

# The fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## This Week in Our Parish February 7, 2010

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30 am:** Mass **9:30 am:** RCIA **10:00 am:** Spanish Mass PSR 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> **11:30 am:** Life Teen Mass /Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> /ESOL class **12:30 pm:** Youth Group  
**12:45pm:** Citizenship classes **1:00 pm:** Spanish Mass  
**3:00 pm:** Baptism Class (Sp.) **7:00 pm:** Spanish Mass

**Monday:** **12:15 pm:** Daily Mass **7:00 pm:** Hispanic Leaders Mtg.

**Tuesday:** **12:15 pm:** Daily Mass

**Wednesday:** **12:15 pm:** Daily Mass **1:00 pm:** Clementines  
**6:30 pm:** Rosary

**Thursday:** **12:15 pm:** Communion Service **7:00 pm:** SVdP Mtg.

**Friday:**  Cleaning Team One

**7:30 pm:** Prayer Group/Adoration

**Saturday:** No PSR

**11:30 am:** Baptisms in Spanish **5:30 pm:** Vigil Mass  
**6:30 pm:** Mardi Gras/ Valentine's Party

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / No PSR

St. Valentine's Day **8:30 am:** Mass **9:30 am:** RCIA  
**10:00 am:** Spanish Mass **11:30 am:** Life Teen Mass /ESOL class **12:45pm:** Citizenship classes  
**1:00 pm:** Spanish Mass **7:00 pm:** Spanish Mass

### Urgent Needs

We have a number of members of the St. Clement's family who are dealing with major health issues, are homebound, and/or are dealing with issues related to the aging process. Some of them are by themselves during the day and need visitors and caregivers. Some need Communion brought to them. Others need help with cleaning around the house or yardwork. A couple of them need rides to Church on Sunday, or Saturday night.

We need help helping them.

We need help with outreach, pastoral care, and helping them not lose their connection to St. Clement's. We first of all need Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick. Deacon Brad Krupa is in the process of reorganizing this ministry. It involves making home visits (or nursing home visits) and bringing Communion (especially on Sundays after Mass as a way of showing they're still connected). It is a wonderful ministry! This ministry also requires a background check.

We also need people—especially friends—willing to make simple visits to those who are facing these challenges of life. This does not require any training, simply showing compassion and concern, swapping stories, and promising prayers.

Others could help as "sitters" or caregivers. There is training involved. Current knowledge of CPR or other medical

information is helpful, but not required. Local hospices and other medical groups provide excellent training.

Others can help by preparing a meal, helping with house cleaning or yard work, or providing transportation. These are good, special people who—in some cases—were active and vibrant members of this faith community just a few months ago and now are struggling. They are family in need of our love and support. Please contact the parish office.



### "Out of the Mouth of Babies"

For a while I've been meaning to write down some of the most precious moments of my priesthood—those moments when a child says something that is either funny, profound, or both. In these tough times, God said to me this morning (Wednesday) that now would be a good time to share.

In 2002, during a Sunday mass baptism, I said: "Now I am going to *anoint* the baby." A four-year-old in the pews leaned over to his mom and said: "Why is he *annoying* the baby? When I was baptized, did he (the priest) *annoy* me?"

That same year, Lauren, age 3-1/2, leaned over to her dad during Communion and asked: "Are those Jesus pieces?" A pretty impressive understanding of the Eucharist for a little one. Four years later, when I was at another parish, I thought of Lauren as I realized she would be making her First Communion that year and receiving Jesus for the first time.

In the spring of 2003, the children at Holy Trinity in Peachtree City were preparing for their First Communion. They did a practice during their class and tasted the wine that in Mass became the Precious Blood of Jesus. After class, Elle, age 7, walked up to me—the brand new assistant priest—during carpool and asked: "Father, the wine they use for Mass, is that a Merlot?" It was also quite fun telling her mom the story and seeing mom's reaction.


