

ONE MIND...ONE HEART...ONE SPIRIT!

THE CROSS TO BEAR

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

—Thomas à Kempis



AFTER THE HOMILY WITH FR. MICHAEL

**Friday, October 9, 2009
in the church at 7p.m.**

COME OUT FOR A UNIQUE AND INSPIRA-
TIONAL INTERACTIVE NIGHT AS WE DIVE INTO
THE MEANS AND MOTIVES BEHIND THE
HOMILIES OF FR. MICHAEL

Surely there is more where that came from...

WE HAVE ENJOYED SO MANY THEMES AND
MESSAGES IN FR. MICHAEL'S HOMILIES OVER
THE PAST TWO YEARS

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR MORE IN
DEPTH TEACHINGS AND HAVE YOUR ONE ON
ONE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR HOMILY YOU RE-
MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE MORE INDEPTH
TEACHING ON THE SUBJECT SIMPLY FILL OUT
THE FORM AND DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION
BASKET PRIOR TO OUR NEXT AFTER THE
HOMILY.

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.

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**.

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.

After the Homily with Fr. Michael

*Request For More In-depth teaching
and discussion of a previous homily*

Name _____

Mass attended _____

Theme of Homily _____

Questions for discussion at the event

What more would you like to know about this particular theme or subject?

Here's a thought....

(Deuteronomy 14:23) says, "**Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the first-born of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives**"

We develop spiritual fitness when we honor God by giving him a tithe every week. Tithing is the spiritual habit of giving back to God the first 10 percent of all I make. If I make \$100, I give \$10 back to God; if I make \$1000, I give \$100 back to God. I get to keep 90 percent but I give 10 percent to him.

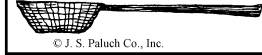


Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Weekly Contribution Amounts
Sunday, August 23, 2009

Sunday Collection \$12,000.54
August 30 \$11,250.75

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Weekly Offering



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.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 14/Lunes, 14 de Sept., 2009
5:30 pm Children's Choir Practice Confer. Rm
7:00 pm Youth Group Hall
7:30 pm Neocatechumenal Way Church

Tuesday, Sept. 15/Martes, 15 de Septiembre
9:30 am World Apostolate of Fatima Chapel
6:00 pm Christian Formation, Spanish Class Rms
6:30 pm C.F. Parent meeting, Spanish Hall
7:00 pm RCIA, Spanish Confer. B
7:00 pm RCIA, English Confer. A
7:00 pm Novena/Rosary Church

Wednesday, Sept. 16/Miercoles, 16 de Sept.
6:00 pm Christian Formation, English Class Rms
6:30 pm C.F. Parent meeting, English Hall
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice Confer. Rm
7:00 pm Bible Study, Gospel of Luke Chapel

Thursday, Sept. 17/Jueves, 17 de Septiembre
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

Friday, Sept. 18/Viernes, 18 de Septiembre
7:00 pm Cenacle of Fire Church
7:00 pm Grupo Familiar Capilla
7:00 pm Grupo Jovenes Casa Maria

Saturday, Sept. 19/Sabado, 19 de Septiembre
4:00 pm Youth Group Confer. B

Sunday, Sept. 20/Domingo, 20 de Septiembre

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Masses for the Week

Monday, Sept. 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:15 am —† Martin David Rodriguez
8:30 am - † Paul Silva

Tuesday, Sept. 15 — Our Lady of the Snows
6:15 am— † William Koontz
8:30 am † Dorathy Figueroa

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
6:15 am —† Ralph Bowman
8:30 am † Erlinda Ramirez

Thursday, September 17
6:15 am - † Virginia Hernandez
8:30 am - Our Lady's Guild

Friday, September 18
6:15 am - † Kelly Aldridge
8:30 am —† Johnny Almanza, Sr.
7:00 pm - † Erlinda Ramirez

Saturday, September 19
8:30 am - St. Joseph & St. Jude
5:00 pm - † Frank Durazo
7:00 pm - † Isabel Alvarado

Sunday, September 20
6:30 am —For the People
8:30 am † Saavedra, Goodluck & Lee families
10:00 am † Omar Robledo
10:30 am Intentions of Mercedes Perez
12:30 pm —† Josefina Sotelo

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:**

Adventures in Healing

A Child's Journey Through Grief

Beginning *Tuesday, September 22* and continuing for 7 consecutive weeks through November 3rd from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm there will be a workshop for children ages 6 to 12 years old, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend a separate group which is held simultaneously with the children's group. ***THERE IS NO CHARGE!***

Space is limited and an RSVP is required to attend. Call Diane Knudsen at 602-589-2130 for more information.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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CONFIANZA

Mi pasado, Señor, lo confío a tu misericordia, mi presente a tu amor, mi futuro a tu providencia. *—San Agustín*

ESCUCHANDO Y RESPONDIENDO

En las lecturas de hoy se entrecruzan tres temas: escuchar a Dios, la fe vs. las buenas obras y perder nuestra vida para poder salvarla. ¿De qué manera están relacionados estos temas?

En Isaías, el Siervo que Sufre padece muchos disgustos y burlas, pero puede soportarlos porque ha escuchado los mensajes de Dios día tras día. El salmo nos dice que Dios también escucha. Dios escucha nuestras súplicas y siempre está dispuesto a salvarnos. Cuando nuestra fe se profundiza, también se profundiza nuestro deseo de hacer obras de justicia y caridad que fortalecen el Reino de Dios. Dios guía nuestras acciones de maneras que muchas veces no podemos ver y no siempre vemos los resultados. Se nos llama en fe a confiar en que lo que hacemos es suficiente y que nuestra disposición a escuchar los mensajes de Dios nos guiará por el camino correcto.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Latinoamérica, a Satanás lo conocemos como Chamuco, Belcebú, Diablo, Cucu, Patillas, Pedro Botero, Lucifer, etcétera; aún así, procuramos evitarlo. Según los evangelistas Mateo y Marcos, Jesús llama a Satanás a Simón Pedro. Jesús le dice a Satanás por ser un obstáculo en el camino que Dios le ha designado y por no pensar según Dios, sino más bien, según sus criterios humanos.

Luego de que Jesús anuncia que debía sufrir, morir y resucitar, Pedro lo regaña diciendo: "Dios no lo permita" (Marcos 8:32). Pedro está actuando como Satanás, y Jesucristo lo reprende, diciendo: "¡Retírate, ve detrás de mí, Satanás! Porque tus pensamientos no son los de Dios, sino los de los hombres" (Mateo 16:23).

Jesús nos está desafiando a nosotros, no sólo a Pedro. Hay que pensar como Dios, no como la humanidad. Cuando pecamos, muchas veces nos autojustificamos, diciendo: "Soy humano", como si el hecho de pecar fuera el único aspecto que reflejara nuestra humanidad. María nunca pecó. Jesús es verdaderamente humano y tampoco pecó. Jesús mismo comparte plenamente nuestra humanidad para hacernos partícipes de su divinidad. Por tal motivo, el pecado no define la humanidad. Jesús nos invita a pensar como Dios para apartar a Satanás.

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

LLEVAR LA CRUZ

Si de buena voluntad llevas la cruz, ella te llevará, y guiará al fin deseado.

—Tomás de Kempis



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