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May I never boast except in the cross.
 (Galatians 6:14)

The church in Galatia was struggling. The people there had gladly welcomed Paul's simple message: Jesus Christ died for their sins, rose for their salvation, and was now inviting them to embrace that salvation through faith and baptism. But after Paul left Galatia, other people arrived with a more complicated message: if you don't embrace all of Jewish law, especially circumcision, your salvation is incomplete. You have to become a Jewish convert as well as a Christian. When Paul got wind of this, he fired off a harsh letter of rebuke. "Are you so stupid?" he asked. "It is those who have faith who are children of Abraham," not just those who are circumcised (Galatians 3:3, 7). For Paul, the issue went to the heart of the gospel message. If the Galatians embraced circumcision, they would be perpetuating the old division between Jew and Gentile that Jesus had come to destroy. Not only that, but they would be feeding the lie that Jesus belongs only to a certain class or type of people. "There is neither Jew nor Greek," Paul told them, "there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

This is one of the most powerful truths of our faith: in Christ, every division is wiped out. Being a Christian is not a matter of deciding who is "in" and who is "out." Neither are there different "levels" or "classes" of believers. There's only everybody. We are all equally sinners who are equally loved by God and forgiven by the cross. The question is whether we will accept this salvation and let God's love heal our divided hearts and change our divisive actions. Paul never wanted to "boast" about anything that made him feel special or better than other people (Galatians 6:14). The gift of God's merciful, liberating, transforming love outshone everything else. This love is available to you today at Mass. Come and taste it. Let it break down every division in your heart.

"Jesus, reduce me to love!"

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Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish
 Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

July 7 - July 14, 2019
Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 7 9:00am-Mass
 Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, July 8 4:30pm-Communion Service
 Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 9 10:00am-Mass
 Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Mass Intention for Sam Brocato

Wednesday, July 10 4:30pm-Mass
 Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/
 Mt 10:1-7
Mass intention for Tubba Broussard

Thursday, July 11 8:30am-Communion Service
 Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
 Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 12 9:30am-Communion Service
 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/
 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 13 4:30pm-Mass
 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
 Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/
 Mt 10:24-33
Mass Intention for Sam Brocato

Sunday, July 14 9:00am-Mass
 Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or
 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Frank Rossi, Elaine Schriver, Cecil Schriver; Diane Necessary, Frances Martin, Julie Litton, Rebecca Sims, Kiley Burke, Irene Johnson, Joe Ventrello, Steve Tompkins; Morris Matthews, Dr. Ian Angel, Dana LeJune, Gerard Castanier, Fr. Conroy, Jim Gremillion

Repose of the soul: Melvin Lowrie

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

June 29 & 30 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,213.55
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 61.55

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Sun. July 7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am—Mass Adult Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. July 8 4:30pm—Communion Service	Tues. July 9 10:00am—Mass	Wed. July 10 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 11 8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. July 12 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. July 13 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am—Mass Adult Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. July 15 4:30pm—Communion Service	Tues. July 16 10:00am—Mass	Wed. July 17 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 18 8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. July 19 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. July 20 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

CCE Teacher Needed

Our CCE program needs a teacher for the junior high class. Call the church office, 409-283-5367, to volunteer.

Questions for Family Discussions

Adults: Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?

Children: What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?

Drop-off items July 29 - August 1 8am - 1pm

Garage Sale
 August 2, 7am-3pm
 August 3, 7am-2pm

Drop-off items July 29 - August 1 8am - 1pm

Items that sell
 furniture, clothes
 dishes, what-nots,
 household items

Religious Articles
 Come and see new items for sale.
 Browse on Saturday after Mass or while having coffee on Sunday mornings.

Correctional Officer Positions
 Gib Lewis Facility in Woodville, Texas
 Polunsky Unit in Livingston, Texas

We are hiring for Correctional Officer positions with a salary of \$3019.84 per month and a \$5000 sign on bonus.

Upcoming Events

July 27: Summer Salad and Cinema, Family Center
 August 2-3: Annual Garage Sale, OLOP Family Center
 August 2-3: Men's Conference, St. Francis of Assisi, Orange, TX
 August 9-10: Liturgical Conference, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX
 August 11: Stewardship Awards, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX
 August 24: RCIA Workshop, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX