Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

The Wednesday Morning English Bible Study Group will begin Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John (a Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study) on Wednesday September 7.

The study is eight weeks and will end November 16. We will be meeting right after the Wednesday morning Mass in the Community Life Center from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. No prior experience with Bible study is necessary – only a desire to spend some time each day with scripture.

Please pre-register with Carmen Delgado so that enough material can be ordered. Contact Carmen by phone at 281-550-5003, or at duane_carmen@msn.com, or you can leave a message at the front desk in the parish office.

There is a $20 fee for the book, and scholarships are available. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

In the Gospel for this Sunday (Luke 14:25-33), Jesus identifies three conditions of discipleship. They are 1) Put the love of God above every human love; 2) Accept sacrifice and self-denial, and 3) Be detached from material riches and love poverty instead.

At first glance, these stipulations may seem crazy. At the very least, they are counter-cultural, as they were for the disciples who first heard them. But they are part of God’s saving Word to us.

Perhaps we can understand Christ’s words better if we consider what is contrary to the path he puts before us. Putting love of self above love of God leads to narcissism. Turning away from self-denial leads to indulgence. Focusing on material gain leads to greed. Surrendering to these vices leads to slavery to sin and to self. Even though the narcissist, the indulgent, and the materialist think they are free because they are doing what they want, they have instead chained themselves to burdens that can lead to their moral and spiritual destruction.

By inviting to follow His way instead, Jesus is promising His disciples true freedom.

In 1937, the Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote the book, “The Cost of Discipleship,” against the background of the Nazi regime. Bonhoeffer makes a distinction between what he calls “cheap” and “costly” grace:

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, Baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ.

“Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. It is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: ‘My yoke is easy and my burden is light.’”

Jesus invites us to follow Him without counting the cost. How can we not accept this invitation knowing that He has already paid the price for us?

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds
Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor

My Sunday homilies are on line at our parish website: www.weasCatholic.org.

Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday
6:30 a.m. Latin
9:00 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. English
On Friday, the evening Mass is in Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt)
7:30 p.m. Miércoles en Español

Saturday
7:30 a.m. Latin
9:00 a.m. English

Anticipated Masses
5:00 p.m. English
6:30 p.m. Español
8:00 p.m. Tiếng Việt

Sunday Masses
7:00 a.m. English
8:00 a.m. Latin (FLC)
8:30 a.m. English
10:30 a.m. English
11:00 a.m. Latin (FLC)
12:15 p.m. English
2:00 p.m. Español
5:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Español

Confession

Wednesday
5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Friday
5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Saturday
3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

First Friday
8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m.
5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Luke’s Gospel proclaimed at the Sunday Masses in September announce themes of preparation, reconciliation and mercy. Christ’s words call to us through the ages to have faith and to be ready for the coming of God’s Kingdom. If you are looking for more ways to connect your life with your faith, please join us on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Family Life Center Prayer Room for lively praise music, prayer, worship, and sharing God’s Word. Fellowship and light refreshments follow.

| Sept. 9th | The lost can be found through God’s mercy |
| Sept. 16th | We cannot serve both God and possessions |
| Sept. 23rd | We must repent before our time runs out |
| Sept. 30th | Even a small act of faith is very powerful |


Parish Nursing Ministry Teddy Bear Hospital

For Children 1-12 yrs. old
Saturday, September 10
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

The purpose of this event is to gently introduce children to healthcare and health promotion.

Children adopt a free teddy bear, obtain a birth certificate for their teddy bear, and then go through stations that provide all the healthcare a teddy bear may need!

Stations include: childhood diabetes, dental health, heart health (jump rope and hula hoops), nutrition, vaccinations, x-ray, and first aid.

Performances by
KATY YMCA TEENAGE HIGHFLYERS JUMP ROPE TEAM
11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Free lunch, face painting, and crafts!

Youth ages 13-19 years old who are interested in volunteering for this event, please email Wyona at wyonaf@comcast.net

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HEALTH FAIR 2016

Saturday September 10 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FLC

The purpose of this free event is to provide basic health assessments and 1:1 consultation with physicians and advance practice nurses.

Services include: free flu shots, cholesterol and blood sugar testing, vital signs, body mass index (BMI), health and diabetic education. There will be door prizes and lunch is provided.
Lighthouse CD of the Week

Prayer: Gateway to Spiritual Life: Archbishop Paul Coakley

Archbishop Coakley served as a priest of the Wichita Diocese for twenty-one years. He is now archbishop of Oklahoma City. In this presentation, Archbishop Coakley reflects on his own journey, and discusses the importance of prayer to the spiritual life.

