

Pentecost Sunday



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Technology changes; human nature does not.

As technology has increasingly become a significant part of our lives, the Church has spoken about the dangers of becoming too reliant on technology. And of believing that technology and innovation is the solution to all our problems (rather than God).

Technology—in and of itself—is good. It becomes a problem when—in the minds of some—it becomes a replacement for God. Also, when technology is used to harm others, to kill and destroy.

Technology can become a form of idolatry. It can also be used to manipulate, control, and have power over others. Some people live in fear because of the technological superiority of a government, an opposition group, or even a neighbor across the street.

Every so often I hear someone say, "I can't live without my cellphone" or "My computer crashed and I lost everything, I wish I were dead." Even if they mean it only in the moment, it is a sign of the danger of depending on technology. We are becoming increasingly dependent on many things that can be taken away in a moment: Accident, Fire, Theft, etc. We must be careful we do not lose sight of reality and the supernatural world beyond our physical tools and toys.

Today we have cameras everywhere and databases that know everything about us. That is troubling because it can fall into the wrong hands. It is a growing problem brought about by technology advancements. Do you trust everyone who has access to your personal information? I don't. We are all one hacker away from being the next identify theft.

Technology also can be used to destroy someone's reputation. When I was in high school, names and phone numbers of someone's former girlfriend might show up on the bathroom walls. "For a good time, call so and so." Now, her information is placed on the Internet where people all over the world can see it. It may include a picture, lots of lies, and lots of private information.

It is the same action of destroying a reputation, but through technology the action has a larger audience and can be more damaging. One mom in Missouri made up a fake MySpace account and targeted a teenage girl who ended up committing suicide. This action is called cyber-bullying. This was a local target. Others go after bigger targets.

When professional news organizations report stories, they must follow professional standards and ethical guidelines. They can be sued, discredited, and shut down if they don't present the truth. Now with social networks, blogs, and other new news sources, anybody can say anything about anyone (in some cases anonymously, in many cases with no accountability).

It could be about an ex-girlfriend or a former boss, or a Hollywood star that you dislike. It can spread quickly. Then, if the story is not true, the damage is done and a reputation is permanently harmed. When the truth comes out later, it is not seen by as many people and not everyone is willing to believe. Increasingly we all question the credibility of any news we hear.

Some forms of technology are making us increasingly isolated and reducing the number of authentic face-to-face relationships. A growing number of people, especially the young, believe cyber-relationships are the same. They are not. If the whole relationship is via technology, it is a pseudo-relationship. Some can be dangerous substitutes.

People get in chat rooms or meet someone through a social website and tell them everything. Someone on the other side of the world knows more about you than your immediate family. That is not good. A 13-year-old girl may think she's writing to a teenage boy, when in reality he is a sexual predator. We must teach our children the pros and cons, the good and the dangers. And we must work on real relationships with the people in our lives—family, friends, co-workers, and others. Not escape into the Internet and withdraw from the people in the next room. A lot of today's social dysfunction and health problems come from overuse of technology.

"Indeed the danger is present that man, confiding too much in the discoveries of today, may think that he is sufficient unto himself and no longer seek the higher things. . . Indeed today's progress in science and technology can foster a certain exclusive emphasis on observable data, and an agnosticism about everything else." (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965, 57*) For many, science and technology has become their God. Sadly, they seek answers that only can come through faith, not through any human invention.

✿✿✿ Prayer ✿✿✿

"Gracious and Holy Father, Please give me: intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a **spirit** to know you, a heart to meditate upon you, ears to hear you, eyes to see you, a tongue to proclaim you, a way of **life** pleasing to you, patience to wait for you and perseverance to look for you.

Grant me a perfect end, your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and **life** everlasting. Amen." (*St. Benedict of Nursia, ca. 480-547, founder of Benedictines and Western monasticism*)



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected May 16 th	\$5,753.97
Difference	+\$ 403.00
Second Collections	
Second collection May 16 th "Catholic Communication".....	\$ 917.42
Campaign '10 Pledges:	
Total donations made (from pledges) as of 05/09/10.....	\$93,947.33
May 16 th collection.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$93,947.33

Next Week's Second Collection

There will be no second collection next week.



Congrats

The parish of St. Clement's would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2010. May God walk with you as you begin the next part of your journey. We are proud of each and every one of you.

Our "2010" Graduates

MARY DUNAGAN (CASS)	JORGE CARRANZA (ST. JOSEPH)
KEVIN BAGGETT (CALHOUN)	Oscar Rojo (Calhoun)
Krystal Funes (Calhoun)	Marisela Garduno (Calhoun)
Samantha Derham (Calhoun)	Diana Guzman (Calhoun)
Danielle Lee Derham (Calhoun)	Efrain Martinez (Calhoun)
Brendolyn Thompson (Calhoun)	Lupe Gonzalez (Sonoraville)
Juan Hernadez (Sonoraville)	Marra Muñoz (Sonoraville)
Vanessa Holguine (Dalton HS)	Arturo Rodriguez (Calhoun)
Maricela Rodriguez (Calhoun)	Flor Anguiano (Sonoraville)
ALEJANDRO GARCIA (ADAIRSVILLE)	Juan Aguirre (Calhoun)
Cecilia Becerra (Calhoun)	Veronica Mendoza (Gordon Central)
ISABEL LOPEZ (ADAIRSVILLE)	Adriana Ayala (Career Academy)
Gladys Farias (Sonoraville)	Antonio Rubio (Calhoun)
Iris Lopez (Calhoun)	Gladis Ramirez (Calhoun)
Yessenia Rosas (Calhoun)	Lilian Mungia (Calhoun)

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2010

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23b-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Living the Paschal Mystery

By this indwelling of the Holy Spirit we ourselves become advocates of God's presence for others. This gift of the Spirit, then, makes its demands on us. We must monitor the way we live so that others truly see us as advocates of God's presence bringing new life.

