

FROM FR. JOHN KIM

Right before going back to God the Father, Jesus commanded the important task: “proclaim the Gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15). Although it sounds simple, it is a daunting task in this secular-oriented world. The best way to preach the Gospel is by living a Christian life. Here is a story which may illustrate this.

Cristopher was a practicing Christian. Never missed church on Sunday. He and his family lived in a comfortable house in a fashionable part of town. With good health, and a secure, well-paying job, he was happy and satisfied.

However, one thing bothered him. It concerned his next-door neighbor. The man was a professed atheist, and never darkened the door of a church. As a Christian, Cristopher felt it was his responsibility to try to convert him. But how was he to do it? On a number of occasions, in talking with him, he had brought up the subject of religion, doing so as delicately as he could. Alas, he had gotten nowhere.

Then one day he got an inspiration. If only he could get his neighbor to read the Gospel, that would surely do the trick. Who could fail to be moved by the Gospel? The only problem was how to get a copy of the Gospel to him. He couldn't very well knock on the man's door and hand him a copy. That was more likely to put him off. He would have to be more subtle in his approach. So what did he do? He posted a paperback copy of the Gospel to him anonymously.

Having done this, he waited to see what would happen. Days went by and nothing happened. There wasn't the slightest indication from next door that the man had seen the light. About two weeks later, Cristopher's wife had occasion to visit their neighbor. When she came back she said to her husband,

“You know that copy of the Gospel you sent him?”

“Yes.”

“It's in the refuse bin.”

Cristopher was indignant. It was not right to throw the Good Book into the refuse bin. He went next door, picking up the copy of the Gospel as he passed the refuse bin.

“I hope I'm not intruding,” he said to his neighbor.

“But I found this in your refuse bin. You know, if only you'd read it, you might find God.”

“But I do read it,” came the surprising reply. “I read it every day.”

“I don't understand,” said Christopher.

“You are a Christian, aren't you?”

“Why, yes.”

“Well, I've been reading your life every day for the past ten years.” End of story.

There's a little poem that goes like this:

**I am my neighbor's Bible; he reads me when we meet.
Today he reads me in my house, tomorrow in the street.
He may a relative, or friend, or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name, yet he is reading me.**

Let's proclaim the Gospel! Let's live a Christian life for this week.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK
 Blane Bartek
 Amy Bottoms
 Emily Cabaniss
 Mary Davidson
 Lynne Dott
 Dale Duncan
 Mark Edwards
 Joan English
 Quintan Fabiano
 Angel Flores Family
 Fr. Edward Frazer
 Jackie Garcia
 Silvia Garcia
 Rolfe Geisselbrecht
 Angel Guajardo
 Mary Guajardo
 Frank Guerra
 William Harlow
 Froylan Hernandez
 Jose Hernandez
 Elena Juarez
 Samuel Kaiser
 Josh Loving
 Marianne Luby
 Susie Luna
 Jeanne Luttrall
 Alex Mendoza
 Ken Murray
 Jesus Olivarez, Jr
 Elena Ormales
 Mary Ortega
 Anna Paruzinski
 John Paruzinski
 Patti Quinn
 Myra Ramos
 Cody Rhoades
 Louis Rodriguez
 Tommy Rodriguez
 Al Rogers
 Brandon Rojas
 Jose Rojas
 Myra Rourke
 Stella Santos
 Leon Savard
 Jerry Simpson
 Stephanie Van Sickler
 Henry Taylor
 Marian Testa
 Robert Trevino
 Patricia Trujillo
 Manuel Vasquez
 Mildred Vasquez
 Raymond Vriseno
 Nettie Wall
 Frank Weis
 Jesus Zapata

OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

Phillip Aiello
 David L. Gomez
 Deana S. Gomez
 Matt Jakircevic
 Reggie Jamo
 Jason Piper
 Daniel J. Scott
 Wilbert Witt

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16
 5:00pm † Irene Kulinski
Sunday, May 17
 8:00am Rafaela Hernandez
 10:30am † Frank Mares
 5:00pm Pro Populo
Monday, May 18
 8:00am Nell McClellan
Tuesday, May 19
 6:30pm † San Juana Rodriguez
Wednesday, May 20
 8:00am † Felipe Rodriguez
Thursday, May 21
 6:30pm † Antony George
Friday, May 22
 8:00am Ivan Rodriguez
 † Deceased

STEWARDSHIP

May 10

Received	\$16,019
Goal	\$14,000
Difference	\$ 2,019
Loan Balance	\$371,921

*"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."
 (Acts 20:35)*

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Week's Black Bag Collection
 \$2,221

Next Week's Special Collection
 supports Catholic Relief Services
 disaster response in Nepal