Comments: “The Archbishop gives hope to parents whose children have gone astray, evidence of Mary’s constant care when we stay in touch with her, and a reminder that we can always trust our loving, merciful God.” “This talk showed me how critical prayers is for my life.

Your generous donations to cover our cost will assure continued availability of these wonderful resources!

Welcome Mrs. Becki Brumbaugh as new Director of Religious Education

Becki Brumbaugh has joined St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Religious Education staff as the Director of Religious Education, where she will be helping children in the CCE program and also preparing children for reception of the sacraments.

She is a former team member of National Evangelization Teams (NET) and an alumna of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Currently, Becki attends the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary where she is working towards a Masters of Arts in Theological Studies degree.

Previously Becki had worked as a Drug and Alcohol Intervention Specialist in the juvenile detention center in Victoria Texas. She enjoys painting, traveling and camping with her two dogs Moby and Shadowfax.

Her passion for God led her to join St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where she has also been volunteering for the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program along with her husband of six years Jesse Brumbaugh. She looks forward to continuing service of the parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Faith Direct: Secure Giving

Can’t find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is TX417.
Legion de María

Ser un hombre, un esposo, un padre. Acomodar su vida a la vida del don de Dios de - su esposa, sus hijos que Dios le ha dado. Dar la vida por ellos y en el tribunal de Cristo, Él dirá, Bien echo, buen y fiel siervo.

Recolección de Ositos del Ministerio de Cuidado de la Parroquia

El Ministerio de Cuidado de la Parroquia de SEAS está conduciendo una campaña de recolección de ositos nuevos y usados (en buenas condiciones) en preparación para el 4to evento anual Hospital de Ositos para niños programado para el 10 de septiembre. En este evento, todos los niños adoptan a un osito gratis y luego pasan el resto del tiempo aprendiendo acerca del cuidado sanitario que necesita el osito (por ejemplo, vacunación, salud dental, ejercicio, alimentación sana). La caja de recolección de ositos estará ubicada en el nártex, ¡Agradecemos sus donaciones!

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Si quieres mejorar tu vida familiar y de pareja siguiendo los valores Cristianos Católicos únete a el “Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico” el cual te invita a registrarte al nuevo ciclo 2016-2017 que empieza en septiembre 10 en el CLC a las 5:00 pm. Únete no te arrepentirás. Informes al salir de misa o llamando a Juan y Juanita Lopez al (281)-914-1460 o (713)-319-8086 o Pedro y Bertha Costilla al (713)-493-3217.

Grupo de estudio Bíblico en Español

Les invitamos a ser parte de nuestro grupo, que se reúne todos los martes de 1:00-3:00p.m. en el FLC, necesita sino el deseo de conocer más nuestra Fe Católica. Favor de mandar mensaje por texto al 281-620-8308, attn: Guadalupe Ortiz.

Grupo de Oración Carismático SEAS

Compartiendo el Amor del Padre y nuestra fe en Cristo, bajo la guía y presencia del Espíritu Santo.

Hacia una Espiritualidad de Comunión

Misión: Dar testimonio del papel determinante de los carismas en la predicación del Evangelio y en la construcción de la comunidad cristiana. Facilitar la Educación en la Fe y la Experiencia de Comunidad Cristiana entre Adultas. Asambleas: Todos los Viernes de 7:30 a 9:45 pm., en los salones A&B del Edificio de Vida Familiar (FLC). Todos son Bienvenidos, Contamos con Servicio de Guardería.

Los invitamos cordialmente a la inauguración de la Misa en Español entre semana

Miércoles, 7 de septiembre, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Acompáñenos a celebrar y oremos juntos agradeciendo los grandes frutos espirituales que se nos dan a través de la Celebración Eucarística.
Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en el Señor:

En el Evangelio de este Domingo (Lucas 14: 25-33), Jesús identifica tres condiciones para el discipulado. Estas son: 1) Colocar el amor de Dios por encima de todo amor humano; 2) Aceptar el sacrificio y abnegación, y 3) Separarse de las riquezas materiales y amar la pobreza. A primera vista, estas disposiciones pueden parecer una locura. Por lo menos, son contra-culturales, como lo fueron para los discípulos que primero las escucharon. Pero son parte de las palabras salvadoras de Dios.

Tal vez podemos entender las palabras de Cristo mejor si tenemos en cuenta lo que es contrario a la trayectoria que pone ante nosotros. Poner amor a sí mismo por encima del amor de Dios lleva al narcisismo. Alejándose de la auto-negación conduce a la indulgencia. Centrándose en la ganancia material conduce a la codicia. Rendirse a estos vicios conduce a la esclavitud al pecado y al yo. A pesar de que el narcisista, el indulgente, y el materialista piensan que son libres porque están haciendo lo que quieren, en su lugar se han encadenado a las cargas que pueden conducir a su destrucción moral y espiritual.

Al invitar a seguir su camino en lugar, Jesús promete a sus discípulos la verdadera libertad.

En 1937, el pastor luterano Dietrich Bonhoeffer escribió el libro, “El precio de la gracia”, en el contexto del régimen nazi. Bonhoeffer hace una distinción entre lo que él llama “barato” y “costoso” gracia:


“La gracia cara nos enfrenta como una llamada de gracia para seguir a Jesús, se trata como una palabra del perdón al espíritu roto y el corazón contrito. Es costoso porque obliga a un hombre a someterse al yugo de Cristo y seguirlo; es gracia porque Jesús dice: “Mi yugo es fácil y ligera mi carga.”

Jesús nos invita a seguirle sin contar el costo. ¿Cómo no aceptar esta invitación sabiendo que Él ya ha pagado el precio por nosotros?

Atentamente en Cristo,

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds
Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa:

Sau vài năm tận tâm phục vụ trong giáo xứ chúng ta, Sœur Maria Goretti, O.P. đã được nhà đồng của sơ chi định tiếp tục theo học chương trình thân học. Sœur đã dành một hoặc hai năm tại để hoàn tất văn bằng cao học thân học. Chúng ta hãy đồng hành với Sœur qua lời cầu nguyện của chúng tôi, xin thành quan tha thứ của Sœur hưởng dẫn và thêm sức cho Sœur trong trắc vất sự tôi. Quý vị có thể tìm thấy lời từ giã của Sœur trong bản tin tuần này.


Trong sự vang rộ của Sœur Thùy, ông Toán Phạm sẽ đảm nhận trách nhiệm phó cấp các lớp giáo lý tiếng Việt, học môi ngay thứ bảy. Thầy Toán là một giáo viên đã từng nhận trong nhiều năm, và thấy hiểu rõ chương trình này. Tôi biết ơn thầy đã hy sinh chấp nhận công việc này.

Xin mời mọi người cầu nguyện cho Becki và Thầy Toán đang bất đầu công việc mới này giúp Giáo xứ.

Tôi xin tất cả các bạn hãy xem xét việc giúp đỡ các chương giáo lý ở mỗi cấp: tiểu học, trung học, và người lớn? Không thiếu những công tác tổng đỗ, và sự hợp tác của các tân hữu giáo dân rất cần thiết để đáp ứng nhu cầu của những người đã ghi danh vào các chương trình của giáo xứ chúng ta. Bạn có thể đồng góp một vài giờ mỗi tuần để giúp đỡ những nhân viên của giáo xứ chúng ta? Bạn sẽ tìm thấy thông tin liên lạc của họ trong niên giám của giáo xứ, ở trang cuối của bản tin này.

Các lớp giáo lý sẽ bắt đầu những ngày sắp tới. Khổng bao giờ là quá muộn để ghi danh cho con em của bạn. Hãy đến văn phòng, hoặc gọi cho chúng tôi, để chúng tôi có thể giúp bạn trong việc ghi danh.

Thân ái trong Chúa,
Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds

LÒp HỌC TIẾNG anh MIỄN phi
Các ngày THỨ HAI, Ngày 12 tháng 9/2016 - Ngày 22 tháng 5/2017, từ 9:00-11:00 sáng & 7:00 - 9:00 chiều’ Tại nhà Thờ Copperfield, 8350 Highway 6 North #C-8 (ở sau Wings ’N More). Xin liên lạc Jan Garza 832-443-4248 Jan.garza@comcast.net. Phái từ 18 tuổi trở lên. (Không cung cấp giờ trẻ)
Baby Bottle Project
Help us save unborn babies by helping their mothers choose life! By taking a baby bottle home and filling it with change or bills and returning to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for the school to receive credit. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 6th for the first Spirit Night of the school year!

