

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. I can’t think of a more appropriate scripture for Mother’s Day. Certainly, if there is anyone that exemplifies these words, it is our mothers.

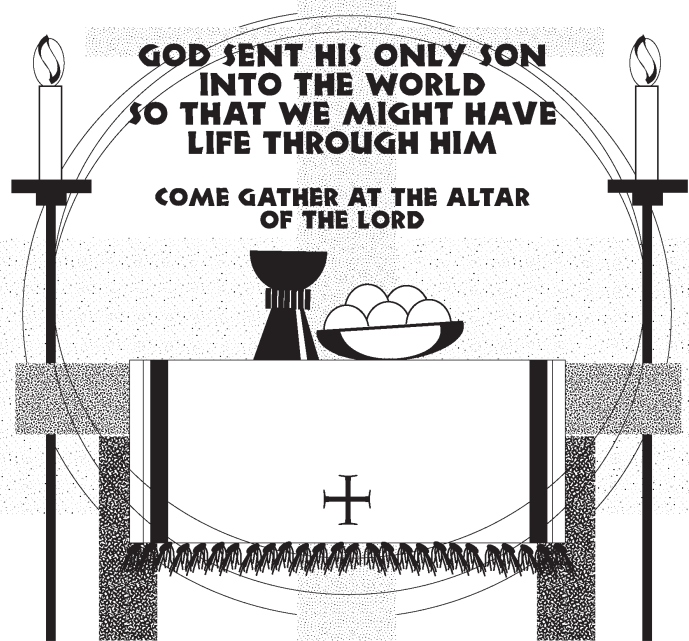
For probably the vast majority of us, our mother is or was the most influential person in our lives. She is the one who most selflessly offers her life for our well-being, personal safety, and growth in maturity. If we have learned any moral virtue, right judgment, responsibility, or faith formation, it is most likely due to the persistent efforts of our mother. She tirelessly works to provide for our daily needs and relentlessly call us to higher standards. She makes sure we are properly dressed, groomed, and well fed. When we are dealing with problems or facing decisions, she is always ready to lend a listening ear or offer a shoulder to cry on. Our mother is always less concerned about herself and more concerned about our needs.

There can be no doubt that a mother lays down her life for the good of her children. I’m not sure we fully appreciate the countless hours of work that mothers give to raising their kids. As I look at mothers these days, they rarely have time for themselves. Either they are shuttling their children off to soccer practice, getting them ready for school, taking them to the store for new shoes, getting them to Mass, helping them study, taking them somewhere to sell raffle tickets, or getting them to bed. It is a seemingly never-ending process!

People often tell me that my job is difficult as a priest. Certainly, there are many struggles that come along with my vocation. Yet, in many ways, I believe motherhood is even harder. A mother’s job is never finished. Even when the children are grown up, a mother never stops worrying over the problems her children face, or whether they are going to church regularly. I can’t tell you how many times that I have sat, listening to mothers pouring out their tears over their children who are drifting away from the values they were taught.

It is true that a mother suffers with her children. If a son or daughter is dealing with a problem, the mother is too. If a child is far from God, the mother never rests, because she wants, more than anything, that her child finds closeness to God through faith. A good mother always is concerned for her child’s soul. The most famed example of this is St. Monica, whose heart never rested until her son, Augustine, converted. She followed Augustine around, praying for him for decades, in order that he might change his ways and embrace Christianity. The story ends in his conversion and his great contributions to Church thought. In fact, he became one of the great influential saints of the Church. Obviously, Monica’s interior suffering and perseverance paid off.

There must be something innate in mothers that enable them to exert great influence over their children. If we were to look at the Blessed Virgin



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Mary, we can see that even she, as the Mother of Jesus, had great influence. This was most clearly manifested when she asked Jesus to change the water into wine at the Wedding at Cana. I know very few mothers who don't have equally great leverage over their children.

It seems to me that most mothers have an ability that comes naturally that enables them to follow the command to love. Why do mothers do the things that they do? They do them because they love. Love does not expect return. It seeks a greater interest than its own. It is obedient to the call to die to self for a much more noble purpose. That purpose is to give praise and glory to God, and to teach our children to do so! Happy Mother's Day to all of our dear mothers! God bless!



### Rosary in the Prayer Garden

To honor our Blessed Mother and all mothers, the Catholic Daughters will recite the rosary at the prayer garden on Wednesday, May 16, at 7 PM. All are invited. Bring chairs.

### Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the Altar were donated by the Boyd, Swoboda and Almendarez family in memory of their mother, Dora Almendarez.

### Men's Club

The Men's Club will meet on Tuesday the 15th at 6:30PM at the Cafeteria. All men are invited! For more information, contact Randy Sykora at 960-3220.

The Men's Club chicken Bar-B-Q is scheduled for next Sunday, May 20th. 1/2 Chicken \$4. Whole chicken \$7.

### Friendship Circle to Meet

Ladies, our last gathering for the year will be in CC#2 at 11:30AM this coming Wednesday, May 16. We will have a surprise guest and who will make this gathering a special one. Our meal will be delicious, as always, so we hope to see everyone there. Come at 11:15 and socialize.

### Diocesan Centennial Jubilee

Bishop E. B. Ledvina, the Builder. Called "The Builder," Emanuel B. Ledvina became the second bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He was said to have a methodical mind,

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

### Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

*First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.*

*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)*

*(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)*

*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*

*Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*

*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Weddings take place on weekdays any time and on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

a sense of fair play, flawless integrity and a cool head. He led the diocese as its chief shepherd through a period of tremendous growth when the number of Catholics in the diocese tripled, as did the number of priests and religious women. He saw to the construction of more than 150 new churches, missions and schools. After that he began work on his crowning jewel—the Cathedral of Corpus Christi, which was dedicated in 1940. He died in 1952 and was interred in the Cathedral Crypt named Emmanuel Chapel in his honor.

### Around the Diocese

Young adult retreat - The Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry will bring a day and a half of spiritual renewal for young adults, 18-39, single or married. The retreat will be on July 6-7 at the Newman Catholic Student Center located at 7002 Ocean Dr. in Corpus Christi. It will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and end with a 6 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday. For more information follow the Diocesan link: Young Adult Retreat

The Federation of Our Lady of Guadalupe Societies invites everyone to its first conference, "Faith in Our Lives," on Saturday, May 26, 2012, from 8AM to 3PM, at St. Joseph's Hall, Corpus Christi Cathedral. The fee is \$20. After May 21, Monday, the registration fee will be \$25. A continental Breakfast and Lunch are included in the fee. Conference brochures are in the back of the church. For more information, please contact Ann Lopez at 543-8558 or email her at glopez1008@stx.rr.com

### Financial Report for week ending 5/6/2012

#### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 29,460.21
Other Income .....	\$ 145.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 29,605.21</b>

#### Other Contributions:

Gregory flood victims .....	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Priests Retirement.....	\$ 5,092.09
Acts of Charity .....	\$ 30.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl .....	\$ 6.49
Janosek Scholarship .....	\$ 125.00
Habeeb Scholarship .....	\$ 100.00
Catholic Charities .....	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Other Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,468.58</b>

**Total Contributions 5/6/2012 .....** \$ 35,073.79

#### Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of April 30, 2012 .....\$1,058,597.22

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, May 13

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

### Monday, May 14

8:00AM – 4:00PM – Meeting – PH

3:00PM – Ballet Class – CC#2

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

### Tuesday, May 15

6-8AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

8:00AM – 4:00PM – Meeting – PH

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

12:30-3PM – MAP – CC#1

5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#2

6:30PM – Men's Club - Cafeteria

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Wednesday, May 16

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

8:00AM – 4:00PM – Meeting - PH

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

11:30AM – Friendship Circle – CC#2

6:30PM- CCD Party – Cafeteria

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

### Thursday, May 17

8:00AM – 4:00PM – Meeting - PH

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – RCIA Team – CC#2

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

### Friday, May 18

8:00AM – 4:00PM – Meeting - PH

9AM-12:00PM – Women's Prayer Group – CC#2

3:30PM – Chess – CC#1

3:30PM – Webelos – CC#2

### Saturday, May 19

8:00AM – Men's Club – PHK

11:00AM- Memorial Mass – CH&YC

4:00PM – DRE Dinner - PH

### Sunday, May 20

2nd Collection: Black Bag

Men's sale of BBQ chicken

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#1

10:00AM – Scouts at Mass

11:00AM- Scouts - Cafeteria

1::30PM – Baptisms

4:00-8:00PM – Baseball Team - Cafeteria

5:30PM – Mass for Graduates – CH, YC

7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CONFIRMATION**—Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday at Corpus Christi Cathedral:

Taylor Beckwith, Victoria Castro, Alexandra Flores, Stephanie Gibbon, Gabriel Gonzalez, Leah Haney, Tessa Heines, Bethany Hernandez, Andrew Huston, Sarita Kroeger, Katie McClung, Jonathon Newell, Nicholas Nye, Brian Pompa, Lorraine Rodriguez, Ariel Salazar, Hilary Sanchez, Jacob Schaum, Tobias Shull. May the Holy Spirit be alive in their hearts now and always.

