



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2008

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure

Our offertory for this past weekend was \$8,933.35.

Mission Collection for the Sisters of Notre Dame was \$1,521.00.

(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of *Peter & Velma Smith*

By: Paulette Smith

Altar Flowers

August 23-24 Mrs. Viola Meullion & Mrs. Virginia Pierre

Mr. Oscar Marks, passed away on Monday, August 11th. His funeral Mass was held this past Wednesday at 2:00 PM. Mr. Oscar retired from St. Charles Church & Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House about a year and a half ago after 50 years of service. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Neva and family.

Christ the King Bazaar will be held on **August 30-31st** Barbecue Dinner Tickets are being sold after masses and are available at the Church Office or by calling Carlton at 942-8254.

Chicken \$5.50; Pork & Fried Turkey \$6.50
Lots of food including sweet dough pies and boudin. There will be a teen dance on Friday & Saturday evenings. There will be live Zydeco music on Sunday afternoon, bingo and games for the children.

An **Altar Society Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, August 17th at 3:00 PM** in the Philippine Duchesne Room behind the Chapel.

Children's Mass: The **St. Ignatius School Mass** on Friday at 8:00 AM has changed. The weekly School Mass will be on **Wednesdays at 8:00 A.M.**

A **Continuing Safe Environment Workshop** will be held **Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Charles Chapel.**

If you are a volunteer in the religion program, it is a requirement to attend this Continuing Safe Environment Workshop each year.

A Volunteer Teacher Meeting will be held immediately following this workshop for 1-6 CCD teachers.

An **Initial Safe Environment Workshop** will be held **Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 PM** in St. Charles Chapel. Anyone wishing to volunteer in St. Charles Parish to work with children is required to participate in this **Initial** Safe Environment Training.

Thensted Center will be closed from August 4th until August 22nd for Staff's Summer Break. In case of emergency call St. Charles Church.

Activities of the Week

August 18 thru August 24

M	18	4:30 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	KPC Meeting
T	19	6:00 PM	7:30 Choir Practice
		4:00 PM	Evangelization Meeting
W	20		
TH	21	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	Worship Commission Meeting
FR	22		

Minister Schedule-August 23-24

Vigil -Lector	Jim Burleigh & Deborah Alpough
Communion	Barbara Burleigh, Ada Barry Margie McClendon, Lou Santillo Juanita Comeaux
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith
7:30 -Lector	George Ramier & Pemella Williams
Communion	Melba Courtney, Darrell Burleigh, Jackie Savoie, Mildred Boast
Altar Server	Taniesha Cormier
10:30 -Lector	Cathy Taylor & Denise Moore
Communion	Angela Boone, Andy & Kim Dakin Barbara Broussard, Nancy Bourque
Altar Servers	Morgan Boone, Josh Fontenot, Armand Olivier

Church Cleaners for August 23-24

Lonnie Henry Agnes Lewis
Bea Guilbeau Anna Lee Boss
Karlene & Betty Dugas

Hospitalized or Ill. Please contact the Rectory concerning Parishioners who are ill or in the hospital. We visit the hospitals and nursing homes regularly, but are not always aware of our parishioners who are there unless told by family or friends. Privacy laws prevent the hospitals from informing us of the presence of our parishioners. When one is about to undergo surgery, especially serious surgery, it is recommended that he or she request the anointing of the sick, for it is a sacrament of physical as well as spiritual healing. It is preferably conferred in the home before going to the hospital with family members and friends present.

Uniform Drive Reminder:

Please place school uniforms to be used for the drive in the box at the entrance of the church or bring to the Thensted Center.

Donations of cash or checks will be accepted to help with this drive. Please earmark the donations for School Uniform Drive. Thank you for your contribution

Parents needing uniforms may visit the Thensted Center.

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone--not just the Chosen People--to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JOE LANDRY AT 662-3785 OR

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House announces the following Retreats Scheduled:

Mid-Week Retreats for Women

November 3-5, 2008

Weekend Retreats for Women

September 11-14, 2008 October 16-19, 2008

September 18-21, 2008 November 13-16, 2008

Married Couples Retreat

October 24-26, 2008

Personally-Directed Retreat

September 4-7, 2008

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.