In the fall of 2003, the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross (Sept. 14), fell on a Sunday. That day at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the Children's choir sang, composed mainly of fourth and fifth graders. During the Homily I walked over to them saying I had heard we had the smartest choir in the world. I asked them what do you think when you look at the cross (when you think about the cross). The first child said "Wood." The next three answers: "Life," "Love," "Salvation."

When I was at St. Theresa in Douglasville, little Tess, age 5 or 6, one day said to her mom that Father Joe was the "singigest" priest she had ever heard (or known).

At one morning gathering of Vacation Bible School 2009, I was talking with the kids about St. Peter. I explained that Jesus gave Peter the "keys to the kingdom" and that Peter had the keys. Peter, age 5, leaned over to his mom quite concerned and said: "I don't have the keys. . . I don't!" He explained that no one had given *him* the keys and he didn't know where they were. In about ten years he'll want the keys. . . the keys to the car.

### Prayer

"St. Blase, pray for us. Deliver us from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Deliver us from the blindness of ignorance, deafness that refuses to listen and stilled hearts lacking in empathy and compassion. Deliver us from turning religion into a weapon, the good news of Christ into the bad news of judgment and damnation and from using the Spirit's gift of faith to imprison rather than to liberate. Holy bishop and martyr, deliver this community from every disease and through your intercession may we be a welcoming Catholic community where the love of Jesus Christ is learned and lived, sung and shared. Amen." (*St. Blase Parish*)

 "2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected January 31 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$ 4,692.76
<b>Difference</b> .....	- \$ 657.24
<b>Second Collections</b>	
01/31/10 "St. Vincent de Paul ".....	\$ 1,599.81
<b>Campaign '10 Pledges:</b>	
Total donations made (from pledges) as of 01/24/10.....	\$ 89,007.33
January 31 <sup>st</sup> Collections.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$ 89,182.33
<b>Second Collection:</b> Next week's second collection will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.	

### Why We Do What We Do



This weekend we are blessing throats at all the masses. "Saint Blase was a bishop of the early church, exercising his ministry in Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred during the persecutions of the Roman emperor Licinius in about 316AD.

"Tradition says that he was a student of philosophy and perhaps even a physician prior to becoming a bishop. According to legend, when the persecutions began in his city, Blase took refuge in the woods, making a home in a cave. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer. One day hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheatre games found him. They were in shock, for here was Blase, kneeling in prayer, surrounded by lions, bears, and wolves.

"The hunters dragged him away to prison. While incarcerated, a distraught mother came to visit the bishop. Her son had a fish bone caught in his throat and was choking to death. Blase offered prayers for the boy and her son immediately coughed up the bone. The boy's mother then brought Blase food and candles to the prison. This is the probably the most famous story of Saint Blase and . . . of course it is also the basis for the blessing of throats which we do on February 3, Blase's feast day. . . . The cult of Saint Blase can be found as early as the eighth century." (From "The Flame" February 2, 2008, St. Blase Parish, Sterling Heights, Mich.)

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**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

Here I am! Send me.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

So we preached and so you believe.

**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

They left everything and followed Jesus.

### Living the Paschal Mystery

for most of us, Jesus does not come in dramatic and miraculous ways and bid us to follow him ; rather, he comes in the ordinary events of daily living. The gospel invites us to look at the simple ways we live, the ways we have changed our purpose in life to follow Jesus- for example, in the generosity of so many volunteers, in the faithfulness of husbands and wives, in the unselfishness of pastoral workers, in the uncomplaining suffering of the sick, in the gracious wisdom of the elderly, we see faithful followers of Jesus living his teachings. Our yes response is to imitate these good behaviors, and by doing so we are faithful followers. Living the paschal mystery means we respond to God in these little, everyday things. The astonishing thing about this Good News is that we are all made worthy followers simply because God calls. ~Living liturgy