**CCD**—CONGRATULATIONS to the following students receive a Perfect Attendance Certificate for the Catechetical Year 2011-2012:

Sara Rucker, Benjamin DeSive, Chris Castillo, Mariah Gaston, Serena Salazar, Sabrina Cruz, Alayna Osborne, Isabelle Flores, Joshua Cisneros, Alicia Flores, Milo Rodgers, Ethan Ramirez, Camryn Pena, Joe Salazar.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH IS OUR LAST DAY OF CCD FOR THIS YEAR.

Children will go to their classrooms and then will come to the basketball court for the party.

A note was sent home with the children asking for donations for the party. If you can donate, we would appreciate donations of chips, cookies or punch. Please let the CCD office know if you can bring any of these by calling 993-9024. Thanks!

### St. Pius X Catholic Church Invites Children to SKY: EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD (Mark 10:27)

A summer kids' event called Sky will be hosted at St. Pius X from June 25 to June 29. Sky is for kids from 5 to 12 years of age and will run from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm each day. For more information, call 993-9024. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in the back of the church or at the CCD office. Space is limited and we will take registrations on a first come, first serve basis.

**HELP NEEDED**—adults to lead the groups. Requirements: that you are willing to have fun, willing to challenge the youth to get out of their comfort zone, willing to give the time and have or are willing to get Safe Environment Certification. Please call Sister Barbara at 993-9024 or 688-2654 if you want to be in on the fun. No adult is too young or too old to participate.

## YOUTH CORNER



**Life Teen** – No Life Teen May 13 due to Mother's Day. Next week we will serve the Graduation reception.

### Altar Servers May 19-20

#### Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Tessa Heines  
Matthew Leal  
Blaine Buchanan  
Craig Bray



#### Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman  
Javier Camacho, Jr.  
Justin Gomez  
Nicholas Lee

#### Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Christina Robertson  
Paris Hanna  
Luis Lopez  
Jacob Lugo  
Paxton Hanna

#### Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Bethany Hernandez  
MC Jackie Lara  
Savannah Hernandez  
Brianna Salazar  
Emily Salazar

#### Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Nicholas Nye  
Gareth Purnell  
Gabriel Purnell  
Timothy Nye

### Lectors

MAY 19	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
MAY 19	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Kendrea Justice
MAY 20	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Ethel Dulak
MAY 20	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
MAY 20	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Cub Scouts
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MAY 20	SUN	12:00	NOON	Art Aubin
MAY 20	SUN	12:00	NOON	Geraldine Rice
MAY 20	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angie Quiroz
MAY 20	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### Go . . . make disciples

Would you like to re-discover your faith through new eyes? Those who serve as RCIA sponsors to those entering the Catholic Church often experience this gift. Are you interested in participating in this inspiring ministry? For more information, contact Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org



## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

Happy Mothers Day to all of our Mothers! You are special folks! If you are the mother of one of our St. Pius X Catholic School students, you will be getting something special from your child that was made with love. We hope you enjoy your day!

This past week was a special one for our second graders. After making their First Holy Communion at Mass last Sunday, they donned their First Communion clothing again and went to Communion for the first time at our school Mass on Wednesday. Afterwards, there was a reception for them in the new Youth Center that was hosted by the first grade parents. They were given a bible and a cross by the school.

On Thursday the school children participated in a May Crowning. Ten students from each grade level formed a living decade of the Rosary, while 6th graders led the prayers. Songs were sung in between each decade, and students up brought roses and flowers and laid them in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. We were hoping to have at least 100 roses to use in keeping with the 100-year centennial celebration of our Diocese. However, there were more like 300 roses! Second graders, Kaitlyn Mills and Ryan Lennan placed a wreath of flowers on Mary's head at the end of the Rosary. I'm sure Our Lady was smiling down on our St. Pius students today. It was a beautiful ceremony.

