



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**February 7, 2010**  
**I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
with all my heart, for you have  
heard the words of my mouth.**  
— *Psalm 138:1*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
Feb. 8-14, 2010



- Monday**  
**6:30 pm** Pedro Vigil† - Delia Valle
- Tuesday**  
8:00 am Isabella Ranly† - Eddie & Jean Schwirtlich
- Wednesday**  
6:30 pm Amalia Tanguma† - M/M Arturo Tanguma
- Thursday**  
8:00 am Jesse Kimmel† - Marguerite Hoelscher  
6:30 pm Intention of Celebrant
- Friday**  
8:00 am Irene Latham† - Jo Ella Menn
- Saturday**  
6:00 pm Matias Valle† - Delia Valle
- Sunday**  
8:00 am Charles & Frances Mokry† - Ann Najvar  
9:30 am Pat Hull† - Carolee Whelan  
**10:00 am** Bill Bluntzer† - Vic & Marguerite Ann Vatzlavick  
**12:00 pm** J.S. McVey, Jr.† - Charles P. Kenney  
6:00 pm People of the Parish

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

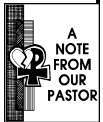
Envelope Collection .....	\$16,471.00
Loose Collection .....	\$703.64
Children's Collection.....	\$235.23
Other Fees.....	\$850.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$18,259.87</b>

**Thank You!**

**ST. MARY MISSION**

Envelope Collection .....	\$505.00
Loose Collection.....	\$55.18
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$560.18</b>

Dear Friends,



I have very good news for all adults and young people in our parish! On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish will provide all our families who attend Holy Mass a free MP3 formatted Catholic audio Bible. In other words, we will be able to listen to the New Testament as translated in the New American Bible. We will also provide all children 6-11 years of age a free MP3 KIDS Bible that includes Old and New Testament stories and 82 songs. This distribution is part of an exciting audio Bible listening program that the entire parish, Msgr. McGowan and I will begin this Lent.

Since 2008, when “The Year of Word of God” was declared by Pope Benedict XVI, Catholics throughout the world have been urged to read and or listen to the Holy Scriptures. Listening to a Catholic NAB Audio Bible is one way to renew our love of the scriptures and become closer to Christ and his Word. Many of the Saints, including St. Jerome have reminded us that “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” We need to become more familiar with the Word of God.

We all can listen to the Word of God on these audio discs at home, work, in the car, as a family or even at the gym for only 28 minutes a day for 40 days. In those 40-days we will have listened to the entire dramatized NAB New Testament. This free Catholic MP3 audio Bible is being provided by “Faith Comes By Hearing”, a ministry that specializes in recording the Holy Scriptures in languages of people groups around the world, who do not like to read and also for those who are poor and illiterate and can not read the written word. Surveys tell us that most Americans prefer to hear the Word of God than to read it.

To support the world-wide ministry to provide audio Word of God to people groups served by Catholic Missionaries in Mexico, South America and Africa, our parish will be conducting a free-will special offering during all the Masses on March 7, 2010.

Remember: Distribution of the MP3 formatted Catholic audio Word of God will take place on Ash Wednesday to every family attending Mass. There will be special listening devices called “Bible Stick” (similar to Ipods) for sale at a cost of only \$20 but it may be best if you want this format to let us know, so we can order the correct amount. These Bible Sticks are especially useful for people who like to walk and listen at the same time. There is a display in the foyer of the Church today and samples of the MP2 Audio Bible, the KIDS Bible and the Bible Sticks are on the table and some volunteers will answer any questions you may have.

Matthew Kelly in his book, “Rediscovering Catholicism” writes the following; “Of all the books ever written or published, the Bible is the most widely read, studied, translated, and quoted. It is the best selling book of all times. When it comes to learning about the nature of God and his desires for us, no other book comes close. In the Bible, we discover the depth and generosity of God’s love, as well as his desire to soothe humanity’s yearning for truth and happiness.” Please pray for the success of “Faith Comes By Hearing” in our parish.

