

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## ***From the Pastor's Desk....***

Dear Parish Family,

In these passed few weeks we have been blessed with many themes throughout our most recent Gospel readings, as well as those from the Old and New Testament. We are affirmed by the fact our Eucharistic Lord is truly present with us. I have said it so many times in these past weeks, that as Catholic Christians we are faced with one of the most challenging aspects of our faith as we strive for a life of holiness while we have one foot rooted in the world and one already in heaven. We are called to understand the great difference of living a life in the spirit versus living a life in the flesh. Our heartfelt desire as humans is to be united with our God, and the only way that we can manage that is by living fully in the Spirit. In order to live in the Spirit there must be a basic truth and level of awareness understood, for without God it is not possible to live in the fullness of his grace and mercy.

The ways of our faith are in fact the passage for which God has given us to be lead into a life of fulfillment. This fulfillment cannot be purchased with money, nor can be understood in material terms, but is the gift of everlasting life. It is this wonderful gift that should be on our hearts and minds constantly, as we strive always to live in the way of God, obeying His commands and not falling for the temptations and empty promises the physical world often gives us.

In order to live a life in the Spirit it is necessary that we learn to listen to the voice of God. He constantly is speaking to us if we will only stop and take a deep breathe and listen. Sometimes it is hard to accept the fact that as human beings it is quite possible that we become unteachable. To be unteachable means that we have fostered a spirit within us that is contrary to the workings of God in our lives. People who are unteachable can never be corrected, they are argumentative, and become indignant and closed to an ability to respond to God, because the sin of pride prevails. Some choose to believe that all people are teachable. It is correct to say that all people have the capability to be teachable, but create obstacles preventing God from penetrating their hearts and minds because of sin.

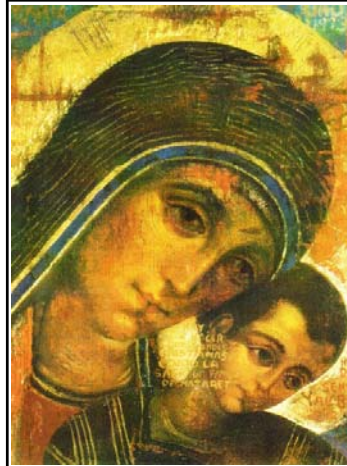
To be a teachable soul, means that we are simply open to the ways of God and His commands, and dare to trust enough to listen to Him. This is why in the Scripture we understand God as Father who tells us to listen to His Son, for He has the truths of everlasting life.

Our greatest concern as humans should not be the economy or our need for material success, but rather we should devise a serious concern for the sake of our salvation. How do we know that we are doing all we can to make sure that we will see God face to face? Have we accepted the not so pleasant sides of our human nature that cause us to sin and even be unteachable? Have we called upon the Lord to assist us in transforming our ways so that we may be open to His Word and direction?

Let us pray... Create in me a clean heart oh God, renew a right spirit within me, and cast me not away, cast me not away, take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

The Holy Spirit is the cause of our transformation.....let us reconcile our hearts with the Lord.....confession anyone???

Peace,  
Fr. Michael



**Come and  
listen!**

**Adult catechesis  
(Ages 13 & older)  
Mondays & Thursdays  
beginning  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at  
7:30pm  
Inside the church  
Free Babysitting will be  
provided**

**Neocatechumenal Way**

## **Monica Breaux, PhD, MSW**

Dr. Breaux offers ***spiritual direction, counseling and Neurofeedback.*** Her office is located in the Notre Dame Center. You can contact her at 602-350-5557, ***by appointment only.***

## **Our Lady's Guild**

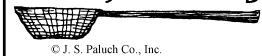
Regroup, refresh & rededicate ourselves in service to God first, our country, parish & community. The first meeting for the year will be held on ***Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.*** All ladies of the parish are invited to get involved, share your talents and enjoy the different activities and/or programs presented each month. We will have a pot-luck—bring your favorite dish to share! ***Please remember to bring Peanut Butter for our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.*** For more information please call 623-915-0488.