The bad weather that blew through while we were at the May Crowning made dismissal time after school a little more challenging than usual. Whenever we have threats of severe thunderstorms, hail or tornadoes, we take the children to the school cafeteria. It's a safer place for them, and it makes it easier for parents to pick them up. Luckily, the weather cleared up not long after. It did cause us to cancel the PTO meeting that we had planned to have that evening. We hope to reschedule it sometime next week. That's the meeting we elect new officers for the next school year, so it's an important meeting.

Final Registration takes place on Tuesday in the Atrium. Our enrollment is looking promising for the 2012-2013 school year. Our K-4 class is already filled and several others are close to getting to their capacity.

Our 9th Annual Golf Classic turned out to be a good profit maker for the



school. It looks like we made approximately \$23,000 on it. It will enable us to finish our playground and fencing projects, and purchase security cameras. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, whether you were a sponsor, purchased raffle tickets or played on a team. Your support contributed to our success. By the way, we made \$5,601 on the raffle! That is about \$2,200 more than last year!

Have a blessed week!



### Mother's Day Poem

*This is a poem Fr. Joseph wrote about his mom before she passed.*

#### I Ask God

I ask God for a Divine body, but He gives me a human body.

So that I can experience what my mom experiences.

I ask God for a Divine brain, but He gives me a human brain.

So that I can understand my mom's needs.

I ask God for a Divine mouth, but He gives me a human mouth.

So that I can ease my mom with my words.

I ask God for a Divine lung, but He gives me a human lung.

So that I can experience the need of air as my mom needs in her sickness!

I ask God for a Divine heart, but He gives me a human heart.

So that I can feel the pain and the suffering that my mom has gone through.

I ask God for a Divine vein, but He gives me a human vein.

So that I can depend on God when I see my mom's veins are busted in her hands.

I ask God for Divine hands, but He gives me human hands.

So that I can join my mom's hands with my hands in prayer when she is not able to go to Church.

I ask God for the Divine feet, but He gives me human feet.

So that I can be my mom's walker when she is not able to walk by herself.

I ask God for a Divine being, but He gives me a human being.

So that I can depend on Him when I cannot help my mom any more.

I ask God for a Divine strength, but He gives me a human strength.

So that with my limited strength, my mom can find strength in God.

Finally, I ask God to let me take my mom's pain and suffering on myself,

But He insists suffering and pain on my mom,

So to teach me: Only God is the One in control, and nobody else can take His place.

## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 5/12 5:30PM Dora Almendarez, Helen Boyd, Irena Swoboda by the Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez family
- Sun. 5/13 8:00AM Vera Catchings by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings  
10:00AM Felicitas Rodriguez by Elvira Wendl  
12:00PM For the Parishioners  
5:30PM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- Mon. 5/14 8:15AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- Tue. 5/15 8:15AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- Wed. 5/16 8:15AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
5:30PM Suzanne O'Connell by Dorothy Krause Gregorio Zamora, Sr. by Elva Z. Laurel Mitzi Mendleski by Billy & Button Ruzicka Alfonso Reyna's Anniversary by Cassie Wheeler & family  
Rene Gilley by Sandy Rivera  
Victoria Medina by Beatriz Soliz  
Bill Traeger by Bryan & Jennifer Krnavek  
Olga Romay by Jeanne LaFeber
- Thu. 5/17 8:15AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- Fri. 5/18 8:15AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
5:30PM John Gross & Anna Brandesky Kreji by Chuck Gross
- Sat. 5/19 5:30PM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- Sun. 5/20 8:00AM Vera Catchings' Anniversary by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings  
10:00AM Pat Hill & Joan Duerr by Dotti & Syd Duerr  
12:00PM For the Parishioners  
5:30PM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
7:30PM Maria Nguyen by Ho Nguyen

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## Graduate Scholarship and Graduation Mass

Graduating Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Chris Janosek and Emil Habeeb Scholarship. Applications are located at the back of the church and the deadline is Monday May 14. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

A Mass for the high school and college graduates will take place on May 20. Please RSVP by May 14 by signing up at the back of parish hall or by calling 993.4053.

## Drive Home the Choose Life Message

A portion of the "Choose Life" license plate fee goes to organizations like Catholic Charities that educate mothers about adoption.

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