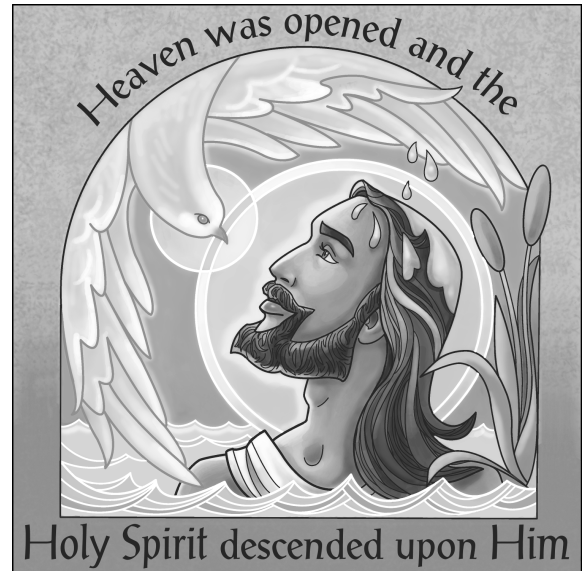


<b>Saturday</b>	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	✠Matilde Hernandez - Gloria Sosa ✠Erasmus Alvarado - Traspena Family I.T.G. Victor Araguz
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	✠Victor Charles - Cecilia Munoz ✠Tommie Fonseca - Familia Fonseca ✠Raul Dorado - Wife
		10:00am	For the People of our Parish Community ✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
		12:00pm	✠Alice Garza - Husband & Family
<b>Monday</b>	Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:15am	For All Priests
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:15am	For All Priests
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:15am	For All Priests
<b>Thursday</b>	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Services</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:15am	✠Albert P. Ruiz - Sister
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	✠Erasmus Alvarado - Traspena Family ✠Andrew Herrera - Mary Herrera ✠Gerard Otte - Wife
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	✠Rebecca Ramirez - Mrs. Dorado ✠Tommie Fonseca - Fonseca Family
		10:00am	✠Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
		12:00pm	For the People of our Parish Community ✠Alice Garcia - Husband & Family Intentions for the Campos Family



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✠Deceased      I.T.G. (In Thanksgiving)      G.O.L. (Gift of Life)

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
<p><b>Mon. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>    7:00pm    Share the Word (Café) / Ultreya (Church)</p> <p><b>Tues. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>    6:30pm    Faith Formation Parent Meeting (Cafe)</p> <p>                             7:00pm    Light of the World (Chapel)</p> <p><b>Wed. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b>    6:00pm    Knights of Columbus (Rm 15)</p> <p>                             7:00pm    ACTS Core (Library)</p> <p><b>Thur. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup></b>    7:00pm    Mass on the Grass (Cafe)</p>	<p><b>Monday:</b>            1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b>           1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-8</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b>      1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39</p> <p><b>Thursday:</b>         1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45</p> <p><b>Friday:</b>             1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b>         1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17</p>

<b>January 3, 2010 Collection</b>	<b>PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY</b>																
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<b>† PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH †</b>	<b>CANDLES</b>
<p>Ray Almaguer, Cecilia Espinoza, Monica Younger, Ray &amp; Anthony Pérez, Tommy Martinez, José &amp; Lucila Flores, Hilda De La Zerde, Benito Agustín Perales, Connie Tenorio, Joe Julián Moreno, Rita Pérez, Catarina García, Joe Moreno, George Moreno, Amalia Moreno, Miranda Sanchez, Melanie Sanchez, Mary V. García, María Espino, Lucy Clare Treviño, Jesse Mario Vega, Frances Ramirez, Edward Jiménez, Virginia Silva and Juan De Hoyos, Jr.</p>	<p>All those wanting the seven day candle we have in church are asked to please put the money for these in the envelopes marked "candles". These envelopes may be put in the ushers' basket during the offertory collection. Since these candles cost us more than the other ones we had we are asking a donation of three dollars for each one.</p>

<b>OFFICE CLOSURE</b>	<b>† REST IN PEACE †</b>
<p>The rectory and school will be closed next Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The rectory and school will reopen again on Tuesday at their normal hours.</p>	<p>We pray for the souls of our departed friends and relatives and those who were buried from our parish community.</p>



## The Baptism of the Lord MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

January 10, 2010

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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## TACO SALE

The Acts Community will be having a taco sale after all masses today, (Sunday). The money made from this will go towards funding the retreats they have. Please give them your full support.