Let us pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Elizabeth "Betty" Rogers
 Beatrice Sainz
 Carlos Garcia
 Bill "Gill" Gilpatrick
 Dennis Risinger

May Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
 and let Perpetual light shine upon them.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

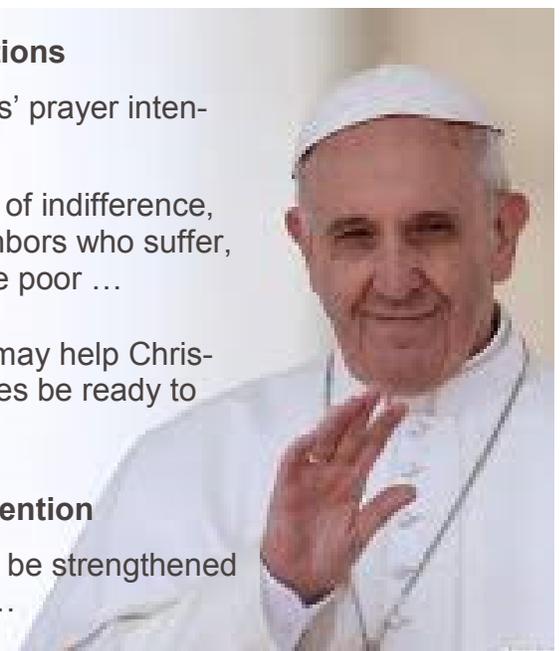
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

Please consider Pope Francis' prayer intentions for the month of May:

- That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor ...
- That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus ...

Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention

For families, may their bonds be strengthened as they share the Eucharist ...



After 30 days, names will be removed from the lists. Call the church office to extend the date.

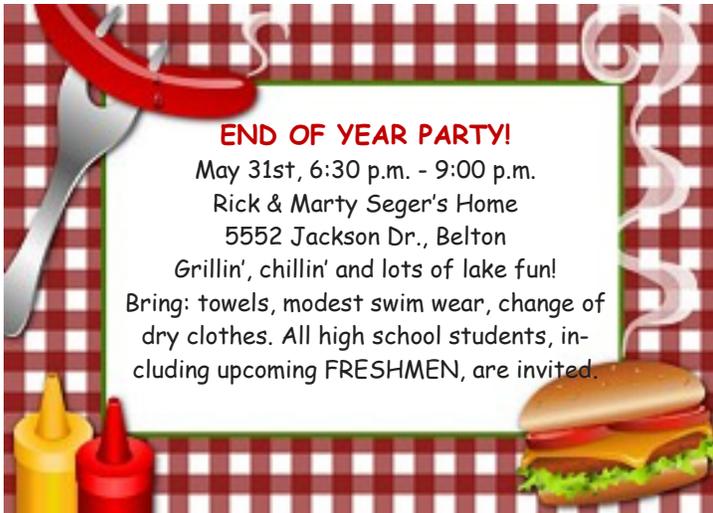


FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH

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The Youth Ministry is winding down for the school year, but that doesn't mean we don't have more fun in store! Here are some events to mark on your calendar:

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Our last confirmation class of this school year will be May 31st, from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the portable building. Attendance is mandatory.

THE WEEK

"The Week" is camping at Garner State Park and a visit to Six Flags for the youth program, scheduled for June 9th - 13th! Sign ups have begun. We also need adult chaperones to help with carpooling and to be part of the fun! Email ariley@ctkbelton.org to sign up.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

A leadership retreat for all staff members interested in leading the confirmation retreat will be July 18th - 19th. I need one chaperone, so contact ariley@ctkbelton.org if you are interested in helping and are EIM compliant.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

We will have a confirmation retreat on July 24th - 26th. It is mandatory for all students going into their first and second years of confirmation classes, as well as for any student planning to be confirmed this September. More info coming soon!

ADULT

Why is Mary so Important to Us?

As Catholics, we have a profound reverence for the Blessed Mother. We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in the Rosary, and in Marian devotions. We honor her with special feasts celebrating the significant events in her life. We place images of her in our churches and homes.

The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son. *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son.



Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Please join us for *Between the Masses* on Sundays, starting May 10, from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the Cristus Center. We will be presenting "Mary – A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother".

Gospel Meditation**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

On this Sunday we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, which marks the time when he turned over the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel to us, his disciples. Jesus tells his disciples, "You will be my witnesses..." As Jesus' disciples today, what is the witness we give? What is the evidence that we show others that we are deeply and completely committed to Jesus and his way of life, his way of love?



