Here Mary can find a warm, private place to delivery her baby. They make their way to the stable, where horses, cattle, and other animals become their lodging companions. Mary may rest from the journey.

Loving Father, may we always be open to your kindness. Help us to accept your gifts at face value, to realize that you always give us what is best for us. May we be grateful for the gifts given in your love.

Christmas Schedule 2008



Confessions

Saturday, December 21, 2008

4:00-4:30pm and 7:00-8:00pm (LC) (English, Spanish, Viet)

Saturday, December 28, 2008 4:00-4:30pm (LC)



Vigil of Christmas – Wednesday, December 24, 2008

6:00pm Mass in Eng (UC) 8:00pm Mass in Sp (UC) 9:30pm Mass in Viet (UC)

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2008

8:00am Mass in Eng. 9:30am Mass in Viet.

11:00am Mass in Eng. 12:30pm Mass in Sp.

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31, 2008

4:30pm Vigil Mass in English for New Year's Day (LC)

11:00pm Vigil Mass to Welcome the New Year (LC)



New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1, 2009

8:00am Mass in Eng. 9:30am Mass in Viet.

11:00am Mass in Eng. 12:30pm Mass in Sp.





Christmas Flowers in Loving Memory of...



Kenneth Zitomer
 Mary Zitomer
 Florence Pearson
 Lowery & Koehler Families
 Thomas O'Sullivan
 Hans Kiehl, Johann & Maria Ritter
 Timothy Mather, Sr.
 Anna & Charles Petrovich
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 Messmer, Fiss Families
 Cybak & Breslin Families
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 Josephine Carona
 Jose M. Rivera
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 Renz & Griffin Family
 Tony Kovscek
 Maria Luisa Vasquez
 Lewandowski Family
 Quyen Thanh Le Family
 Lien Truong Family
 Leggett & GoPaul Families
 Matsko, Boyarski, & Knelly Families
 McNally & Tieg Families
 Peter Nguyen
 Catherine Anh Nguyen
 Hamberger, Ralston, Blaess Families
 Hai Đa Minh & Tô Ma
 Joseph Chiet Doan Family
 McClyment & Panaro Families
 Marie Healey
 Aicher Family
 Charles Flanagan & Nora Dempsey
 Shead & Smakulski Families
 Jane Speiser
 Alven Family
 Quan Nguyen Family
 Thuc Pham Family
 Huan Van Nguyen Family
 Frye Sisters
 Anna & Gottlieb Kugler
 Carbine & Voscavage Families
 Cush Family
 Teel & Gladu Families
 Felipe Sotomayor
 Dolores Cassidy Family
 Efraim C. deRamos
 Devlin & Hladyk Families
 William Scott Family
 Robert Moffatt Family
 Joseph Mullany Family
 Felino Reyes Family
 Pokorny & Fitzmaurice Families
 Martijn Hermse
 Thomas Loeffel
 Bac Van Nguyen Family
 Metz Family
 Khai Nguyen Family
 Lam Tran Family
 Ales & Patrick Family
 Marie Callahan

Khoi Vu Family
 Ky Nguyen Fmaily
 Danilla & O'Loughlin Families
 Edward Stec
 Louis Wesley Hill, Sr.
 Puripiscion Lotom
 Dai Nguyen Family
 Margaret McElroy
 Silas Chukwuani Family
 William Thomas Family
 Mary Harrington
 Joseph Duffey Family
 Anh Luong Family
 Hieu Trung Pham Family
 Mensah Family
 Todas Las Madres
 Silvanzo Neris & Julio Corde
 Arthur Jones Family
 Thomas & Rita Reilley
 Davidson Children
 Harry W. Hassey
 Andrea Rivers
 M. Rosa Family
 Harold Schaaf
 Stephen Yhost & Kopiec Family
 Peter Luât Nguyen
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Healey
 Sigmind Lampe
 Ruth & Larry Schmieg
 Elisabeth Dioulo
 Joseph Berry & Bertha Allen
 Mary Beth Sharp
 Margaret Fisher
 The Colleran Family
 The Moffitt Family
 Mary S. & James B. Garvin
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 Viet Nguyen Family
 Vincente
 Vien Nguyen Fmaily
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 Tri Pham Family
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 Khan Nguyen Family
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 Hung Nguyen Family
 Tuan Cao Family
 John Palmrich Family
 Tam Vu Family
 Mien Nguyen Family
 Phuoc Nguyen Family
 Simon Nguyen Family
 Anne Donofry
 Catherine Benner
 Grace Taylor
 Raffo Conteras
 Phyllis Mitchell
 Josefa & Virginia Arocho
 Rodolfo Velez & Teresa Batista
 Afuelos Martinez & Hoyos
 Marjorie Parrish
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Quinn, Edward Quinn,
 Dorothy Quinn, Mr. & Mrs. Clint Ryan
 Daniell Callahan
 Rojeski Family
 Victor M. Rosado & Ellird Cruz
 Fail Family

