

The Pastor's Corner . . .

Instruction on the Eucharist (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*)

*It helps first of all to place this Instruction at its origin. At the Solemn Last Supper Mass on Holy Thursday in St Peter's Basilica, on April 17, 2003, the Holy Father signed and gave to the Church his fourteenth encyclical letter, **Ecclesia de Eucharistia**.*

*This is the origin of this **Instruction** which the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, in close collaboration with the Congregation for the Faith, now offers to the Latin Church.*

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It is my hope and prayer that we can all learn more about the Eucharist and the beauty of the Liturgy, Fr. Joe.

CHAPTER 1, Part 1

The Regulation of the Sacred Liturgy

14. The regulation of the Sacred Liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, which rests specifically with the Apostolic See and, according to the norms of law, with the Bishop.

15. The Roman Pontiff, "the Vicar of Christ and the Pastor of the universal Church on earth, by virtue of his supreme office enjoys full, immediate and universal ordinary power, which he may always freely exercise," also by means of communication with the pastors and with the members of the flock.

16. "It pertains to the Apostolic See to regulate the Sacred Liturgy of the universal Church, to publish the liturgical books and to grant the *recognitio* for their translation into vernacular languages, as well as to ensure that the liturgical regulations, especially those governing the celebration of the most exalted celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass, are everywhere faithfully observed."

17. "The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments attends to those matters that pertain to the Apostolic See as regards the regulation and promotion of the Sacred Liturgy, and especially the Sacraments, with due regard for the competence of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It fosters and enforces sacramental discipline, especially as regards their validity and their licit celebration. Finally, it "carefully seeks to ensure that the liturgical regulations are observed with precision and that abuses are prevented or eliminated whenever they are detected."

18. Christ's faithful have the right that ecclesiastical authority should fully and efficaciously regulate the Sacred Liturgy lest it should ever seem to be "anyone's private property, whether of the celebrant or of the community in which the mysteries are celebrated."

19. The diocesan Bishop, the first steward of the mysteries of God in the particular Church entrusted to him, is the moderator, promoter and guardian of her whole liturgical life. For "the Bishop, endowed with the fullness of the Sacrament of Order, is 'the steward of the grace of the high Priesthood,' especially in the Eucharist in which he himself offers or causes to be offered, by which the Church continually lives and grows."

20. Indeed, the pre-eminent manifestation of the Church is found whenever the Rites of Mass are celebrated, especially in the cathedral church, "with the full and active participation of the entire holy People of God, joined in one act of prayer, at one altar at which the Bishop presides," surrounded by his presbyterate with the Deacons and ministers. Furthermore, "every lawful celebration of the Eucharist is directed by the Bishop, According to the precepts of the Lord and the laws of the Church, further specified by his own particular judgment for the Diocese."

21. It pertains to the Diocesan Bishop, then, "within the limits of his competence, to set forth liturgical norms in his Diocese, by which all are bound." Still, the Bishop must take care not to allow the removal of that liberty foreseen by the norms of the liturgical books so that the celebration may be adapted in an intelligent manner to the church building, or to the group of the faithful who are present, or to particular pastoral circumstances in such a way that the universal sacred Rite is truly accommodated to human understanding.

22. The Bishop governs the particular Church entrusted to him, and it is his task to regulate, to direct, to encourage, and sometimes also to reprove; this is a sacred task that he has received through episcopal Ordination, which he fulfills in order to build up his flock in truth and holiness.

23. The faithful "should cling to the Bishop as the Church does to Jesus Christ, and as Jesus does to the Father, so that all may be in harmonious unity, and that they may abound to the glory of God." To the diocesan Bishop therefore falls the right and duty of overseeing and attending to churches and oratories in his territory in regard to liturgical matters,

24. It is the right of the Christian people themselves that their diocesan Bishop take care to prevent the occurrence of abuses in ecclesiastical discipline, especially as regards the ministry of the word, the celebration of the Sacraments and sacramentals, the worship of God and devotion to the Saints.

25. Commissions as well as councils or committees established by the Bishop to handle "the promotion of the Liturgy, sacred music and art in his Diocese" should act in accordance with the intentions and the norms of the Bishop; they must rely on his authority and his approval so that they carry out their office in a suitable manner and so that the effective governance of the Bishop in his Diocese will be preserved.

Next Week Chapter 1 Continued with sections

2. The Conference of Bishops, 3. Priests, 4. Deacons

Peace in Christ Jesus, Fr. Joe

**REMINDER:**

The Recommended posture for the "Our Father" at Mass is hands together. This is a symbol of submission to God and acceptance of HIS will – Now listen to your Prayer.

Mass for Our Country and World Peace

We all remember September 11, 2001. Let us come together and pray for our Country and World Peace. **Bishop Connolly** will preside at a Mass Thursday evening September 11 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH LIFE

AROUND ONE TABLE .THE DIOCESAN CHURCH



Consider Hope: (33) Augustine “uses a very beautiful image to describe this process of enlargement and preparation of the human heart. “Suppose that God wishes to fill you with honey [a symbol of God's tenderness and goodness]; but if you are full of vinegar, where will you put the honey?” The vessel, that is your heart, must first be enlarged and then cleansed, freed from the vinegar and its taste. This requires hard work and is painful, but in this way alone do we become suited to that for which we are destined. Even if Augustine speaks directly only of our capacity for God, it is nevertheless clear that through this effort by which we are freed from vinegar and the taste of vinegar, not only are we made free for God, but we also become open to others. It is only by becoming children of God, that we can be with our common Father.” May God bless you with hopeful prayer which enlarges and prepares your heart for God. +Bishop Vasa

**THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP OFF FOOD ITEMS
FOR ST. VINCENT'S PANTRY.
EVEN THOUGH THE RETAIL IS CLOSED, THEY
STILL SERVICE MANY PEOPLE AND FAMILIES
EVERY WEEK THAT ARE DESPERATE FOR
FOOD.