Your friend,

**Msgr. Morgan**

## This Week at St. Peter Church

**MONDAY:** Mass 8 a.m.. Rosary 7:30 am. Feast of St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita.

**TUESDAY:** Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Bible Class 8:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:** Feast of St. Scholastica; Novena & Rosary 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY:** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; Mass 8:00 a.m. and healing Mass at 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7-9 p.m. RCIA Meeting 7-9 p.m.

**FRIDAY:** Lincoln's Birthday; Mass 8 a.m. Confessions & Rosary 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

### GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

**CHOIR PRACTICE for H.S.** is on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the church. **VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE** for all High School Students, Saturday, Feb. 13, 7-10 p.m. in St. Matthew Hall. Admission \$2.00 per person

**NO CCD CLASS** on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. All children & youth should attend Holy Mass and receive the Blessed Ashes.

**THE 2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** will be conducted in our parish next weekend. Please help us make this campaign the best it has ever been in our parish so that the Church of South Texas can continue the mission of Jesus Christ through our one common link, the diocese. Next week you will be asked to make your commitment to this very important campaign during mass. Please prayerfully discern with your family what your household's commitment will be for the coming year. Our parish is striving for 100% participation and the Goal given to us by the Diocese is \$71,781.17 and the Goal for St. Mary Mission is \$2,556.27. Please be generous and experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue the mission of Christ in the Church of South Texas.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT ON MARCFH 5-7.** Hearts are broken by abortion. If you have had an abortion, please consider attending this retreat and begin the process of restoring, renewal and healing. Rachel's Vineyard offers a supportive and confidential environment for women and men who have struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of the loss of an unborn child. Contact Desda at 361-960-4694

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES** will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 & 7 p.m. The Mass at St. Mary Mission is set for 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast (one full meal) and abstinence (no meat). Let us begin Lent 2010 with Holy Mass and Blessed Ashes.

## Upcoming Events

### SOLEMN INAUGURATION OF NEW SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SAN JUAN DE LO LAGOS TODAY AT 12 NOON

Bishop Carmody will celebrate a special Mass at the Shrine on Saratoga Blv. (My Father's House) 3049 Country Rd. 37 at 12 Noon. There will be the Enthronement of the Image of Our Lady of San Juan and Fr. Henry Artunduaga will be installed as Shrine Rector. FMI go to [www.Diocesec.org/shrine](http://www.Diocesec.org/shrine)

### A WORLD FOR CHILDREN INFORMATION WEEKEND.

Our hearts go out to children who need to be adopted from third-world countries but we need to remember that there are many children in our own city who need Foster Care. A World For Children is a non-profit, Foster Care Agency, that is seeking out families who can open their hearts and homes to foster children who have been abused and neglected in the Coastal Bend area. Please pick up a brochure on your way out of Church today or call the local office at 767-8993 and ask for Roxie Comacho.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** this Thursday. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11 is an appropriate day to pray with and for our sick relatives, friends and parishioners. We have two Masses this Thursday, 8 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. and will be happy to give the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick to those who need it. Confessions will be heard 30 minutes prior to the Masses.

### NEXT MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IS ON FEB. 12-14.

If you wish to make your good marriage better and have a wonderful weekend away from children etc. you should consider signing up to attend the M.E. weekend at Zephyr Retreat Center, west of Lake Corpus Christi, near Sandia. FMI call Nelda and Rolando Garza at 361-851-8306.

### CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME TO START IN TWO WEEKS.

Do you have family members or friends who have drifted from the Catholic Church for one reason or another? If so this is the program for them and they will be welcomed home and helped to become active Catholics before Easter. We begin on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the six sessions are held every Thursday night in St. Patrick Youth Center. Deacon Al Cicora is in charge and you may register yourself or a friend by calling 241-3249. Spreading the word is a great way to bring lost sheep back to Christ, the Good Shepherd.

### A CREATING AND MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT Recertification Class

will take place in the parish hall this Monday, Feb. 8. 7-8:30 p.m. If it is three years since you had a CMSE Class and you still want to work in our parish with children, youth and vulnerable adults, you must attend this Recertification Class. Please bring expired blue certification card with you.