### Stewardship Thought

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

Saturday February 6, 5:30pm.....	Courtney Williams (RIP)
Sunday, February 7, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 7, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 7, 11:30 am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 7, 1:00pm.....	Kevin Rivera (RIP)
Sunday, February 7, 7:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Monday, February 8, 12:15pm.....	Mass
Tuesday February 9, 12:15 pm.....	Mass
Wednesday, February 10, 12:15pm.....	Lee Lehmann (RIP)
Wednesday February 10, 7:00pm.....	Rosary
Thursday, February 11, 12:15pm.....	Communion Service
Friday, February 12, 7:00pm.....	Prayer Group/Adoration
Saturday February 13, 5:30pm.....	Frank Heady (RIP)
Sunday, February 14, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 14, 10:00am(..Spanish Mass)	Soledad Gonzalez (presentation)
Sunday, February 14, 11:30 am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 14, 1:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 14,, 7:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family

### Upcoming Changes in the Mass



It appears that the timeline for changes is changing. It now appears it could be Advent 2011 (November 27, 2011) before the changes are implemented. That gives us more time to reflect and not be in total shock. For Catholics today, any changes to the Mass

seem shocking. The longest period without change was from the Council of Trent (1545-1563) to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Up until the late-700s, there was no universal book of prayers. Each kingdom, each diocese, sometimes each parish, had different prayers. It was actually Charlemagne (742-814), King of the Franks and Holy Roman Emperor, who commissioned the first collecting of all prayers into one book.

"The work of Alcuin (735-804) which had the greatest and most lasting influence in this direction, however, was the Sacramentary, or [Missal](#) which he compiled, using the Gregorian Sacramentary as a basis, and to this adding a supplement of other [liturgical](#) sources. Prescribed as the official Mass-book for the [Frankish](#) Church, Alcuin's [Missal](#) soon came to be commonly used throughout [Europe](#) and was largely instrumental in bringing about uniformity in respect to the liturgy of the Mass in the whole [Western Church.](#)" (*Catholic Encyclopedia*)

Among the prayers he collected is the Blessing Prayer we use before meals: "Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty (thy goodness) through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

### Please pray for the following people who are suffering:

Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith- cancer, Marty McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson-hydrocephalus, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry-prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr. Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -leukemia, Maria Farias- breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Brian Pierce-health & safety, Anthony Ortiz-health, Teresa Howard-health, Lou Brown-brain cancer, Jim Robertson-cancer, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies-safety, The people of Haiti-health & safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim



Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Pearl Turner-Parkinson's.

### **Stewardship**

"You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

### **Save the Date**

The St. Clement Youth Group is sponsoring a silent auction on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. There will be baskets of all sorts and many items to bid on. So, grab a neighbor call the family, and come on out for an evening of fun.

If you would like to donate new items to be raffled at the auction please contact the parish office at (706) 629-2345, or e-mail [stclementcalhoun@yahoo.com](mailto:stclementcalhoun@yahoo.com).

## **Archdiocesan News**

KINDRED SPIRITS is a singles group based out of the CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING but SERVING ALL SINGLES 40 and better in the archdiocese. Members are single, divorced or widowed. The mission is to foster a Christ-centered community with social, spiritual and service events. Come to the next monthly gathering on Sun., Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) in conference room 1 at the Cathedral, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta. A light buffet is served. Meet in the conference room at 5:15 p.m. to join members for Mass. All are welcome. Contact: [www.kindredspiritsatlanta.org](http://www.kindredspiritsatlanta.org), e-mail [info@kindredspiritsatlanta.org](mailto:info@kindredspiritsatlanta.org) or call Mary Putman at (770) 723-9083.

ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL, Atlanta, invites the public to **THE GALA 2010** on Sat., Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the **GRAND HYATT BUCKHEAD**, 3300 Peachtree Road, Atlanta. All friends of St. Pius X are invited to attend this fabulous evening of dining, dancing, live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$90 per person. Contact: Kay Woodward at [kay.woodward@comcast.net](mailto:kay.woodward@comcast.net) or Sally Roy at [garoys@bellsouth.net](mailto:garoys@bellsouth.net) for tickets. For information or to view auction items click on "THE GALA 2010" at [www.spx.org](http://www.spx.org) or visit <http://spx.maestroweb.com>.