

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**The Sacrament of Baptism:  
The Basic Sacrament**

Jesus taught that the faith which saves is not just intellectual assent and an initial willingness to do the Father's will, but a rocklike foundation (see Mt 7.24-27; Lk 6.47-49). The Christian's model is not the son who says "yes" to the father and then fails to do what is asked, but the one who executes the father's will even after saying "no" (see Mt 21.28-31). Jesus demands a faith which involves commitment (see Mt 10.37-39; Mk 8.34; Lk 14.25-27). Faith has moral implications because it is the fundamental option by which one enters into the new covenant.

One is not justified and deified due to one's works; salvation is by grace through faith (see Rom 3.21-22). "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God--not because of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph 2.8-9).

No sooner is the gift given, however, than one must begin to live the new life one has received, completing the acceptance of the gift by acknowledging its moral implications (see Eph 2.10). To be sure, all that matters is that one is created anew (see Gal 6.15) by the gift of divine life received in baptism. But precisely this re-creation includes a call to live as befits a member of God's family (see Gal 5.13-6.10). Being baptized, we are trained by grace to live according to the Spirit (see Ti 2.11-3.8). Salvation is the work of grace, but this divine work includes as an essential part our own work: the living of a Christian life (see Rom 6.3-11).

Salvation is an indivisible whole. One accepts its fullness or one has none of it. That is why Jesus teaches that not all those who receive the word are true disciples who will be saved, but only those who abide in it (see Mt 13.1-9; Mk

4.1-9; Lk 8.4-8; Jn 8.31-32). More even than for her unique motherhood by which she bore the Word of God, Mary, together with all like her, deserves praise for having heard God's word and kept it (see Lk 11.27-28). Keeping God's word means living by it. No one who acts in an unholy way is a child of God (see 1 Jn 3.4-10).

**To be continued next week**

**Thanks for your dedication.  
Have a blessed day!  
Fr. Michael Ajewole, MSP**

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday, September 06, 2008**

**Vigil Mass**

That God may deliver us and all our dear loved ones from the power of Satan and all his angels

**Sunday September 07, 2008**

**8:00 AM**

For the intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners

**10:00 AM**

For all of our children who are starting back to school

**STEWARDSHIP REMINDER**

**Please remember Holy Cross parish in your will**

**Pastoral Corner**



Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit gathers us together today so that we might open our ears to hear the voice of God. We sing joyfully to the Lord, who is the Rock of our salvation. Today we are summoned to love our neighbor. In this celebration of the Mass we are nourished by word and sacrament so that we may be strengthened to respond to that commandment to love one another. The Lord Jesus is the source of that love. Let us raise a song of joy to His great name.

**Reflection**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we open our ears now to listen to God's word. Let any hearts dulled by complacency awaken to the power of that Word. Saint Paul reminds us of the great commandment in today's second reading: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Let this place resound with that love as the living word is proclaimed in our midst.



**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

Rufus Boyce, Derrick Britton, Talfred Collins, Marjorie Crafton, Dottie Curry, Raymond Scott, Patrice Collins, Bobby Martin Jr, Michael Martin, Maggie Williams, Betty Taylor, Ruthie Taylor, Paula Babineau, Preston Evans, Jesse Sanchez, Helen Hart-Shelby, Evelyne Cline, Theresa Fontenette, Gloria Hardeman, Bill Wilkins, Alice Maney, Warren Nicholas, Ella Collins, Geraldine Bridges, Deborah Hurdle, Camille Johnson, Bobby Owen, Monica Godsey

**Pray for those in active  
Military duty**



William Cay, Steve Furr,  
Erica Harris, Vincent Marshall,  
James Tate,  
Scott Townsend Cooper

**My Holy Cross Family,**

Thank you so much for your prayers during my journey on behalf of Catholic Relief Services to Ethiopia. The experience was truly unique and I will be sharing my experiences in the very near future. -**Johnnie Dorsey**

**PASTOR MICHAEL IS GOING TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

Between September 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, I will attend a seminar in Washington DC. It is on Homiletics. I am going in the company of Very Rev. Larry Covington and a few other priests from the Diocese. Fr Covington is the Dean of our deanery, and the Pastor of St. Louis Church on Burnet Road. Please remember us in your prayers.