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 Eugenia Balonzo
 Alice Bender
 Minh Cao Family
 Francis Repsch
 Eloude Lubin Family
 Gloria Jones Family
 Grace Sweeney Family
 Marie Sheeron
 Tony Tong Family
 Schembs & Tetlow Families
 Renz & Griffin Family
 Tony Kovscek
 Maria Luisa Vasquez
 Lewandowski Family
 Quyen Thanh Le Family
 Lien Truong Family
 Van Nguyen Family
 Viet Nguyen Family
 Vien Nguyen Family
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 William & Catherine Gill, Daniel Gill
 Paul Fenstermaker
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 Joseph Maria Linh
 Teresa & Anna
 Dominic Tran
 Joseph Torrens
 Heather McDonald
 Sara Smith
 Pius & Frances Westermann
 Van Luong Family
 Hien Ngo Family
 Thanh Xuan Nguyen Family
 Rep Tran Family
 Ngoc Tran
 Dien Nguyen Family
 Diep Nguyen Family
 Ban Nguyen Family
 Steve Pham Family
 Son Nguyen Family
 Han Pham Family
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 Nancy Nguyen Family
 Phong Kim Vu Family
 Huong Nguyen Family
 Nhan Tong Family
 Quang Nguyen Family
 Hoa Tran Family
 Phuong Vo Family
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 Phuong Tran Family
 Augustine Kebbie Family
 Augustine Garcia & Hector Aviles
 Ann Marie Lockiby Family
 Murphy & Graham Families
 Joseph Owens
 Marie, & Jose Lantin, Eusebio Esperanza
 Louie Liwanag Family
 Christine Clymer Family
 Thanh Nguyen Family
 Jesus Santiago
 Ramon Soriano Family
 Camelia Torres Family
 Nestaly Vasquez Family
 Trung Vu Family
 Xung Vu Family
 Victor Seda Family

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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



Due to early transmission, the Stewardship Report for Dec. 14th will be published in the next bulletin.

Attention Parents of Children Making Reconciliation and Confirmation

There will be an important parent meeting for parents of children making Reconciliation on January 12, 2009 at 7:00PM and on an important parent meeting for parents of children making Confirmation on January 14, 2009 at 7:00PM. One parent MUST ATTEND these meetings.



Last But Not Least



“Make St. Helena your Spiritual Home for Christmas.”

Today we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**... as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child, let us all try to **be more like Mary, Our Blessed Mother**, and say to the Lord “May it be done unto me according to your will.” Our Christmas Mass Schedule can be found in today’s bulletin or in the folder that was enclosed with your envelopes...I invite **all of our parishioners** to **“Come home to St. Helena for Christmas”**...come and share with us the wonder and beauty of the birth of the Christ Child.... invite your family, friends and neighbors to come with you.... come and meet old friends and acquaintances....join with our choir as we sing the praises of the newborn King... join with us and feel the love, joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts...I can guarantee that you will be happy you came...if for some reason you cannot attend, know that you will be included in the prayers of the parish, and hopefully you will include all of us in your prayers. From **myself, Father Steve, Father Pelczar, Father Cummins, Sister Sophie, Deacon Seda, the Sisters of St. Joseph, and all of our staff**, may I take this opportunity to **wish each of you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.**

Last week, **Volunteer Sign-up Sheets** were available in the church...if you did not receive one, pick-one up today...if you did receive one but have not yet filled it out, please prayerfully read it over and if there is some ministry or maintenance job that you may be able to help with, please fill it out and return it to us as soon as possible...your volunteer work will be greatly appreciated and the Lord will bless you for your generosity and kindness. **Reminder:** We will meet tomorrow evening, **December 22nd at 7:00 pm to decorate the church**...all are invited to **join us**. Thanks for reading...have a great week...**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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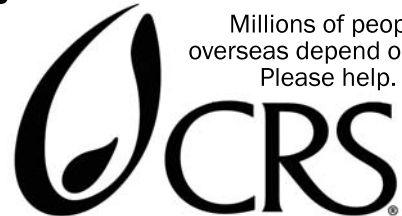
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