TRUE VOCATION

The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people.—Leo Tolstoy

Saturday, November 1, 2014
7:30 a.m. - Virgin De Guadalupe
By: Pat & Hortencia Hernandez
Robert & Alexis Tavira
By: Dad, Mom & Brothers
5:00 p.m. - For all deceased family members of Renteria & Leal family
By: Tony & Bertha Renteria
Norbert Gilles
By: Wife & Family

Friday, November 7, 2014
All Souls Novena (2)
By: Melida Rodriguez

Thursday, November 6, 2014
7:30 a.m. - All Souls Novena (5)
Friday, November 7, 2014
7:30 a.m. - All Souls Novena (6)

Saturday, November 8, 2014
7:30 a.m. - All Souls Novena (7)
Samuel Vargas
By: His Family
5:00 p.m. - Holy Family Parishioners
Jose & Francisca Rodriguez
By: Melida Rodriguez

Please pray for those who are sick and in need of healing graces...
Please pray for all of the sick of our parish, including…(Regemos al senor por todos los enfermos )Rebecca Delgado, Annie Ybarra, Ama-ro Castillo, Tony Barboza, Alfredo Valadez, Lopez Lopez, Margie Ale-man, Jason Brown, Jeff Voigt, Jerry Wasser, Sarah Humphrey, Julio Villarreal, Gloria Medrano, Maria Medrano, Gloria Moncibelles, Iris Castilleja, Floyd Kocher, Robert Herrera, Martin Delgado, Angelino Menchaca & John Moreno Sr. & Gene Leal.

Flowers at the Altar
In Memory: Antonio & Andrea Gomez
By: Salvador & Juanita Hernandez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:
Phil 2:1-14; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:
Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:
Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:
Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:
Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:
Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

From Pastor desk Nov 2, 2014.

The commemoration of all the faithful departed
(ALL SOULS’ DAY)

Reflection: John 6, 37-40

Why did Jesus call himself the bread of life? The Jews under-stood that God promised them mana from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the promised land. Bread is the very staple of life. We could not live without food for very long. Bread sustains us. But what is life? Jesus clearly meant something more than mere physical existence. The life Jesus refers to is connected with God, the author of life. Real life is a relationship with the living God, a relationship of trust, love and obedience. This is what Jesus makes possible for us—a loving relationship with the God who created us for love with Him. Apart from Jesus can enter that kind of life and relationship. Jesus makes three claims here. First, he offers himself as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us. Second, he promises unfriend broken friendship and freedom from the fear of being forsaken or cut off from God. Third, he offers us the hope of sharing in his resurrection.

Since we remember our deceased loved ones on this day of All Souls, we can find comfort in knowing that “by giving up his own Son for our sins, God’s plan for us is one of benevolent love”. Through Christ’s sacrifice, death is not the end. Though not visible, the dead are ever-present in our joys and our sorrows, and we help them through our prayers.

Jesus reminds us in today’s gospel that we are united to him by love of the Father. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus who is truly and really present body, blood, soul and divinity. If our hearts are open and we are properly disposed, we may draw closer to Jesus and live in greater love and unity with him and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

So let us remember the souls of the faithful departed in prayer, not just today, but every day. Lord Jesus Christ, your death brought life and hope where there was once only despair and defeat. Give us the unshakeable joy of everlasting life, the inexpressible joy of knowing your unfailing love and unquestioning faith and obedience in doing the will of our Father in heaven.

Blessing of the Cemetery (All Souls Day) - Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 p.m. I will be Blessing the Hidalgo Cemetery and praying for the souls the faithful departed. Please come together as family to pray.

Del Escritorio del pastor: Noviembre 2, 2014

La conmemoración de todos los fieles difuntos (Día de los Difuntos)

Reflexión: Juan 6, 37-40

¿Por qué Jesús llama a sí mismo el pan de vida? Los judíos entendían que Dios les había prometido maná del cielo para sostenerlos en su viaje a la tierra prometida. El pan es el alimento básico de la vida. No podríamos vivir sin alimentos por mucho tiempo. El pan nos sostiene. Pero, ¿qué es la vida? Jesús quiso decir claramente algo más que la mera existencia física. La vida que Jesús se refiere está unida con Dios, el autor de la vida. La vida real es una relación de confianza, amor y obediencia. Esto es lo que hace Jesús posible para nosotros, una relación de amor con Dios que nos ha creado y amor. Aparte de Jesús podemos entrar en ese tipo de vida y relaciocin con él. Jesús hace tres afirmaciones aquí. Primero, se ofrece a sí mismo como alimento espiritual que produce la misma vida de Dios dentro de nosotros. Segundo, él promete amistad inquebrantable y la libertad del temor a ser abandonado o separado de Dios. Tercero, nos ofrece la esperanza de compartir en su resurrección. Los que aceptan a Jesús como Señor y Salvador serán resucitados a la vida inmortal con Jesús cuando venga de nuevo en el último día. ¿Sabe usted la alegría y la esperanza de la resurrección?

Al recordar a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos en este día de Todas las Almas, podemos encontrar consuelo en saber que "al renunciar a su propio hijo por nuestros pecados, el plan de Dios para nosotros es uno de amor benevolente". A través del sacrificio de Cristo, la muerte no es el final. Aunque que no son visibles, los muertos están siempre presentes en nuestras alegrías y nuestros dolores, y nosotros les ayudamos a través de nuestras oraciones.