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

If you are planning on an **event at the downtown church**, you must call and schedule it through Sheila or one of the volunteers at the front desk.
If you are scheduling the **St. Clare Chapel**....you must talk to both the **front desk and Sally** for availability.

ALTAR CARE ... August 28, 29, 30
Ann Woods, Debbi Huber, Pat Wibel,
Terry Chaney

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2008
Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 17, 402.00
Actual Collection August 17, 2008 \$ 10, 465.00
Over/(Under) \$ (6, 937.00)



**BUILDING OUR NEW CHURCH,
CORNER**
Come by and check out the new church.
Things are changing every day.

**THE GOLD RUSH IS STILL GOING
STRONG...**if you have old pieces of jewelry you no longer want, please bring them in and we will take them off your hands.....we also take silver and old coins.

“WE CAN” CANS PROGRAM UPDATE:
August 3, \$50.59
August 10, \$69.56
August 17, \$17.49

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH,
ANNUAL PARISH, K/C PICNIC.
THIS IS SIGN-UP DAY FOR ALL RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

SERRA CLUB OF BAKER Meets 7PM, Thursday, August 28, Seminar Rm. 2 at the Catholic Center. Fr. Mark will be the speaker. For more information call 389-1313.

Readings for the week of :August

25-31, 2008	28
	1 Cor 1:1-9
25	Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12	Mt 24:42-51
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5	29
Mt 23:13-22	1 Cor 1:17-25
26	Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17	Mk 6:17-29
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13	30
Mt 23:23-26	1 Cor 1:26-31
27	Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18	Mt 25:14-30
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5	31
Mt 23:27-32	Jer 20:7-9
	Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
	Mt 16:21-27

ADULT FAITH

Classes on the Catholic Church: “LET US KNOW OUR CHURCH AND FAITH MORE” is taught by Fr. Mark, Thursdays, 7-8 PM at The Catholic Center.
For more information call 382-3631.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

RCIA—“Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults” ...
NEWINQUIRERS ... Begins August 28, 6:30-8:30 PM, at the
Catholic Center. For more information, call Barbara, 382-3631 ext. 120,
or email her at better@stfrancisbend.org

 In celebrating this month of the Assumption, let us ask Mary's motherly intercession to draw souls to the Catholic Church. RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what he intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting Mon., September 8,
 General Meeting 7 PM in the Seminar Room 1. For Info Call Grand Knight Bob Gennette, 317-8534. *Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.*
 ..call Joe Pierce, 382-6675 for more information.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #2041... Begins again Sept. 8, 2008. All adult Catholic women are invited. For information call: 388-0109.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. FRANCIS
 The 3rd Sunday of each month.
 Downtown Church, 4PM
 For more information call Steve Shope, 385-0319
 Or email www.unovoceco.org

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Joshua dramatically offered the Israelites a choice to follow God or to serve other gods. In our daily life we face the same choice: to pursue the things of this world or to choose God.

Where Does Your Tithe Go?

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II said: “We cannot stand idly by, enjoying our own riches and freedom if, in any place the Lazarus of the twentieth century [or any century] stands at our doors.” - Our “Basket” supports the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy that Christ asked us to live by – These works are the reason our Church has gone through the test of time – Hold true to the fundamentals of our Church! Feed the Hungry, Give drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Visit the Imprisoned, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Bury the Dead, Admonish the Sinner, Instruct the Ignorant, Counsel the Doubtful, Comfort the Sorrowful, Bear wrongs PATIENTLY, Forgive all Injuries, PRAY for the Living and the Dead

“Pray that your dollars go to God’s Work!”

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

Please call the office for more information on the classes, or to register ...382-3631 ext 119

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... K-5:

Registration for ‘08-09 Religious Ed begins at the Parish Picnic and Ministry sign-up day, Sunday, September 7. Come join us and bring the family to the Parish Center for a fun afternoon. Information? Duke, 382-3631

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

It’s time to register for High School Ministry Life Nights! Sunday Sept. 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 7p.m. at the Catholic Center! Come join us for our Parish Picnic/ BBQ and get all your paperwork in at once! For more info., contact June at 382-3631 ext 115.

OUR PARISH FAMILY IS IN NEED OF :
 A DIRECTOR FOR THE CHILDREN’S CHOIR
 AN ORGANIST FOR 2 SUNDAYS A MONTH AT THE 11AM MASS.

Please contact Gail at 382-3631 for more information



CONFIRMATION—Are you going into the

6th grade through 12th grade? Have you completed all your sacraments but Confirmation? If you are interested in being Confirmed this school year in **OUR NEW CHURCH** 2008/2009 please **SAVE THE DATE** of Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm for the Kick-off Meeting – Here at the Catholic Center Community Center! Drinks and Cookies will be provided! Check out the Website for more info!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH-

Do you have a Child that needs to be around the Word of God? Starting this Fall 2008 Middle School Youth Ministry will meet 2 Sundays a Month! The format is a Bible Study then an activity! Great Fun! Consider signing up for the year ~ the program runs October – May. Bring your Middle Schoolers here and share God’s love with them. For ANY information call Susie, 382-3631 ext 110 or email ssrossi@stfrancisbend.org

TEEN SEEKERS –Time to Register. All 6th to 12th graders who are baptized yet have not completed 1st Holy Communion or 1st Confession Teen Seekers is for you! The 1st meeting is Saturday, Oct 4 at the Catholic Center at 9 am - Please contact Susie at 382-3631 ext. 110 or by email at ssrossi@stfrancisbend.org for more details!