



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2007

*May I never boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

— Galatians 6:14



Where's Father Dave?

He's spending his July vacation once again by selflessly serving as a chaplain on cruise ship. Sailing on Celebrity's Millennium out of Barcelona, he will shepherd his passengers and crew to hardship ports including: Nice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Santorini, Athens, Dubrovnik and Venice. To rest from this strenuous labor, Father Dave will rest a few days at the Paulist residence in Rome before he returns to Austin on July 16. Please pray for him as he works tirelessly on the high seas. :-)

Join us this summer at Austin State School

Come join us at our services at the Austin State School this summer! It is always great for friends to sit with us during the summer, when we can easily attend both services. Services start at 9:40 a.m. promptly and end by 10:00 so we can get to the UCC in time for Mass. No training is necessary, just come join us, the folks at the school miss their old friends! Services are: July 8, July 22, July 29, August 5 and August 19. Hope to see you there!

Kathy Hackett

PEACE

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words. The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the "LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14c). The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the "peace and mercy" on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message. Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

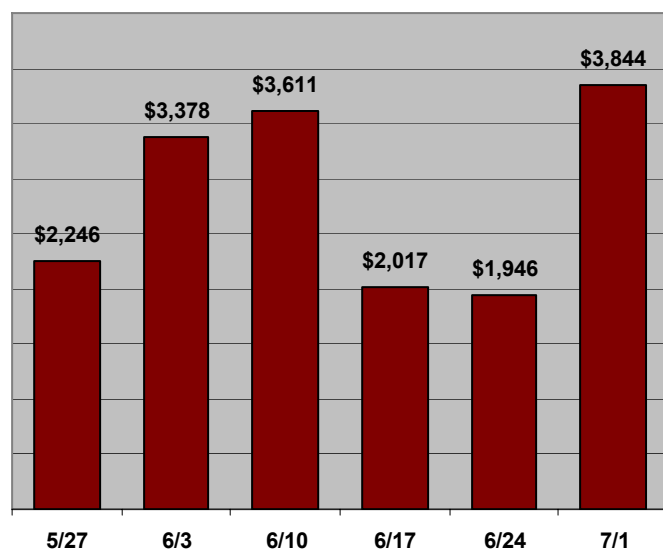
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* Honor peace more than anything else. But strive *
* first of all to be at peace in yourself. *
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Please remember in your prayers *John Schuelke*, who passed away Saturday, June 30, in Houston. John is a UT graduate, as is his wife, Sandy. Also, all of John's children have been or are UT students and members of the UCC: Mary Beth, and her husband Brian Pipkin; John Michael; James (who just graduated this May), and his fiancé Leigh O'Bannion; and Andrew. We pray for the repose of John's soul, and the comfort and consolation of his family.

Our Return of Gifts to God



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Mon: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tues: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Sun: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69 or 19; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Micah 6 Food Pantry

The Micah 6 Food Pantry is really grateful for all the grocery bags you have been bringing, however, this spring has been a very busy spring at the food bank and they are in need of all the basic staples of food. Spaghetti, macaroni, rice, sauce and canned vegetables are especially needed. Your help is gratefully appreciated and needed. Please be generous. We have to apply the words of Chapter 6 of the Book of Micah in our neighborhood: "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God."



Graduate Students & Professionals: UGAP

University Graduates and Professionals (UGAP) is a group of post-college age people. We share and live the love of Christ in community through worship, faith formation, social service, spiritual development and fellowship. We meet at 7 pm. on Tuesdays in the Mother Teresa Room.

Young adult leaders needed for special programs

The diocesan Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry is looking for volunteer coordinators for various young adult programs, including Theology on Tap, Holy Grounds, Dinner and a Deacon and Café Católica. These coordinators would be responsible for hosting approximately four programs per year in their area. For more details, please contact Josie Canales, the diocesan director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry, at josie-canales@austindiocese.org or (512) 726-0415.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some say tomato—and some say tomahto—you know the old song. What do you say when you arrive at church and see a font prepared, a baby in the wings, the paschal candle burning? Well, maybe you will say that "we're having a baptism today," or maybe you say "we are having a christening." The proper term is baptism, since that is the name of the sacrament. But the persistent use of "christening" in our culture, probably from due to the influence of the Episcopal Church, is interesting.

Baptism, an ancient word, is from the Greek meaning to dip or to dunk. Christening is an Old English word that describes perfectly well that more than getting splashed with water, the person being baptized is being "Christ-ed." No matter what you call it, there's always water involved, and then an anointing with chrism—fragrant olive oil consecrated as a sign of Christ's presence—poured upon the brow as we say, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." So, in being Christ-ed, you are conformed to his image, your life is expected to be a retelling of his life in miniature and you—even though you may be squirming or sleeping—are commissioned to be a priest, a prophet, a king. This means that you are called to be one who worships, you are called to speak the truth, you are called to shape the world and exercise right judgment. That is the deepest treasure of our tradition, and every time you gather to celebrate a baptism, you renew your vows precisely so that you can be more "Christ-ed." No matter what vocabulary you assign to the liturgy, the key is transformation of the human person in the community of the Body of Christ. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



UCC FUNCTIONS FOR THIS WEEK



Week of July 1 2007

Monday July 2

- 7 pm RCIA SF

Tuesday July 3

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Wednesday July 4

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Thursday July 5

- 7 pm Bible Study SMk

Friday July 6

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Saturday July 7

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•Sunday July 8

- 7 pm RCIA Dismissal MT



Paulist 150th Anniversary Holy Spirit Retreat

Make the connection between the Holy Spirit, St. Paul and Father Hecker during the West Coast Holy Spirit Retreat, Nov. 2-4 at the Claretian Renewal Center in Los Angeles with Father Terry Ryan, C.S.P., as retreat master. Space is limited. Registration deadline is September 28. For information or to register, log on to www.paulist.org, e-mail smanowski@paulist.org or call 202-269-2521

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few



All roads lead to Rome! Paulist 150th Anniversary Pilgrimage

The Paulist 150th Anniversary Office is proud to offer to pilgrimages to Rome in the Footsteps of St. Paul and Father Hecker – Feb. 29-March 6, 2008 and Nov. 7-14, 2008.

Highlights include: attending a papal audience; Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and time at the Vatican; worship and fellowship at Santa Susanna, the Paulist-run American church in Rome; tours of the Redemptorist House visited by Father Hecker; tours of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major; and time to explore Rome on your own. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience! For more information, log on to www.paulist.org and click on "150th Anniversary," to download a brochure and registration packet, or e-mail or call Stefani Manowski at smanowski@paulist.org or 202-269-2521.