Show your spirit! Join us every First Tuesday of the month for Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a Copperfield. They will donate 15% of all the proceeds from our patrons between the hours of 5-8 pm. You must tell them you are there to support Spirit Night for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for the school to receive credit. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 6th for the first Spirit Night of the school year!

Congratulations to the House of Ephesus! They had the most in attendance and in costume at the dance. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who decorated and volunteered at the family dance! It was such a fun night!

Thank you to the following people who helped make the night a memory we won't soon forget!

Loving Embrace Infertility Support Group

September 15, 2016
7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
St Vincent de Paul Church
Houston
Msgr Jamail Family Center
Room 202

The meeting will feature guest speaker Brooke Jemelka, MD, ObGyn. Dr. Jemelka is one of three practitioners with Caritas Women’s Care, part of CHI St. Luke’s Medical Group Sugar Land. Caritas is dedicated to providing holistic, comprehensive, and restorative services for women from adolescence through menopause. Honoring womanhood and the sanctity of human life, Caritas Women’s Care offers on-site education about natural family planning and infertility in a loving, faith-based environment.

Shannon Lassen, 832.978.6716
or mailto:infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com
Janel Greig, 713.586.9567
or mailto:jgreig@stlukeshealth.org

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face — the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man’s heart has never conceived.
Sept. 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The present Feast forms a link between the New and the Old Testament. It shows that Truth succeeds symbols and figures and that the New Covenant replaces the Old. Hence, all creation sings with joy, exults, and participates in the joy of this day.... This is, in fact, the day on which the Creator of the world constructed His temple; today is the day on which by a stupendous project a creature becomes the preferred dwelling of the Creator” (Saint Andrew of Crete). “Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Sun of Justice.... Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world.... Her image is light for the whole Christian people” (From the Liturgy).

As these texts so clearly indicate, an atmosphere of joy and light pervades the Birth of the Virgin Mary.

1. Historical Details about the Feast

The origin of this Feast is sought in Palestine. It goes back to the consecration of a church in Jerusalem, which tradition identifies as that of the present basilica of St. Ann.

At Rome the Feast began to be kept toward the end of the 7th century, brought there by Eastern monks. Gradually and in varied ways it spread to the other parts of the West in the centuries that followed. From the 13th century on, the celebration assumed notable importance, becoming a Solemnity with a major Octave and preceded by a Vigil calling for a fast. The Octave was reduced to a simple one during the reform of St. Pius X and was abolished altogether under the reform of Pius XII in 1955.

The present Calendar characterizes the Birth of Mary as a “Feast,” placing it on the same plane as the Visitation.

For some centuries now, the Birth has been assigned to September 8 both in the East and in the West, but in ancient times it was celebrated on different dates from place to place. However, when the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (which has a later origin than that of the Birth) was extended to the whole Church, the Birth little by little became assigned everywhere to September 8: nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

2. At the Heart of Salvation

As we know, the Gospels have not transmitted to us anything about the birth of the Virgin Mary. Their attention is completely centered on the mystery of Christ and His salvific mission.

The birth of Mary is recounted by the Protevangelium of James (5:2), an apocryphal writing from the end of the 2nd century. Subsequent tradition is based on this account.

The description - although in the manner of an apocryphal document - obviously presents an important historical event: the birth of the Mother of the Lord. But the problem that concerns us here is the significance of this event. In the case of all the Saints, the Church commemorates their birthday on the day of their return to the Lord. However, in the cases of St. John the Baptistizer and the Blessed Virgin, it also celebrates the day of their earthly birth. This is a singular
fact already emphasized in ancient
times, for example, by Paschasius
Radbertus (d. about 859).

The reason for this fact is not found
primarily in the greatness or the privi-
leges of the persons involved but in
the singular mission that was theirs in
the History of Salvation. In this light, the
birth of the Blessed Virgin is considered
to be - like that of John the Baptist -
in direct relationship with the coming
of the Savior of the world. Thus, the
birth and existence of Mary similar to
and even more than those of the Bap-
tizer - take on a significance that
transcends her own person. It is ex-
plained solely in the context of the
History of Salvation, connected with
the People of God of the Old Cov-
enant and the New. Mary’s birth lies at
the confluence of the two Testa-
mants - bringing to an end the stage
of expectation and the promises and
inaugurating the new times of grace
and salvation in Jesus Christ.

