



# Corpus Christi Newsletter



November 2007

## November - Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

When we recite the Apostles' Creed as part of our praying of the Rosary or of our daily prayers we profess our faith in "the communion of saints." By the "Communion of Saints" is meant that union (fellowship) that exists by virtue of baptism into Christ between the Faithful on earth (us), the Saints in heaven and the Souls in Purgatory. The Saints have reached to goal of life - Heaven. We on earth are on pilgrimage - journeying - to that same goal, the New and Eternal Jerusalem (Heaven). Those in Purgatory are assured of Heaven but are being purified of all stain of sin, of all selfishness and self-centeredness so that they may enter into the immediate presence of God - see God face to face and enjoy eternally the Beatific Vision of God. No one who does not love God with all one's heart and soul and mind - is totally purified of sin, remnants of sin and inclination to sin - can enter into the presence of the infinitely Holy God. We can help in the purification process of those in Purgatory by praying for them, making sacrifices on their behalf to God, offering our participation in the Mass for them. "... If he (Judas Maccabeus) were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that await those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin (superstition)." (2 Macc. 12:44-46) Pray for those in Purgatory, especially during November.

## Catholic Breakfast Club—Reno

November 8, 2007—Silver Legacy

**Michael Ford**

Speaker/Breakfast 7:00 am



Following his retirement from public service, Mike found his way to Catholic Community Services of Northern Nevada where he was appointed Executive Director in September, 2004. Mike will share some of the realities of delivering services to the less fortunate—the daily challenge of

providing services upon which some depend for basic survival, and the rewards of connecting people with food, shelter, and the healing power of hope.

## Restoration, Repair, Painting Churches (2), Rectory, Hall

Queen of the Snows - work completed: Roof and Floor laminated beams repair (deteriorated portions of 14 roof & 7 floor beams were cut away and new sections spliced in to complete the repair); 14 Roof and Floor support pillars repaired, 3 pillars were added; Handicap access ramp constructed; Restroom made handicap accessible; Rock lined drainage surface waterway constructed to replace original underground pipe (now occluded); Leaking sewer-line repaired. Cost: \$411,898.<sup>06</sup>

Corpus Christi Church, Rectory, Hall: Work in prospect - repairs as needed to Church, Rectory, Hall; painting of each building after repairs completed. Work to be done on a priority basis as parish finances permit. Cost: unknown.

Work completed: Evaluation of the Repairs need - Cost: \$1,240.00; Heating ducts insulation repaired - Labor: volunteer; Supplies: \$ 128.<sup>63</sup>

Expenditures to date: \$413,138.<sup>06</sup>

Projects Fund income to date: \$367,478.<sup>42</sup>

## Film sells Atheism to Kids

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights "is calling for a boycott of 'The Golden Compass'; the movie opens December 7. It is based on the first book of a trilogy titled, *His Dark Materials*.

The author of this children's fantasy is Philip Pullman, a noted English atheist. It is his objective to bash Catholicism and promote atheism. To kids. 'The Golden Compass' is a film version of the book by that name, and it is being toned down so that Catholics, as well as Protestants, are not enraged.

The second book of the trilogy, *The Subtle Knife*, is more overt in its hatred of Catholicism than the first book, and the third entry, *The Amber Spyglass*, is even more blatant. Because 'The Golden Compass' is based on the least offensive of the three books, and because it is being further watered down for the big screen, some might wonder why a boycott is warranted.

The Catholic League wants Christians to boycott this movie precisely because it knows that the film is bait for the books: unsuspecting parents who take their children to see the movie may be impelled to buy the three books as a Christmas present. And no parent who wants to bring their children up in the faith will want any part of these books."

- *The Catalyst*;

*Journal of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights*

# Devotions

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - Mt. 26:40):

Mon—Fri (8:00 am):

**Daily Mass**

1st Sat (8:00 am):

**First Saturday Mass**

Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.):

**Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.):

**Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.**

## Baptism (contd.) - Sponsors at Baptism

Can 872 - Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a life in harmony with the baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Can 873 - Only one male and one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.

Can 874 §1 To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- °1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
- °2. have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- °3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- °4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- °5. not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

§2 A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.  
(Code of Canon Law, can. 872 - 874)



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the largest funder of community-controlled self-help groups working to break the cycle of poverty.

Visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) and [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to learn more.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Imagine life below the poverty line, where one in eight Americans struggles every day to hang on. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities. Be part of the numbers that care; give generously to the CCHD Appeal November 18.

Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to learn more.

## Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) "Parish Advocate" needed

The Diocese of Sacramento is preparing for the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal. February 3, 2008, will be Support Pledge Commitment Sunday. The funds generated through the Appeal are distributed: 50% to helping those in need throughout our diocese, 25% to the Diocesan Fund to help in the establishment of new parishes where needed, 25% is returned to our Parish.

To make the Appeal ever more successful Bishop Weigand is asking that each parish have one or more "Parish Advocate(s)". The role of a Parish Advocate is described thus: "Be an advocate for the Appeal in the parish; attend to the details of implementing the Appeal in the parish; attend orientation meeting; facilitate financial commitment to the Appeal; someone who is organized, has a passion for social service, can make things happen at the parish level."

If you are willing to volunteer your time and talent as a "Parish Advocate" for the promotion of the Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish, please contact Fr. O'Connor immediately.

Information on the Annual Catholic Appeal will be mailed to each registered parishioner; it may also be found on the Sacramento Diocesan web-site. Go to [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) and click on the Social Services page.

## Parish Meetings

Nov. 6 (Tues.), 6:30 p.m., Parish Center: Joint meeting of our Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils.

Dec. 4 (Tues.), 11:00 a.m., Parish Center: Sally Garcia, Diocesan Finance Department, meets with Parish Finance Council for review of parish finances, accounting and parish financial reporting.

## Catholic Radio and Television



By listening to Catholic Radio you can participate in the celebration of the Mass, pray the Rosary, hear instructional and inspiring talks and discussions. Listen locally at KIHM Reno 920 AM, 92.7 FM, 93.3 FM, or on the Internet at [www.ihradio.org](http://www.ihradio.org). To view EWTN in this area you need a satellite dish.

## Pray for the Sick

Marge Faia	Gene Gastelum	Marian Hogan
Gabriel Jensen	Tom Jensen	Barbara Johnson
Albert Juarez	Joey Kenney	Emily Killian
Don Mashbir	Helen Mathis	Mary Margaret Rankin
Joseph Recchia	Barbara Schmidt	Rosalie Wampler

For Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office at 583-4409