## **Bourgade Catholic High School**

**Eighth Grade Days Scheduled!** Eighth grade students from any school (public or private), or home-schooled students preparing for high school in 2010 are invited to attend one of two ***"Eighth Grade Days"*** at Bourgade Catholic High School on either ***Friday, September 25th or Friday, October 23rd.*** The day's events start with registration at 9:15 am and end at 1:10 pm. If you attend a Catholic Elementary school, please check with your teacher or principal to see if your class is scheduled to come as a group. Individuals must register by calling Mary Ann Burns at 602-973-4000 EXT #169. Bourgade Catholic H.S. is located at 4602 N. 31st Ave, just west of I-17 1/4 mile south of Camelback Rd.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Weekly Contribution Amounts  
*Sunday, August 30, 2009*  
 Sunday Collection \$

**Weekly Offering**



*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Cenacle of Fire, Sept. 18th**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the MIB Men in Black will have to postpone their return until a later date. Dr. Monica (Bro) Breaux, well renown for her candid talks on human sexuality and Catholic teaching will be our guest at the Cenacle of Fire on September 18, 2009...Come and learn what the Church really teaches regarding homosexuality and same sex attraction.

This candid talk is for mature audiences so though our Cenacle of Fire is intergenerational, teens and adults only please. We will begin with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song by Family Spirit Music, then hear Dr. Breaux's talk, and gather afterwards at the cafe COF...Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday, Sept. 7/Lunes, 7 de Septiembre, 2009</b>		
5:30 pm	Children's Choir Practice	Confer. Rm
7:00 pm	Youth Group	Hall
7:30 pm	Neocatechumenal Way	Church
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 8/Martes, 8 de Septiembre</b>		
9:30 am	World Apostolate of Fatima	Chapel
6:00 pm	Christian Formation, Spanish	Class Rms
7:00 pm	RCIA, Spanish	Confer. B
7:00 pm	RCIA, English	Confer. A
7:00 pm	Novena/Rosary	Church
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 9/Miercoles, 9 de Septiembre</b>		
6:00 pm	Christian Formation, English	Class Rms
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice	Confer. Rm
7:00 pm	Our Lady's Guild Meeting	Hall
7:00 pm	Bible Study, Gospel of Luke	Chapel
<b>Thursday, Sept. 10/Jueves, 10 de Septiembre</b>		
6:00 pm	Spanish Choir Practice	Confer. Rm
7:00 pm	Adult Catechism	Confer. B
7:00 pm	Agua Viva	Hall
7:00 pm	Guadalupanos	Capilla
7:30 pm	Neocatechumenal Way	Church
<b>Friday, Sept. 11/Viernes, 11 de Septiembre</b>		
7:00 pm	Grupo Familiar	Capilla
7:00 pm	Grupo Jovenes	Casa Maria
<b>Saturday, Sept. 12/Sabado, 12 de Septiembre</b>		
9:00 am	Call to Protect (Spanish)	Hall
4:00 pm	Youth Group	Confer. B
<b>Sunday, Sept. 13/Domingo, 13 de Septiembre</b>		
9:00 am	OLPH School Pancake Breakfast	Hall

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, September 7 — Labor Day**  
 6:15 am —NO EARLY MASS  
 8:30 am - † Paul Silva  
**Tuesday, Sept. 8 —Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 6:15 am— † Dorathy Figueroa  
 8:30 am † Natividad Aguayo  
**Wednesday, September 9 — St. Peter Claver**  
 6:15 am —† Mary Chagolla  
 8:30 am † Jim Peterson  
**Thursday, September 10**  
 6:15 am - † Ray Figueroa  
 8:30 am - † Paul Garvey  
**Friday, September 11**  
 6:15 am - † Paul Silva  
 8:30 am —† Dorathy Figueroa  
 7:00 pm - † Bibiano Bustos  
**Saturday, September 12 — Holy Name of Mary**  
 8:30 am - D.J.M. & M.O.M  
 5:00 pm - Intentions of Fr. Pinto  
 7:00 pm - † Rosaria Felix Castro  
**Sunday, September 13**  
 6:30 am —† Ernie Chavez  
 8:30 am † Joaquin Ruiz  
 10:00 am Intentions Torres family  
 10:30 am For the People  
 12:30 pm —† Octavio Luna