This new life that we share with others might be as a reassuring touch or helping hand. It might be as great as making a sacrifice of time to join the parish choir or volunteering for some task that needs to be done for the good of all. Living the Gospel means that we bask in the good gift of God's life that the Spirit brings. Living the paschal mystery means that this good gift has its cost we still must die to ourselves in order to be the true presence of Christ for others. ~Living liturgy

Stewardship Thought

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

Saturday May 22, 5:30pm..... Our Parish Family
 Sunday, May 23, 8:30am..... Cindy Wilson (health)
 Sunday, May 23, 10:00am..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
 Sunday, May 23, 11:30 am..... Larry Gonzalez (RIP)
 Sunday, May 23, 1:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
 Sunday, May 23, 5:00pm..... Confirmation Mass with AB Gregory
 Sunday, May 23, 7:00pm..... **NO MASS**
 Monday, May 24, 12:15pm..... Daily Mass
 Tuesday May 25, 12:15 pm..... Daily Mass
 Wednesday, May 26, 12:15pm..... Daily Mass
 Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 pm..... Rosary
 Thursday, May 27, 12:15 pm..... Communion Service
 Friday, May 28, 7:00pm..... Prayer Group/ Adoration
 Saturday May 29, 5:30pm..... Pearl Turner (RIP)
 Sunday, May 30, 8:30am..... Our Parish Family
 Sunday, May 30, 10:00am..... (Spanish Mass) Nataly Ayala (3yr. presentation)
 Sunday, May 30, 11:30 am..... Our Parish Family
 Sunday, May 30, 1:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
 Sunday, May 30, 7:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



How to defeat the enemy: Rely on Christ. Seek Him. Know Him. Know about Him. Seek His Wisdom. Pray Daily. Follow His Way. Do not fight alone. When you fall, seek His forgiveness and new strength. Forgive yourself. Learn from your mistakes. Learn your weaknesses and what tempts you. Arise again. Protect areas of weakness. Rely even more on God's grace. Seek the sacraments even more (receive Communion and go to Confession more frequently). Resist Temptation more courageously. Avoid People and Places that will lead you into sin. Surround yourself with spiritual people. Become accountable to God and to them. Live a life led by the Spirit and not by the flesh. Let God be in charge, not you. Let God lead and learn to listen. Become obedient to Christ; compliant and fully cooperative.

Avoid the glitter, seek things that are lasting. Avoid passing things, seek what is eternal.

Please pray for the 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, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Jenna Proctor-health, Jeff Elder-health, Serge Kastorsky-cancer, Terry Alan-bladder cancer, Lisa Clark-failed surgery, Betty Maddox-chemo, Donald Hicks-health, Jeff Bigelow-health, Cindy Wilson-health, Audrin King-cancer, Bud Murphy-health, Geri Harper-breast cancer.

STEWARDSHIP



Thank you to the many volunteers, servants, helpers, etc., who give of their time in big and small ways, often behind the scenes. We have people who buy wine for the church, wash altar linens, help count the Sunday collections, change light bulbs, push vacuums and mops, etc. We have people who carry out garbage, who move tables, who donate food to several events, who repair pews, who send encouraging notes, who show the face of Christ in many different ways. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



JUNE HAPPENINGS

June is coming and is full of many exciting events. The Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress is June 4-5 at the Georgia International Convention Center near the Atlanta Airport. They will have tracks for adults, young adults, teenagers, and children.

St. Clement's will have two sessions of Vacation Bible School (mornings June 8-11 and evenings June 15-18). This year our theme is: "Come and Explore Noah's Ark." We will even help Noah find the animals!

June 21-25 we will be offering Confirmation 101 for rising ninth and 10th graders. This will be a **required program** for students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will cover core Catholic beliefs and help candidates better understand and more completely accept their faith. It will also help them explain our faith and become better witnesses.

June 26-July 3, we will have a group of teens and adult leaders going to Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) in Nashville, Tenn. They will be doing mission work and growing spiritually. They still need paint brushes and donation (or loan) of other tools for their projects.

Also, we will be having our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Stay tuned for the date!

Archdiocesan News

Unemployed? MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, 2971 Butner Road, SW, Atlanta, hosts **GO-UP (GET OUT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT PIT)** each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Interested individuals gather in a Christian setting to reflect on the call of God in these difficult times, discuss how to find resources in the job search, network with the employed and unemployed, and increase skills to look for new employment. This ministry joins with other churches and other agencies in reaching out to those finding these economic times hard to live with and understand. Anyone in

need of such support is welcome to come once or as many times as needed. Contact: (404) 349-0176.