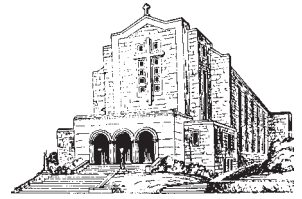




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 28, 2008

Feast of the Holy Family

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. 28th

SATURDAY, Dec. 27, 2008

4:30PM Laura Killgallon

SUNDAY, Dec. 28, 2008 *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann
12:30PM (S) Sam & Mildred Herb



MONDAY, Dec. 29, 2008

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM James Weid

TUESDAY, Dec. 30, 2008

6:30AM Margaret Nally
8:00AM Elmer Grover (1st Anniv)

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31, 2008 *Christmas Eve*

6:30AM Atul Skariya (Birthday)
8:00AM Joseph Alcher
4:30PM St. Helena Parishioners
11:00PM St. Helena Parishioners

THURSDAY, Jan. 1, 2009 *Mary, Mother of God*

8:00AM Thanksgiving for Nguyen Family
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Anna Cromwell
12:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

FRIDAY, Jan. 2, 2009 *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Maria & Dominic Nguyen
9:00AM William McKenna
7:00PM Vincent Trang Nguyen

SATURDAY, Jan. 3, 2009 *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00AM Timothy Mather
4:30PM Stephen Kopiec

SUNDAY, Jan. 4, 2009 *Epiphany of Our Lord*

8:00AM (E) Thanksgiving for Doan Nguyen Family
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Marie P. Sheeron
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

We Remember in Prayer

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

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.	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Dec. 28, 2008 *Feast of the Holy Family*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

MONDAY (29) 1 Jn 2: 3-11 Lk 2: 22-35

TUESDAY (30) 1 Jn 2: 12-17 Lk 2: 36-40

WEDNESDAY (31) 1 Jn 2: 18-21 Jn 1: 1-18

THURSDAY (01) Nm 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7
Lk 2: 16-21

FRIDAY (02) 1 Jn 2: 22-28 Jn 1: 19-28

SATURDAY (03) 1 Jn 1: 1-4 Jn 20: 1a, 2-8



It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Some people don't take New Year's resolutions very seriously. After all, they are just promises to yourself. If you don't follow through, it's no big deal. Well, it is a big deal! A promise is a promise -- and it is important to keep your promises -- even if it is just a promise to yourself.

God is always faithful in keeping His promises. In the Bible, there is a story about a man named Simeon. Simeon was a very old man who had faithfully served God all of his life. Simeon was looking forward to the coming of the Messiah. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, the promised Messiah.

A few days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple to dedicate him to God. Simeon was in the temple as he usually was. As soon as Simeon saw the baby, he knew that Jesus was the Christ and that God had kept his promise that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. God was faithful to his promise to Simeon just as he is faithful to his promises to you and me.

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Feast of the Holy Family

God our Heavenly Father, You call all peoples to be united as one family in worshipping You as the one and true God. You willed that Your Son become man, giving Him a virgin mother and a foster father to form the Holy Family of Nazareth. WE pray: may the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, image and model of every human family unit walk in the spirit of Nazareth and grow in the understanding of its particular mission in society and the Church. May our families be living cells of love, faithfulness and unity, thus reflecting God's covenant with humanity and Christ's redeeming love for His Church. Jesus, Mary and Joseph protect our families from all evil; keep us, who are away from home, one in love with our dear ones.

New Year's Schedule 2008



Confessions

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



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.



Attention Parents of Children Making



Reconciliation and Confirmation



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



Christmas Flowers in Loving Memory of...



Kenneth Zitomer
 Mary Zitomer
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 Lowery & Koehler Families
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 Timothy Mather, Sr.
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 Schembs & Tetlow Families
 Renz & Griffin Family
 Tony Kovscek
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 Lewandowski Family
 Quyen Thanh Le Family
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 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
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 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
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 Ruth & Larry Schmieg
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 John Palmrich Family
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 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



12/17/06.....	\$6665.00
12/16/07.....	\$6730.00
12/14/08.....	\$6754.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass 324
 Envelope Collection from Mass \$4613.00
 Children's Envelopes \$36.00

Loose Collection from Mass \$1016 .00
 Drop Off Collection \$1089.00

Religious Retirement Collection.....\$1695.00

Good Deeds: I went to Church. I helped wash the dog. I cleaned my room. I helped my grandma by being good. I helped my grandma put up the Christmas Tree. I helped wash the dishes. I helped people put stuff away. I helped hold the door for people. I cleaned my room. I did the laundry and vacuum the house.

Last But Not Least



“For my eyes have seen your salvation, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family, Mary, Jesus and Joseph**...I hope all of you enjoyed a blessed, joyful Christmas...may the peace and joy of this season remain in our hearts throughout the coming year. If you have not yet done so, take a few minutes to visit the manger scene in the lower church.... don't forget to make a small donation at the scene...all donations presented will go to the **Marion Bolger Recreational Program of St. David's Parish** which helps children with severe cognitive and physical impairments.... may the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are still available in the church ...if you have not yet returned yours and would like to give of your time and talent, **please fill out the form and return it as soon as possible.**

Tax letters for the year 2008 will go out the last week of January...Please Note: any 2008 donations received in the office after January 15, 2009, will be credited to next year – 2009.

As the New Year approaches, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, comments, financial support and participation in the life of our parish this year...from myself, Father Steve, Father Pelzcar, Father Cummins, Deacon Seda, Sister Sophie, the Sisters of St. Joseph and all of our Staff, may you have a blessed, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thanks for reading...have a great week.

Your Brother & Shepherd,
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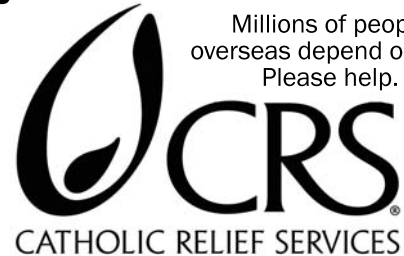
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