## WINTER RETREAT

Fr. Rudy will be on retreat with other priests of the Archdiocese at Oblate Renewal Center from Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday noon, January 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an 8:15 morning mass on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of that week. On Tuesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a communion service. Please keep him and the other priests on retreat in your prayers. In case of a death or emergency you can reach him at 349-4173.

## H.E.B. GIFT CARDS

We sell H.E.B. gift cards. The next time you get ready to go to the store please buy one of these cards from us. These cards are valid for all grocery and gasoline purchases. The church will get back 4% of what you spend. From July 2007 to June 2008 we got \$1,004.20 from H.E.B. Please consider purchasing your groceries this way and tell all your friends and neighbors about it. The more people that buy these cards from us the more money will be given back to the church.

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

In January, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they are ready to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means. If you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please have them call Rosalinda Rodriguez at 433-2121 or email at [rosydre@yahoo.com](mailto:rosydre@yahoo.com).

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

This weekend the ushers will be giving out income and expense statements. These forms list all the financial activity the parish had in the month of December. If there is something on there you want explained please see our parish bookkeeper, Ms. Cindy Limones, or Fr. Rudy. This report is one way the parish is accountable to you.

## GOODSEARCH.COM

There is an easy way to earn money for our church. When you search the Internet and shop on line first go to our homepage, ([www.stjohnberchmans.com](http://www.stjohnberchmans.com)), and then click on the GoodSearch icon located beneath all the parish links. By using this link we will receive a percentage of virtually every purchase we make. There is also thousands of money saving coupons posted.

## DE COLORES

All those who have participated in a Cursillo are reminded we have Ultreya every Monday in the church at 7:00 pm. Please come and invite all your friends who made a Cursillo to come also. For more information please contact Henry Castillo, Jr. Henry is part of our 8:00am Sunday Spanish choir or Deacon Sandoval .

## ARMED SERVICES

If you have a relative or friend currently serving in the military please put their picture on the poster board located in the gathering area of the church. Freedom is not free. It is because of the sacrifice of our military men and women, past and present that we are able to enjoy the freedoms we have. These people are serving our country and deserve our support. In your prayers please remember all our military men and women. Special thanks to the person who redid this poster board for.

## SJB RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of catechists and volunteers to help out with our faith formation program. You can be involved in the following ways: Catechists, Catechist assistant, substitute catechist, office volunteer (Note: all volunteers will be asked to complete a background check and attend an OVASE training.) We need volunteers to assist with First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, RCIA adapted for children, and RCIA on Sunday from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. We also need office volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. For more information call 433-2121 and ask for Rosalinda Rodriguez.

## REASONS TO TELL THE TRUTH

Telling the truth lets everyone know what really happened. There's less chances of misunderstandings, confusion, or conflict.

Telling the truth protects innocent people from being blamed or punished.

Telling the truth allows everyone to learn from what happened.

You usually get into less trouble for telling the truth than for lying and getting caught.

Other people trust you more when you tell the truth.

You don't have to tell more lies to keep your story straight.

You gain a reputation for being truthful----a trait that most people value.

Telling the truth helps you feel secure and peaceful inside.

## MASS ON THE GRASS

Our annual Mass on the Grass festival will be on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. To prepare for this event we will be having a meeting on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. The church depends heavily on this festival to help it pay its bills. In order to make as much money as possible the school will be taking a part in this event. Please make plans to come and help us make this festival the best one yet.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be a **meeting for the parents** of children attending the RCIA class and kinder class who will be baptized on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. This meeting is mandatory.

There will be a **Catechist meeting** on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## WORDS TO REFLECT ON

Healing Letters

When you write a very angry letter to a friend who has hurt you deeply, don't send it! Let the letter sit on your table for a few days and read it over a number of times. Then ask yourself: "Will this letter bring life to me and my friend? Will it bring healing, will it bring a blessing?" You don't have to ignore the fact that you are deeply hurt. You don't have to hide from your friend that you feel offended. But you can respond in a way that makes healing and forgiveness possible and opens the door for new life. Rewrite the letter if you think it does not bring life, and send it with a prayer for your friend. ----- Fr. Henri Nouwen

## WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY

New in the parish? You are invited to register in the rectory office, Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm (*We are not closed for lunch during this time*) and 10:00am – 2:00pm on Saturdays.