**Remember in prayer all who are sick in our community, and those who have asked for your prayers:** Mary Fedro, Anne Fogus, Delfina Noriega, Darrell Dockery, William Seely, Lupe Escamilla, Jenny Dunston, Arvilla Schrayner, Mark Dreher, Pam Meyers, Kevin Chisquet, Concha Jauregui, Jim Vasquez, Marlena Peña, Cristina Lopez, Pat Norby, Frances Bowers, Maria Carpenter, Jesus de la Cruz, Margarita Millan, Elizabeth Millan, Joann Soto, Jackie Soto, Tina Betencourt, Cruz Hernandez, Eloisa Lopez, Cindy Gentry, Michael Manners, Richard Hernandez, Rose Ann Carpenter, Belen Ani, John Boland, Madeline Gross, Pat Hofer, Ron Benson, Ann Whiting, Thomas Hassett, Rene Woodward, Paula Cano, and Marjorie A. Weise. **Pray for deployed members of the military:** Lance Corp. Juan Torres **Pray for all who have died:**

## Homeschooling Support

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is looking to start a homeschoolers support group. All Roman Catholic families who homeschool their children are encouraged to contact the parish office. We are seeking to create a support system for Catholic homeschoolers by having liturgies, and days of reflection. Please assist us by calling the parish office if you are interested in this proposed ministry.

## DEBES VER MÁS ALLÁ DE LAS APARIENCIAS

La frase “vestido de domingo” ha perdido gran parte de su significado en la sociedad actual. Algunos se lamentan de que la gente ya no se ponga elegante para asistir a la iglesia los domingos; otros consideran que es un síntoma saludable que nos vistamos tan informalmente cuando nos reunimos ante el Señor como en los demás lugares. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra opinión sobre este tema, Santiago seguramente nos reprendería. En ambos casos, seguimos centrándonos en las apariencias, creyendo que suponen una especie de posición privilegiada ante Dios. Es cierto, Santiago critica a la comunidad que favorece a los ricos y bien vestidos mientras condena al ostracismo a los que están pobremente vestidos, pero critica aun más a quienes hacen distinciones y toman decisiones en base a criterios que nada tienen que ver con el Reino de Dios. Puede que Santiago enfoque nuestra atención hacia el Reino de Dios que describe Isaías, en el cual la gente es curada y la tierra se hace fértil para dar fruto. Jesús hoy se enfoca en este Reino de Dios cuando cura a un gentil en una región hostil a su fe judía, sin tener en cuenta el origen, la vestimenta ni la condición social de este hombre, ni siquiera su habilidad para retribuirle la atención. Isaías, Santiago y Jesús en el Evangelio según san Marcos nos llaman a ir más allá de las apariencias para averiguar dónde se debe hacer y se ha hecho la voluntad de Dios, así en la tierra como en el cielo.

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## Agua Viva

Las clases de Agua Viva comenzarán el **10 de Septiembre en el Salón Parroquial a las 7:00 PM.** Con un costo de \$30.00.

Si usted quiere aprender mas sobre la Liturgia, los Sacramentos y sobre nuestra Iglesia Católica y Romana, vengan no se arrepentiran.

**Sister Maria Celia Molina les invita que vengan los esperamos!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lc 6:6-11, o bien, para el **Día del Trabajo**, úsese cualquier lectura tomada de la Misa **“Bendiciones para el Trabajo Humano”**, núms. 907-911

**Martes:** Mi 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]

**Miércoles:** Col 3:1-11; Lc 6:20-26

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**Domingo:** Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115); Jas 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El rito del bautismo contiene varios elementos simbólicos que merecen nuestra atención. El agua, por ejemplo, es un elemento de doble significado. Es símbolo de vida y pureza. Además, la misma agua que es símbolo de vida, también puede traer la muerte. En el rito del bautismo el agua da muerte a nuestro viejo ser para hacernos renacer a la vida abundante que nos promete el Señor.

Una vez renacidos se nos recuerda que nos hemos revestido de Cristo (las vestiduras blancas), que Dios nos ha iluminado (la vela) y nos ha ungido (seleccionado) con el crisma, óleo perfumado con que se consagraban los reyes, profetas y sacerdotes en tiempos bíblicos.

Todos estos símbolos son bellos, pero a mi parecer, el más bello es el de Efata, que en griego significa ábrete. El ministro bendice los oídos del bautizado para que se abran a la Palabra de Dios y le bendice también la boca para que proclame no sólo alabanzas a Dios, sino para que sea un pregonero de su palabra. El cristiano debe ser una persona atenta a la voz de Dios para poder servirlo y proclamarlo al prójimo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.