



My dear parish family!

I hope you are enjoying your vacation and your little break from Father Simon. Lol. I am currently in Atlanta to visit and see some old friends, doing a little "pastoral visit" to them if you will. I will be back Monday, July 27.

While in Atlanta, a neat thing is that I am staying with the first couple I ever married! They are a beautiful little family.

In fact, thanks be to God!, every couple I have ever married is doing well in those marriages. I always tell couples that I am preparing for marriage, "I have never once celebrated a marriage which has ended badly or in divorce. AND YOU WILL NOT BE MY FIRST!"

We need strong families, and strong families are built on strong marriages. A strong, loving, and faith-filled family is the best/perfect place for children to come into the world. Interestingly enough, this is why St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that things like fornication and cohabitation are wrong: they are first and foremost offenses against our children, who deserve to be born and raised in a stable, strong, loving, faith-filled family.

Such love in a family, such stability where mom and dad truly love each other, such a family where the whole family, *as a family*, practices their Catholic faith together, that is the very soil from which children grow strong and best.

Anything and everything we can do to support FAMILIES and to help marriages to be and to stay strong, we need to do. It's what our children deserve.

Below is a great little excerpt from a letter by J.R.R. Tolkien (the Lord of the Rings author!) on marriage. It's worth reading and considering!

God bless you and see you soon. Have a wonderful week! :-)

Fr. Simon Carian

Quote on Marriage By J.R.R. Tolkien

"Men are not [monogamous]. No good pretending. Men just ain't, not by their animal nature. Monogamy (although it has long been fundamental to our inherited ideas) is for us men a piece of revealed ethic, according to faith and not the flesh. The essence of a fallen world is that the best cannot be attained by free enjoyment, or by what is called 'self-realization' (usually a nice name for self-indulgence, wholly inimical to the realization of other selves); but by denial, by suffering. Faithfulness in Christian marriages entails that: great mortification.

For a Christian man there is no escape. Marriage may help to sanctify and direct to its proper object his sexual desires; its grace may help him in the struggle; but the struggle remains. It will not satisfy him—as hunger may be kept off by regular meals. It will offer as many difficulties to the purity proper to that state as it provides easements.

No man, however truly he loved his betrothed and bride as a young man, has lived faithful to her as a wife in mind and body without deliberate conscious exercise of the will, without self-denial. Too few are told that—even those brought up in 'the Church.' Those outside seem seldom to have heard it.

When the glamour wears off, or merely works a bit thin, they think that they have made a mistake, and that the real soul-mate is still to find. The real soul-mate too often proves to be the next sexually attractive person that comes along. Someone whom they might indeed very profitably have married, if only—. Hence divorce, to provide the 'if only.'

And of course they are as a rule quite right: they did make a mistake. Only a *very* wise man at the end of his life could make a sound judgement concerning whom, amongst the total possible chances, he ought most profitably have married! Nearly all marriages, even happy ones, are mistakes: in the sense that almost certainly (in a more perfect world, or even with a little more care in this very imperfect one) both partners might have found more suitable mates. But the 'real soul-mate' is the one you are actually married to. In this fallen world, we have as our only guides, prudence, wisdom (rare in youth, too late in age), a clean heart, and fidelity of will..."

~J.R.R. Tolkien

MINISTERS – SATURDAY – AUGUST 1, 2015**SACRISTANS**

5:30 P.M. Steven Haynes
Katie Haynes-Burns

USHERS

5:30 P.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 P.M. Francisco Rodriguez
Jodyn Everett
Joseph Vickers

LECTORS

5:30 P.M. John Salguero
Mario Trujillo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:30 A.M. *Katie Haynes-Burns (R-Captain), *Steven Haynes-L, Ruben Lucio, Mike Nagro, Anna Nagro

MINISTERS – SUNDAY – AUGUST 2, 2015**SACRISTANS**

8:30 A.M. Mary Shockley
10:30 A.M. Jesse Alvarez

USHERS

8:30 A.M. Eddie's Angels
10:30 A.M. Same Loyal & Faithful Bunch

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 A.M. Ryan Rowley
Jacob Gutierrez
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10:30 A.M. Thomas Palla
Grant Palla
Elija Rodriguez