Jesús nos recuerda en el Evangelio de hoy que estamos unidos a él por el amor del Padre. Cuando recibimos la Santa Comunión, recibimos a Jesús que es verdadera y realmente presente en cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad. Si nuestros corazones están abiertos y están bien dispuestos, podemos acercarnos a Jesús y vivir con mayor amor y unidad con él y con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

Así que recordemos las almas de los fieles difuntos en la oración, no solo hoy, sino todos los días.

Señor Jesucristo, su muerte trajo la vida y la esperanza donde antes había sólo la desesperación y la derrota. Danos la esperanza inquebrantable de la vida eterna, el gozo de saber expresar tu misericordia y la fe y la obediencia incondicional en hacer la voluntad de nuestro padre en el cielo.

Bendición del Cementerio (Día de los Difuntos) 2º-Domingo, de noviembre a las 2:00 pm estará bendición del Cementerio Hidalgo y rezando por las almas de los fieles difuntos. Por favor, ven juntos como familia para orar.

Phil 2:1-14; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:
Nov. 2nd-8th is National Parish Religious Education Week! Please take the time this week to honor and thank those who serve in our Parish Religious Education Programs. Thank You!

R.E. CLASS SCHEDULE:
Sun. Nov. 2nd: K-7th Class All Souls Day/Youth Sunday
Wed. Nov. 5th: 8-12th Class
Sun. Nov. 9th: K-7th Class
Please check the calendar sent home monthly for more dates.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Classes are starting Wed. Nov. 5th. If you are 18yrs and older and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to attend please contact Angie at 830-832-0744 before classes begin. Thank You.

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS: If you missed the Parent First Communion meeting on Mon. Oct. 20th please contact Angie before November 10th. First Reconciliation Packets are ready. Si usted no asistió a la reunión de Padres para la Primera Comunión que ocurrió el 22 de Octubre, por favor póngase en contacto con Angie antes de 10 de Noviembre.

**** YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ****
The Next R.A.G.E Night
Relentless And God Empowered
Thursday, November 20th.
6:30-8:20pm. At the R.E. center. Food, Fellowship, Music, Message and Prayer.
For Teens in grades 8th – 12th
See the parish website for event information.
www.hfnb.org

**** YOUNG ADULT NEWS ***
For ages 19-29.
Please contact Priscilla Vela for Information about the upcoming Dinner & Movie Night.
830-832-3875. teampvela@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus have various pamphlets that are free in our literature rack that are free. They concern Prayer, thoughts on the Saints, Jesus Christ, Faith, the Bible, What does a Catholic believe and live, Vocations, for Fathers-A life of prayer, Virtue, A man of God, info about membership into the Knights & many others.

Catholic Counseling and Consultation Center
A division of Catholic Charities, the center offers individual and family counseling for adults, adolescents and children, as well as spiritual direction and emotional development services. (210) 377-1133 Fax (210) 377-1230. 7711 Madonna, San Antonio, Texas 78216

Members from our Parish will be available to sign Adorers at this weekend Masses for 1st Friday adoration. Date: 11/07/2014

The Parish Mass Book for 2015 is now available for anyone who wishes to have a mass for a love one. We encourage you to pray for your deceased love ones by having a mass said for them.

El libro de las Misas para el 2015 esta disponible para cualquier persona que guste tener una misa para un ser querido. Puede ir a la oficina entre las 9:30 a 12:00 de medio dia o de la 1:00 a 5:00 de la tarde.

*** REMINDER: *** Our Parish Food Pantry is in need of diapers and baby wipes. All sizes are needed.

From the Guadalupanas/os
*Thank you to All who joined us in Honoring our Blessed Mother Mary throughout the month of October. Thank you to All the choirs who participated and to those who devoted their time to pray the Holy Rosary before Mass. We encourage families to continue to discuss the importance of our Blessed Mother. Please continue to honor her by praying to her… the Hail Mary, the Holy Rosary and by praying to her beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Our need to have the Knowledge of Mary within ourselves so that thru her, Jesus can be known & loved. It is a Privileged Grace to know Mary; A Gift to Us. Mary gives us many Graces; she gives us Joy & Consoles our Hearts. We need to allow Mary to penetrate our Hearts. We need to have Confidence in Mary & call out to her. ‘O Immaculate Conception, Help me.’ There is no competition between Jesus & Mary. Jesus wants us to turn to his Mother; whom he made Our Mother. What joy it gives Jesus to have us all Pray to her & Love her.”

St. Augustine said to Mary – ‘You are Worthy to be called the Mold of God.’ We need to make Mary our mold.’ (Rev. James A. Marshall, SJ) Many Blessings to You All.

San Fernando Health Centre-The clinic’s mission is to provide health care services in a compassionate environment to the medically underserved and uninsured of Greater San Antonio. It also collaborates with other social service, educational and wellness classes, legal assistance and case management. 231 W. Commerce St., S.A. Tx. 78205. (210) 271-9356,ext.106 Fax: (210) 576-0706.

Natural Family Planning (Sympto-Thermal Method) class series starts Sunday, November 16 from 6-9 p.m at St. Mark the Evangelist Church (1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, 78232). The series consists of three classes, one a month for three months, and is open to all couples. Registration is through the website: LearnNFP.com. NFP is a morally acceptable, non-chemical means of fertility tracking. It is 99% effective in delaying or avoiding pregnancy even in women with unusual cycles. Feel free to contact John and Cathy for more information. Experience the blessings of NFP in your marriage! 210695-8020; jandcnix@gmail.com

Sunday Collection Offering
October 25-26, 2014
Sunday Collection $4,068.58
2nd Collection
Offset Festival Expenses-$777.96
Children’s Love Offerings-$103.25
Next weekends 2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund
Thank you for your continuous generous donations.