**Weekend of August 31, 2008**

**Attendance**

Vigil Mass	30
8:00am Mass	40
10:00am Mass	191
<b>Holy Cross Parish Offertory Amounts</b>	
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	\$ 297.00
<b>8AM Mass</b>	\$ 1728.00
<b>10AM Mass</b>	\$ 1784.00
Children	\$ 22.00
SVdP	\$ 10.00
Debt Retirement	\$ 15.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 165.00
Bazaar	\$ 450.00
Assumption Mass	\$ 15.00

**Weekly Readings**

**Sun 09-07** Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9  
Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20  
**Mon 09-08** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6, 6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
**Tues 09-09** 1Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6, 9  
Lk 6:12-19  
**Wed 09-10** 1Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12  
14-17 Lk 6:20-26  
**Thur 09-11** 1Cor 8:1b-7, 11, 13 Ps  
139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38  
**Fri 09-12** 1Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42  
**Sat 09-13** 1Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,  
17-18 Lk 6:43-49  
**Sun 09-14**: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2, 34-38  
Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

**Calendar of Events**

**Sun Sept 07**  
Rosary: 9:30am  
Meetings – Bazaar, Family Life,  
Liturgical Dance Fundraiser &  
Practice, KPC Jr Individual mtgs.  
KPC Turnout – Celebrate  
St Peter Claver Feast Day  
**Mon Sept 08**  
Novena in Exaltation of the Holy  
Cross  
Fr. Mike at Seminar  
**Tue Sept 09**  
Mass 12:00pm  
Choir Practice, KPC Sr Joint  
Executive Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
Fr Mike at Seminar

**Wed/Sept 10**:00pm  
Bible Study 6:00pm  
Liturgical Dance Practice 6:30pm  
Novena in Exaltation of the Holy  
Cross  
Father Mike at Seminar

**Thu Sept 11**  
Mass 12:00pm  
Liturgical Committee Meeting 6:30p  
Novena in Exaltation of the Holy  
Cross  
Fr. Mike at Seminar

**Fri Sept 12**  
Mass 12:00pm  
Novena in Exaltation of the Holy  
Cross  
Father Mike at Seminar

**Sat Sept 13**  
Novena in Exaltation of the Holy  
Cross  
KPC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 9:00am  
KPC Sr Joint Meeting 10:00am  
KPC Family Day 11:00am-4pm  
Altar Maintenance 12:00pm  
Vigil Mass: 5:30PM

**Who's Serving Sunday  
09-07-2008**

**Liturgical Ministers**

**8:00 AM Mass**  
Altar Servers – J. Harris, O. Owens,  
E. Fernandes  
Lectors – Matt Fernandes, Thea  
Douglas  
Announcements – Lena Brown-Owens  
Ext. Ministers –Bernadette Cay  
Altar Rosary Society – V. Houston  
Welcoming –M Brown, V Rice-Gardner  
Ushers – V. Houston, B Cunningham

**10:00 AM Mass**

Altar Servers – TBA  
Pastoral Corner & Announcements –  
Johnnie Dorsey  
Lectors –Linda Ridley, Don Cooper  
Ext. Ministers– Carolyn Collins, Lester  
Johnson  
Altar Rosary Society – F. Brown,  
B. Cay, C. Collins  
Welcoming –Warren & Raye Nicholas  
Ushers -A King, W Nicholas,  
C Canaday, M Anthony, S King

**Who's Serving Sunday  
09-14-2008**

**Liturgical Ministers**

**8:00 AM Mass**  
Altar Servers – J. Harris, O. Owens,  
E. Fernandes  
Lectors – Lydia Harris, Brandi Smith-  
Announcements – Lena Brown-Owens  
Ext. Ministers –Mary Brown-Healey  
Altar Rosary Society – V. Houston  
Welcoming –D Ferguson, Amy Cogdell

Ushers – C. Williams, V. Houston

**10:00 AM Mass**

Altar Servers – TBA  
Pastoral Corner & Announcements –  
Wilhelmina Delco  
Lectors –S Murry, Dorothy Marshall  
Ext. Ministers– Gloria Harris, R Nicholas  
Altar Rosary Society – F. Brown,  
B. Cay, C. Collins  
Welcoming –G Harris, R Madison  
Ushers -A King, W Nicholas, C  
Canaday, M Anthony, S King

**Vigil Mass Lector Schedule**

**Pastoral Corner & Announcements**

09-06 Stanton Collins  
09-12 Don Cooper

**Vigil Mass Lectors & Intercessions**

09-06 Deidra Raney  
09-12 Maceo Hall

**Happy Birthday**

- 09-07** Maragaret Francisco, Anita  
Anita McElroy, Kathy  
Holguin
- 09-08** Adrian Foadey
- 09-09** Lawrence Chretien, Avis  
Wallace, Janette Finley
- 09-10** Anthony Okpara, Amira  
Douglas
- 09-11** LaRita Pryor, Jason Hall,  
Ashley King, Cynthia Carlin
- 09-12** Louis Hubbard, Courtlan  
Guillory
- 09-13** Karen Emelogu, Emmanuel  
Foadey, Khari Douglas

**Altar Flowers Sunday 09-07-2008**



**In honor of Lester & Mary  
Johnson's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary**

**For Michael T Brown  
As requested by  
Mary Brown-Healey**

**FROM THE DRE'S DESK**

Religious Education Registration continues today after both Masses through September 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will take place in the downstairs class rooms or in the Religious Education Office. Classes will begin on Saturday September 27, 2008 at 3:30pm.

**"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" -Corrie T. Boom**