LECTORS

8:30 A.M. Sean Little
Barbara Anaya
10:30 A.M. Jason Hennessy
Sarita Valdez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 A.M. *James Shoeffel (Captain-R), *John Schonberger-L, Mary Shockley, James Laquerre, Robert Timmons, Jesse Alvarez, Lyn Carwile, Christy Gutierrez,
10:30 A.M. *Paul Ellis (Captain-R), *Suzanne Ellis-L, Mabel Encinias, Ruben Encinias, Jean Kaplan, Cliff Kuchta, Annette Madrid, Marta Madrid

CHURCH CLEANING

August 1 – Mary Lou Johnson, Anna Nagro,
Fran Culvert

ALTAR LINENS

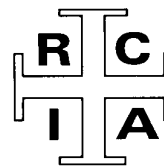
August – Lora Rodriguez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Retirement Ranch	Tina Majkrzak
Clovis Healthcare	The Candelaria's
Senior Resident Center	Marcy Kos
Individual Homes	Marcy Kos
	Teresa Weeks

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sacred Heart has a group of "Prayer Warriors" who will seek God's Intervention on your behalf. All it takes is a phone call to Jeanne Kriegshauser at (575) 762-9214 or Mary Shockley at (575) 763-0953, and they will set prayer in motion.



Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church has initiated a Period of Inquiry for any who may be interested in becoming Roman Catholic, or for any adult who is a Baptized Catholic and needs to complete First Holy Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (575) 763-6947.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Saint Martha Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



Salsa Making Contest

**Where: Sacred Heart Family
Night**

**When: Friday, August 28th 6-
8 PM**

Entry Fee: FREE!!

**To Enter Call: Megan Palla
575.762.6392**

Enter your family's best homemade salsa in the contest to win a prize! Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place entries. All entries must be received by 5:30 PM Friday August 28th in the parish gym. Please make a LARGE bowl of salsa for parishioners taste and vote on at the dinner. There will be chips, spoons and small tasting cups provided for your salsa as well as a table and tablecloth. Please feel free to decorate the area around your salsa display as fancy as you like to win more votes!

Join us for a

Parish Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday
August 23, 2015**

**Sacred Heart Gym
921 Merriwether Street
Clovis, NM**

After Both Masses

**\$4.00/adult
\$2.00/child (under12)**



MEALS ON WHEELS

We are in need of volunteers! We will be delivering Meals on the week of July 27th – July 31st. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact the Judy Vaughn at (575) 762-2427.

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Let us all pray for our own special intentions **Every first Saturday of the month** beginning on August 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the church. If you are interested in leading the Rosary, please call the Parish Office at (575) 763-6947. The power of prayer is amazing when we all come together.

CCD TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a Teacher Meeting on Monday, July 27, at 7:00 pm in the RCIA Room in the Parish School. All that are interested in teaching or helping out need to attend. Grades 6 – 12, Youth Group & RCIA.

CCD REGISTRATION

We are now registering for CCD! We are taking registrations every Sunday following every Mass in the Parish School building. Please make sure all registration packets are complete with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. There is a registration fee of \$25 per family.

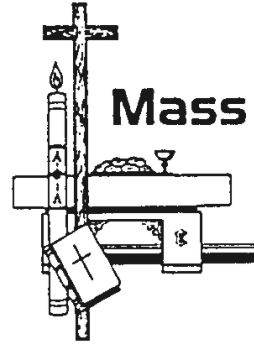
TITHING REPORT

July 18 & 19, 2015

Envelopes	\$ 3,074.11
Loose	\$ 3,692.00
Total	\$ 6,766.11

NEEDY COLLECTION

Envelopes	\$ 55.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 55.00



Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY** **July 25, 2015**
5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish
- SUNDAY** **July 26, 2015**
8:30 A.M. † Joseph & Beatrice Sandoval
10:30 A.M. † Rosemary Von Hoene
 † Ed Root
- MONDAY** **JULY 27, 2015**
5:30 P.M. † George Mendez
- TUESDAY** **July 28, 2015**
7:00 A.M. † Benerito & † Rosarito Gallegos
 † Benny Gallegos, Jr.
- WEDNESDAY** **July 29, 2015**
7:00 A.M. TBA
- THURSDAY** **July 30, 2015**
7:00 A.M. † Susan Martel
- FRIDAY** **July 31, 2015**
5:30 P.M. † Alice Sena
- SATURDAY** **August 1, 2015**
5:30 P.M. † Dr. Sebastian Stella (12th Anniversary)
- SUNDAY** **August 2, 2015**
8:30 A.M. For the people of our parish
10:30 A.M. † Paul Sandoval
 † Rosemary Von Hoene

