

From The Pastor's Desk

Is our commitment to Christ is too far causal? We want to be his followers, but we want to do it on our own terms. And a chief condition of those terms is that it not cost us too much. We want our faith, but we want it to be easy as possible.

There is some consolation in the knowledge that this attitude toward Christ is not unique to our generation. His first followers must have struggled with the same problem. Today's Gospel reading tells of a time when Jesus tested their faith. His examination begins with a question and answer session. First he asked, "Who do the crowd say that I am?" Their reply was, "John the Baptist, others, Elijah, still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'"

Then, he became more personal and said, "But you – who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, and doubtless, the others agreed, "The Christ of God". They believed the same thing about Jesus that we do – he was the promised One, sent by God to save all people from their sins.

They gave the right answer, but Jesus was not content with that. He then confronted their correct faith with the challenge of the cross. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed." Then he took them one step further: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." He confronts you and me with that same challenge today.

Christ and his cross challenge us with a great faith. He gambled his life on those things in which he truly believed. He was convinced that violence can be conquered only by non-violence. He was convinced that love is stronger than hate. He was convinced that forgiveness is the divine remedy for evil. He believed all of those things so deeply that he would die rather than deny them.

Search your heart, along with me. Is there any of that quality in our faith? Do we believe in the way of Christ, so profoundly that we would die rather than desert it?

Honesty would probably compel us to answer by saying, "I do not know." We have never been faced with that option and can't be sure how we would respond. But, we do know this: Christ and his cross represent that kind of faith. And we can't truly call ourselves his followers unless we are willing to search our hearts at that point. We say we believe in Christ. But do we really? His is a great faith, not easy to hold in this kind of world. Read once more to his challenge. First to himself: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed." And then to us: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."



Weekly Readings

Sunday, June 19	Zec 12:10-11, 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24
Monday, June 20	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday, June 21	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday, June 22	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday, June 23	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday, June 24	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Saturday, June 25	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday, June 26	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Liturgy, Reconciliation & Activities

Sunday, June 19 Father's Day

8:00 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Ramon Delgado Murphy
9:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Intentions of Ken & Pat Rarick
11:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Imelda & Aldin Bation
5:30 p.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 20 St.

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena
9:00 a.m.	"Willie's Redneck Rodeo" Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena
9:00 a.m.	"Willie's Redneck Rodeo" Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 22 Sts. Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher & Thomas More

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena
9:00 a.m.	"Willie's Redneck Rodeo" Vacation Bible School
9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
6:00 p.m.	Confessions
6:00 p.m.	Family Prayer Group

Thursday, June 23

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena
9:00 a.m.	"Willie's Redneck Rodeo" Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena
9:00 a.m.	"Willie's Redneck Rodeo" Vacation Bible School
9:00 a.m.	& Closing Ceremony

9:00 a.m. Holy Hour—Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, June 25

8:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena
3:30 p.m.	Confessions
5:30 p.m.	Holy Mass—Intentions of Judy Smith
6:00 p.m.	Meal Prep-Prison Ministry

Sunday, June 26 Father's Day

7:00 a.m.	Meal Prep-Prison Ministry
8:00 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Marie March
9:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Rev. Joseph Barger
11:30 a.m.	Holy Mass—†Tyler Timms
5:30 p.m.	Holy Mass—Father's Day Novena

*Please pray for an increase
in vocations to the
priesthood and religious life!*

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



YEE! HAW!
Our VBS
Rodeo Adventure
begins THIS Monday,
June 20!

For all **registered** rodeo hands, check-in on Monday, June 20 begins at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. Parents, be sure your children wear closed toes shoes (for games) and that we have all **Medical and Photography Forms signed and turned in or your children will be unable to participate.** That's for everyone's safety.

Volunteer check in begins at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. We must have completed a Volunteer Registration Form on file to be a VBS Volunteer, as well as the **Medical Release and Photography Authorization Forms for all volunteers ages 17 and younger since they're minors.** Without these two forms, completed by a parent, they will be **unable to participate until we get them.** Again, this is due to safety factors. If you were due for annual Safe Environment re-training, please be sure to bring us your paperwork on Monday, if you haven't already.

If you signed up to donate items for snacks, you can drop your donations off with one of our helpful VBS Office Aides in the gym who will make sure they get to Miss Kay's Kitchen! And, we truly thank you for helping us out with snack time needs.

Just an early heads-up that we will be having our annual VBS Closing Celebration on Friday AFTERNOON (not in the evening, as in previous years), June 24 from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the gym so make plans to attend! After a fantastic entertaining musical performance by the children, we will have a hot dog lunch for all the children and parents!

We will begin our VBS set-up on Friday, June 17 - Sunday, June 19. If you would like to come and help, we get started at 12:00 Noon on Friday and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Creative minds are welcome as is some brawn to help us move things around! Contact Deborah if you'd like to help....please....bad back....

Additionally, we have once again teamed up with **Brighter Tomorrows**, the local area women's shelter, to help provide needed cleaning supplies for their transitional housing units as part of our VBS Outreach Program. A complete list of supplies may be obtained at the Community Center front desk if you would like to participate in this awesome, annual outreach project.