Mary, the Daughter of Zion and ideal
personification of Israel, is the last
and most worthy representative of
the People of the Old Covenant but
at the same time she is “the hope
and the dawn of the whole world.”
With her, the elevated Daughter of
Zion, after a long expectation of the
promises, the times are fulfilled and a
new economy is established (LG 55).
The birth of Mary is ordained in partic-
ular toward her mission as Mother of
the Savior. Her existence is indissolubly
connected with that of Christ: it par-
takes of a unique plan of predestina-
tion and grace. God’s mysterious plan
regarding the incarnation of the Word
embraces also the Virgin who is His
Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary is
inserted at the very heart of the History
of Salvation.

3. Christological Orientations

The Biblical readings of the Feast have
a clear Christological-salvific orienta-
tion that forms the backdrop for con-
templating the figure of Mary.

Micah 5:1-4a. The Prophet announces
the coming of the Lord of Israel who
will come forth from Bethlehem of Ju-
dah. The Mother of the Messiah, pre-
sented as one about to give birth, will
give life to the prince and pastor of the
house of David who will bring justice
and peace. She will work with the Mes-
siah to bring forth a new people.

Romans 8.28-30. This passage does not
speak directly about Mary but about
the believer justified by the grace of
Christ and gifted with the indwelling
of the Spirit. He or she has been chosen
and called from all eternity to share
Christ’s life and glory. This is true in a
privileged manner for Mary, Spouse
and Temple of the Holy Spirit, Mother
of God’s Son, and intimately united
with Him in a Divine plan of predestina-
tion and grace.

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23. The meaning of
this seemingly and genealogy is theo-
ologically profound: to place Jesus, the
MessiahLord, within the dynastic tree of
His people. He is a descendant, and in
fact “the descendant,” of Abraham
(cf. Gal 3:16) and the Patriarchs in ac-
cord with the promises, and He is the
semi-heir of the Prophets. The ring that
united Christ with His people is Mary,
Daughter of Zion and Mother of the
Lord.

The virginity stressed by the Gospel text
is the sign of the Divine origin of the

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Knights of Columbus  
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Council 8096

**BBQ Chicken & Sausage Sunday**

Come and get your BBQ Chicken & Sausage on Sunday September 18th, after all Sunday Masses or until we sell out!

Chicken: $10  Sausage $6

**Children’s Choir**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is forming a new children’s choir to sing with adults for the 10:30 a.m. Mass beginning in September. All area children in fourth grades and older are eligible. A voice trial is required. To schedule this, and for more information, please contact Dr. Douglas O’Neill at his e-mail: doneill@seascs.org.

**Weekday Mass Readings**

| September 5  | I Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5; Luke 6:6-11 |
| September 6  | I Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149; Luke 6:12-19 |
| September 7  | I Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45; Luke 6:20-26 |
| September 8  | Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 13; Matthew 1:1-23 |
| September 9  | I Corinthians 9:16-27; Psalm 84; Luke 6:39-42 |
| September 10 | I Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116; Luke 6:43-49 |

**Live My Faith Program**

Do you have a son or daughter entering the 4th through 6th grades? Would you like to see them deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith? I will be leading a class for the Live My Faith Program for youth entering 4th through 6th grades starting in August 2016. We will meet one Saturday per month for about 3 hours for 5 total sessions and participate in a service project to be planned by the youth. In this program we will learn about our beliefs by breaking down the Nicene Creed, delve deeper into the sacraments, learn about Catholic Christian Living (service) and learn about the many forms of prayer. The fee will be just the cost of the workbook and an additional fee if you want your child to receive the medal for the program at a special ceremony in the spring. If you would like more information regarding the program please contact Teri Schweiss and leave a message at 713-816-1691 or teri_schweiss@yahoo.com.

**2016 – 2017 SEAS Bowling League**

We still need a few adult men and women to complete our teams. We also need substitutes. Beginners and accomplished bowlers are welcome. Please contact Sandy Janda by email: sandyjanda@sbcglobal.net or by calling 281-463-1819.

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Son and of the absolute newness that now breaks forth in the history of human beings.

The Christological-salvific purpose and tone dominate not only the Bible readings but also the Eucharistic Celebration and the Liturgy of the Hours.

