

Mass Intentions this weekend: Saturday, September 4th for the special intentions of our parish family & the Friends of St. Marys, & Sunday, September 5th for the repose of the soul of Venice Phillips.

September, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

Your contribution to the Seminarian Education Fund the weekend of September 11-12, helps subsidize the education of the young men studying for the priesthood. It shows encouragement for vocations to the priesthood here in Northern Nevada.

Tom Nelson, who has just finished his Pastoral Year, returns to St. Patrick's Seminary to finish his studies with ordination, hopefully, in 2012. Tom is joined by two others also studying theology. We have two seminarians studying at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon, one studying in Mexico and another at the University of Nevada Reno. The cost of each seminarian in studies is approximately \$30,000 per year to cover tuition, room & board, health insurance, and transportation. We are also blessed to have a number of other young men who are actively discerning a call to religious life and priesthood.

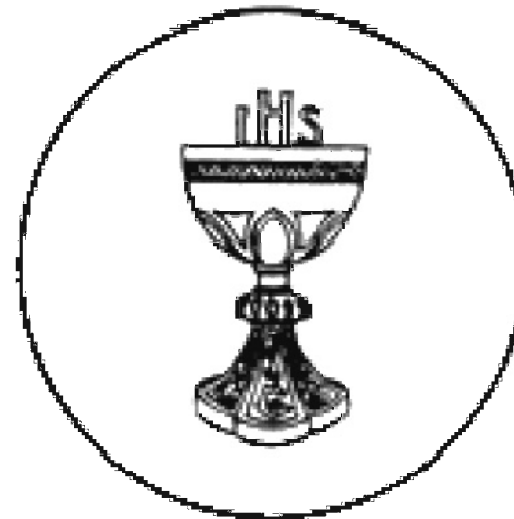
Thank you for your continued support and for your generosity in this important collection for the seminarians in Northern Nevada.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo
Bishop of Reno



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010



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Father Tom Cronin, MA, Administrator

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Please call the office to schedule baptisms

Marriages require 6 month preparation

Confessions by appointment

**Why Catholic? Class - For Schedule please call
Mary Bowers (220-2100).**

**Gift Shop hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. everyday
(closed during Mass times)**

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mountain Choir Mass 11:30 a.m.

Mass Attendance
Saturday, August 28th - 31
Sunday, August 29th - 68
Offertory Collection Deposit - \$407.00
"Friends of St. Mary's" Restoration Deposit - \$1165.00
Thank you for your generosity.

WANTED
CATHOLIC MEN!
for the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
18 & over are eligible for membership.
for more information call Dean at 775-847-7185

St. Ann's Women's Community Annual Rummage Sale will be the weekend of Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. We are starting to collect gently-used items for the sale at the church. For more information, please call St. Ann's at (775) 246-7578.

We are in need of tour guides for the museum. If you have an interest in the history of our beautiful church and enjoy meeting people from around the world then this is for you. Permanent or alternate guides are needed and training is provided. You would only be donating 4-5 hours on the days you volunteer. Please contact Jacquie Obos (750-4244) or Liz (847-9099) to learn more.

If you would like to help serve your parish by counting the church's collections, please come to the church for training this coming Monday at 10:00. The schedule is flexible, one or more Mondays per month, and the *fellowship* is great!

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Fr. Tom's Corner

C. S. Lewis tells the story of his conversion to the Church in a little book called "*Surprised by Joy*." Not long afterward he converted to Christianity and, as *Surprised by Joy* puts it, on the night when he finally, first, knelt down to acknowledge his faith he did so not in a burst of joy and enthusiasm, but "as the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom." Parts of him were still in rebellion, but he knew he needed to kneel in a certain acquiescence because, as he put it, he had come to know that "the harshness of God is kinder than the softness of man and God's compulsion is our liberation." Happiness and freedom, he realized, are paradoxical in the extreme. You can only have them by giving them away. Giving away freedom is what makes us free, just as jealously hoarding it is the ultimate enslavement.