



JULY

PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL

July 2010 Newsletter & Calendar

Dear Parishioner:

I love these lazy, hazy, days of summer. How ordinary it is to get up every morning and head for the shower. On the list of things to do tomorrow, I don't believe any of us writes, "take a shower" at the top. It is just part of the ordinary, daily routine. It's ordinary to fix meals in the kitchen, Unless we have a barbecue on our deck. But when we generally think about cooking we think of the kitchen. The common place for food preparation is the kitchen. All these ordinary routines and tasks placed in our daily lives do not cause us to stop. We pay little or no attention and see little or no meaning to them. It's like walking by a famous painting every day. The first few times we may admire it, but then after that we just walk right by it because we don't see it anymore. It becomes ordinary. Summertime gives us an opportunity to see our God in the ordinariness of our lives. But to do this we have to relax. The other night I was sitting outside and I began to notice all sorts of things. I saw the overgrown shrubs. The grass needs mowing. The flower garden needs weeding. More ordinary jobs to be done. But then the sunset touched the shrubs, the grass and the flowers and they seemed to glow with the translucence of the divine. At least for a moment I was transfigured and I saw the ordinary differently. Leisure is not something we can do in our heads, although it may start there. "Come away, to an out of the way place and rest awhile." This is Jesus' prescription for us who find our center breaking loose. It needn't be a major vacation, or even a minor one—although vacations are important. Time away with the Lord can be as simple (or Cimpl) as this: getting up a few minutes earlier than usual, grabbing a cup of coffee and watching the light fill up the backyard. It's not getting up earlier to do an extra chore. Whether it's in the morning, at the end of the day or in the middle of the afternoon, it is a moment of quiet for us to simply listen for the "still, small voice" which is the Lord's. Let's make time during these summer days to discover God in the ordinariness of our lives.

Welcome Fr. Dan Moris. Fr. Dan will become an associate pastor on July 1. He was just ordained at the end of May. You will have an opportunity to meet him soon. **Fr. Kevin O'Dell** is also remaining as an associate pastor and will take on added duties as the administrator of St. Nicholas Parish in Tea. Fr. Kevin will continue to be around St. Michael Parish during the week and weekends, but he will be spending time at Tea also.

Pictorial Directory—There still are a number of openings for you to have your picture taken for our new directory. You can schedule an appointment by going to our parish web site - stmichaelsfsd.org and then clicking on the "**Sign up for your picture**" which is located on the left side of our home page. If you do not have a computer you can call the parish office to schedule a time. You receive a free 8 x 10 picture and a directory when they come out. So if you have not scheduled a time, do so today. Our directory will be incomplete without you!

Sertoma Park Mass - You will be getting this newsletter the week before our annual Mass at Sertoma Park. There will be no 11 a.m. Mass in the church this Sunday, **June 27th**. Last names from A - N bring a salad, and last names from O - Z bring a dessert. It is always a great Mass and a wonderful picnic featuring Bob's Café Chicken.

Final prayer - A closing prayer that ties in what I wrote about at the top of the page...

*God of sunrises and sunsets,
teach me how to relax and enjoy
Saturdays and Sundays,
so I'll be a better person
Mondays to Fridays.*

Keep coming to church and praying even in the summer months. It will assist you in seeing God in the ordinariness of your life.

God Bless You.

Charles Cimpl

(Rev.) Charles L. Cimpl