It has been observed that, although the texts of this Feast’s celebration are less rich than those of other Marian feasts, they do have one outstanding characteristic: “The number of themes is rather restricted, [but] there are extremely numerous invitations to joy” (J. Pascher).

Indeed, joy pervades the whole of this Feast’s liturgy. If many “will rejoice” at the birth of the precursor (cf. Lk 1:14), a much greater joy is stirred up by the birth of the Mother of the Savior. Hence, this is a Feast that serves as a prelude to the “joy to all people” brought about by the Birth of the Son of God at Christmas and expressed by the singing of hymns and carols.

Added to this theme of joy on this Marian Feast is that of light because with Mary’s birth the darkness is dispersed and there rises in the world the dawn that announces the Sun of Justice, Christ the Lord.

Taken from:  
Parish Apostolates

Respect Life Committee
For information about upcoming pro-life activities, you are invited to call Lia Mclean at 832-766-2634, or contact her by e-mail: liapmc@gmail.com.

St. Joseph’s Freedom Men’s Group
We are a confidential support group for men and their families. Our goal is to help develop skills to win the battle against alcohol, chemical, and porn/sexual addiction. Meetings are Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Wife and family member meetings are held upon request on the last Saturdays of March, June, September, and December. More information is available at: HTTP://saintjosephfreedomgroup.blogspot.com/ and st.longinusro315@gmail.com

Northwest Ultreya
Deepen your relationship with Christ. Ultreya is part of Cursillo, a Catholic lay movement that offers an opportunity to meet Christ in a more complete way. “Cursillo” means “little course” and provides a lifetime plan for following Christ through prayer, study and action, in friendship with others. We meet at 9:45 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the FLC. Contact Duane King 281-615-8942.

Helping Hands Ministry
We assist families in pre-planning for funerals. To schedule an appointment, please call Beth Wood at 281-413-9682. We also sponsor a bereavement support group on the first and third Thursdays, in room eleven of the FLC, from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. You may contact Deborah Jackson at 281-550-3027 or Gini Buehler at 281-861-6306.

R.C.I.A
Inquiry classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church will take place every Monday at 7:00 p.m., in Room One. Contact Nadia Jara at 281-463-7878, ext. 337, or at njara@seascatholic.org.

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**Monday, September 5**

6:30 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 a.m.  * Faithful Departed of SEAS  
7:00 p.m.  * Michael Yancy Torralba

**Tuesday, September 6**

6:30 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 a.m.  * Karen Dion & Walter Bains  
7:00 p.m.  * Barbara Gomez

**Wednesday, September 7**

6:30 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 a.m.  * Angel Leal (birthday)  
7:00 p.m.  * Frank & Josephine Coselli  
7:30 p.m.  * Intention of Celebrant

**Thursday, September 8**

6:30 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 p.m.  * Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, September 9**

6:30 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 a.m.  * Ruth & Arrel Carrier  
* Catalina Gascon  
7:00 p.m.  * Juan Carlos Cantu

**Saturday, September 10**

7:30 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 a.m.  * Maria Mata  
5:00 p.m.  * Joseph J. Parra (birthday)  
6:30 p.m.  * Clorinda Ubaque  
8:00 p.m.  * John Mary Ngei Nguyen  
* Theresa Ngo Nguyen

**Sunday, September 11**

7:00 a.m.  * Suzanna Machel  
8:00 a.m.  * Pro Populo  
8:30 a.m.  * Robert & Mathew Cooksey  
10:30 a.m.  * Pro Populo  
11:00 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory  
12:15 p.m.  * Emma Gutierrez  
2:00 p.m.  * Daniel Pereyra  
5:30 p.m.  * Daniel J. Tearpock  
7:30 p.m.  * Angelina Ordonez

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In 1610, he landed at Cartagena (modern Colombia), the principle slave market of the New World, where a thousand slaves were landed every month. After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by special vow to the service of the slaves—a work that was to last for thirty-three years. He labored unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the slave trade, and the love he lavished on them was something that transcended the natural order.

Boarding the slave ships as they entered the harbor, he would hurry to the revolting inferno of the hold, and offer whatever poor refreshments he could afford; he would care for the sick and dying, and instruct the slaves through catechists before administering the Sacraments. Through his efforts three hundred thousand souls entered the Church. Furthermore, he did not lose sight of his converts when they left the ships, but followed them to the plantations to which they were sent, encouraged them to live as Christians, and prevailed on their masters to treat them humanely. He died in 1654.