AROUND THE PARISH

Donations for Annunciation Maternity Home

The baby crib will once again be placed in the foyer next weekend to receive any donations for The Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown. This is a shelter created specially for young (teen) mothers as a long-term facility to help these women not only with their pregnancy and birth, but also to help them become fully functioning adults when they leave. Their needs include gently used or new baby or maternity clothes, diapers and wipes, monetary donations or gift cards to HEB or Wal Mart, personal toiletries for the women and other baby items. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus will award the Alan R. Beach Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to TWO 2015 graduates. Packets are available in the church office and must be returned by 5:00 p.m., June 12, 2015. All seniors are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Gene Presta at 254-931-6833.

Ultralla, May 19

We invite all Crusillistas and non-Crusillistas to Ultralla every Tuesday in the portable building at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Lorena Sarinana at 254-774-7891.

Graduating Seniors Mass, May 31

Graduating high school and college seniors will be honored with a special mass on Sunday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. After mass, the Women's Ministry will be in the Narthex to present 2015 graduates with a memento from Christ the King.

How to Join the Catholic Faith, June 12

- Are you in need of the Sacrament of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation?
- Is your spouse Catholic and you'd like to better understand his/her faith?
- Have you ever attended a Catholic mass and found yourself wondering, "What is going on?"

If so, please join us for an information session with coffee and donuts on Friday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Christus Center. For more information, contact Krisie Lastovica at klastovica@ctkbelton.org or 939-0806; or Diane Waite at dmwaite@hotmail.com.

Baptism Class, June 20

The next baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Christus Center. Parents/Godparents should contact the parish office to register and get additional information.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center
Healing Hearts, May 29-31**

Healing Hearts, a weekend retreat designed for women who have suffered abuse and seek healing, will be held May 29-31 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The weekend begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$135 (includes room, linens, materials and meals). For more information and to register, call 254-780-2436 and ask for Beverly Collin.

Desert Solitude, June 5-10

The practice of intentional silence is non-negotiable. It is essential to growth and spiritual awakening. You just have to do it! Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton offers that opportunity with Desert Solitude, a six-day silent retreat on June 5-10. Centering prayer and daily Mass are at the heart of this retreat. Options are available for three-, four- and five-night retreats. To register, contact Cedarbrake at 254-780-2436.

**Holy Trinity Catholic High School
Job Opening**

Holy Trinity currently has an opening for a full-time IT director and instructor. Send inquiries to Dr. Veronica Alonzo at valonzo@holytrinitychs.org, or call 254-771-0787.

E-cycle and Paper Shred Event, May 23

Holy Trinity is hosting an E-cycle and Paper Shred event on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring your confidential documents to be shredded for free. Drop off old computers and electronics to be "e-cycled". Goodwill will be on site to collect clothing donations, and the City of Temple Animal Rescue will accept donations of pet food and supplies. Holy Trinity is located at 6608 W. Adams, Temple, TX.



EN ESPAÑOL

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

En este domingo celebramos el regreso de Jesús a su Padre, el cual marca el momento en el que él nos encargó el ministerio de proclamar el Evangelio a nosotros, sus discípulos. Jesús dice a sus discípulos "ustedes serán mis testigos..." Como apóstoles actuales de Jesús, ¿qué testimonio damos? ¿Cuál es la evidencia que mostramos a los demás de que estamos profunda y completamente comprometidos con Jesús y con su camino de vida, de amor?

Clase para Bautismo

La proxima clase de bautismo se llevara acavao el Sabado, 27 de Junio a las 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. en el Christus Center. Padres/Padrinos deveran llamar a la oficina para registrarse y obtener mas informacion.

Ultrella

Se les hace una cordial invitacion a todos los Crusillistas y no Crusillistas a la Ultrella todos los Martes en el edificio portatil de la parroquia a las 7:00 pm. Para mas informacion llamar a la Señora Lorena Sarinana al 254-774-7891.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OFFICERS

New officers have been installed for Women's Ministry 2015-17: Kathy Lord, Treasurer; Sophia Gomez, Secretary; Tina Coppin, Vice-President; Maria Ornelas, President. Congratulations to these women, and thanks for everything they do!



CTK OFFICE DIRECTORY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Finance Council Chair Tom Blair
 Pastoral Council Chair Margaret Donohoe

Contact the parish office for social needs such as bereavement, illness, Eucharist to the homebound, births, etc. For weddings, contact the office six months prior to the desired wedding date to schedule a consultation. For

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Now that our database conversion is completed, we have re-instituted the parish-wide email blast. The plan is to send out a weekly email with updates about parish activities. We also plan to send out emails when a parishioner falls ill or passes away. If you have not received any emails from Christ the King in the last few weeks, please send your contact info and email address to communication@ctkbelton.org. We want to keep in touch with you!