Early Registration for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation & sacramental preparation year continues through the month of June. Registration paperwork may be obtained at the Community Center front desk during the week **Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** You can contact Deborah, Devyn, Lindee or Lisa with any questions regarding Children's Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, First Communion and/or Confirmation preparation. **Early Registration ends on June 30, at which time we enter General Registration (July 1) and fees will go up!** Don't forget that **all fee balances are due by Monday, Aug. 1** in order for children to be placed on classroom rosters. Billing statements have been mailed out. Please contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions on payment issues. **FYI—WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING nor DISTRIBUTING FAITH FORMATION PAPERWORK DURING THE WEEK OF VBS!** We will be glad to help you once our rodeo wranglin' is done on **Monday, June 27.** Also, call ahead during the month of July, as many of the Faith Formation staff will be taking much needed vacations in order to be rested and ready for the busy month of August.

Faith Formation Catechists: A majority of you have already been kind enough to let me know if you're coming back next year or not....THANK YOU! But, I'm still waiting on a handful of you to respond; yes or no is fine, but I need to hear from you. **If I haven't heard from you by Friday, July 1,** I will assume you are NOT returning and look at filling the vacancy. This includes teen aides, also!

Catechist training will begin the first week of August so watch for more information in late July.

And, if you're interested in joining our phenomenal Children's Catechetical Team, contact Deborah! We have a few spots to fill, primarily as the second adult (that means no teaching!), so find out how you can serve in this vital ministry.

And with that being said, we would like to take a moment to say farewell to 4th Grade Catechist & Grade Level Coordinator, Peggy Dover. Peggy has faithfully served on our catechetical team for 27 years and has proven to be one of the most loyal and dedicated women I have had the privilege to know. Peggy is moving out of state to take care of her grandson and will be greatly missed. We truly wish her well...



Congratulations to PK3 catechist Maria Delgado and husband, Roy, on the recent addition of **Liam Marcel** who arrived on Thursday, June 2, weighing in at a healthy 8 lbs., 3 oz.! Liam joins siblings Julian, Giancarlo & Maddison.

Adult & Family Ministry

For information about any of our Adult & Family Ministry programs, please Email:
Richard Johnson: richardjohnson@holyspiritcc.org
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Diocesan Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass

If you were married in 1991 or in 1966, then the Diocesan

Silver & Gold Mass celebrates your wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Ave., Dallas 75201). Couples celebrating any anniversary over 50 years are also encouraged to attend (those married before 1966).

Bishop Farrell will preside at the Mass, and he will offer a special blessing for all anniversary couples. Each couple will receive a certificate from the diocese. Families of the anniversary couples are welcome to attend, and there is a festive reception following the Mass at the Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center.

Please register so that pews can be reserved for the 25th and 50th and 50+ anniversary couples. Register by calling (214) 379-2874 or on-line at www.cathdal.org/ "Wedding Anniversary August 2016" by Monday, Aug. 15, so that your name can appear in the program.

**Wednesday Movie Nights is not meeting this week.
We will resume the program next Wednesday,**



FATHER'S DAY Beatitudes for Fathers

Blessed are fathers...who mixed discipline with love, they shall know mercy.

Blessed are fathers...who gave us values with which to live the Christian life, they shall share God's kingdom.

Blessed are fathers... who left us an appreciation of the value and dignity of work, they shall find rest.

Blessed are fathers...who pointed out our responsibilities duties, they will be blessed.

Blessed are fathers...who taught us how to live on earth for heaven, they will know God.

Blessed are fathers...who showed us the meaning of service by example, they shall be served.

Blessed are fathers...who gave us a clear picture of what a father should be, they will live forever.

Blessed are fathers...whose love for our mothers taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.

Community Life Ministry



Family Movie Night!

Save the date: Saturday, July 23. Holy Spirit will be having a family outdoor movie night in the Courtyard. Hotdogs, Snow Cones, Popcorn, Shade and a Great Movie! More info to come soon!

2nd Annual Hawaiian Falls Day:

Save the date: Saturday, July 30. Get your family ready for a splashing cool time! More info to come soon on how to purchase tickets.



Snow Cones are Coming!

The Knights of Columbus will be offering **FREE** snow cones this summer under the bell tower on Fridays. More info coming next week on dates and times.

Outreach Ministry

Exercise Class will NOT meet on **Monday, June 20** and **Wednesday, June 22** as we will be having VBS that week. **Class will resume on Monday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m.**

ESL Instructor Needed: Do you have a passion for the English language? Do you have the heart of a teacher? If so, we are looking for someone to teach the Beginning English class at Holy Spirit for the 2016-17 school year. The class is conducted in English, so no knowledge of a foreign language is necessary. If interested or want more information, please call **Donna Greenlee, x20**.

Acts of Mercy for the Week: The Corporal Works of Mercy encourage us to Visit the Prisoners. The men and women in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the truth of the message of Jesus Christ. What are some ways that we can help the imprisoned?

Some of our parishioners are ministering to prisoners through the Kolbe Prison Ministry **June 24-26**. There will be a 24-hour prayer vigil throughout the weekend. You can sign up on their prayer board at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABA72AA7FA7-hutchins1/34003714.

Another suggestion is to donate Christmas gifts to the children of prisoners. A couple of organizations you might want to consider are Operation Christmas Child through the Samaritan's Purse at www.SamaritansPurse.org.occ. Another, is a group is called Angel Tree at www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree. Don't forget to write down your acts of kindness and slip them into the Acts of Mercy box on the table in the Narthex.