

# MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 22, 2005

## A Family Graduation Celebration

Graduation from high school is the culmination of so much that is intensely personal; an excellent family tradition is the *personal diploma*. The personal diploma complements the institutional diploma. In contrast to the somber black lettering on white parchment, the family diploma is elaborately decorated with a colorful and intricate border interspersed with symbols of the child's involvement in family, school and community activities. Family members can write the diploma text themselves and design the artwork for the diploma.

The diploma is "conferred" in a special family celebration that incorporates Scripture, prayer and story telling. A reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us there is a time for everything -- and that God is with us in all seasons, including times of family change.

The prayers used during the service express the family's thanks and hopes for the graduate. Use the following prayer or create one of your own:

### Prayer for the Graduate

(Name) you are a unique creation, a person blessed by God with life, a person called, in love, to grow and to share your gifts with others.

We come together today to celebrate your accomplishments, to reflect on who you are for us, and to share our dreams for your future.

May your graduation day be filled with happiness and joy. We rejoice in who you are for us as a family, calling to mind especially your gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Family members can be invited to share comments and stories here that speak of the uniqueness and giftedness of the graduate)*

May God continue to bless you and challenge you.

May you always be surrounded by people who support and love you.

May you grow more fully into the man/woman that God wants you to be, and that the world so desperately needs.

We ask this today, in hope and expectation that God will continue the great things already begun in you. Amen.

The family graduation ceremony closes with shared hugs and a special meal.

## HAPPENINGS AT AND AROUND ST. MARY'S

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHAT</u>
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 10:45	Small Faith Meeting, Parish Center
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm	Bishop Kelly Graduation
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm	St. Mary's Golf Tournament – see next page
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation/Mass
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Memorial Day Mass. Parish office closed.
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Finance Council Meeting
June 6 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am-5pm	ACE-TV Integrating Catholic Concepts – see next page

### Congratulations to all those who were confirmed at St. Mary's Thursday, May 19, 2005:

Belky Aleman	Ramon Duran Jr.	Lizet Lopez
Delia Arechiga	Lizette Garibay	Melissa Lopez
Norma Arechiga	Carolina Gomez	Victoria Lopez
Ana Lileli Baños	Pedro Gorozpe Treviño	Adilene Martinez E.
Jeny Rosalba Baños	Alfredo Herreman	Jose Salvador Martinez E.
Oscar Caro	Giselle Herreman	Casto Mejia
Rosario Collazo	Jesus Jimenez	Ignacio Ortiz
Leticia Cruz	Beatriz Y. Landavazo	Abelardo Sanchez
Alesandra De Luca	Erick Lara	Viridiana Viguera
Lisa Del Real	Mauricio Leyva	



## SUNDAY READINGS

May 22nd

First Reading: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Cor 13: 11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3: 52-56

Gospel Reading: John 3: 16-18



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 23rd – May 29th

MON. Sir 17: 20-24/Mark 10: 17-27

TUE. Sir 35: 1-12/Mark 10: 28-31

WED. Sir 26: 1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mark 10: 32-45

THU. Sir 42: 15-25/Mark 10: 46-52

FRI. Sir 44: 1, 9-13/Mark 11: 11-26

SAT. Sir 51: 12cd-20/Mark 11: 27-33

SUN. 1 Cor 10: 16-17/John 6: 51-58

### Reflections

1. *Speak of a time when it became clear to you that you could make a difference to another. How did you do it?*
2. *When did you feel overwhelmed by life's demands and didn't know where to seek help?*
3. *Relate an experience when someone helped you to recognize your worth and value.*

**Choral Vespers** will be sung by the Cathedral Boys/Men's Chancel Choir at 6pm on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is invited. The Choir will begin a summer music program for boys ages 8-12 with time for play, voice instruction, light bible study and choral training. The program is flexible to adjust for family vacations and special needs. Boys from parishes throughout the valley are currently participating. There is no charge for this special program. Call 939-0157 or the Cathedral.

**Thank you** - I want to thank the staff and parish for all the support I have received during the past four years as I have pursued my Masters in Religious Education from Loyola University in New Orleans. The entire experience has deepened my faith and desire to share God's love through all that I do. I also want to thank those who in a special remembered me with prayers, cards and gifts for graduation. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. I had a wonderful trip. I sampled the food and music of New Orleans and experienced a beautiful graduation ceremony and Mass. May God bless you all. Meg Lawless

### **Summer ACE-TV Courses, New and Traditional**

This summer Adult Catholic Education of the Treasure Valley is offering a course in **Basic Catholic Beliefs** that can be taken either on-line or in person! Teachers, catechists, homeschoolers and others interested in seeing connections between what is taught in religion class and in other subject areas like math, social studies and science can take an intensive, two-session course called *Integrating Catholic Concepts*, which will be offered at St Mark's School on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Information/registration -AdultCatholicEd.org or by call Peg Wuelfing at 424-8989.

**Building Fund Contributions for May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**\$22,443**

**Regular contributions for May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**\$ 6,350**



### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The St. Mary's School Annual Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm shotgun start at Plantation Country Club. Please contact St. Mary's School 342-7476, or Bonnie or Dennis Schlegel at 386-9446 ext14 or 16. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's School Building Fund.

**RETREAT** - Fr Len MacMillan will lead two evenings of education, prayer and reflection on the liturgical symbols of the Mass, Monday and Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Sacred Heart Parish. These presentations are independent of each other. Fr. MacMillan is a diocesan priest and liturgist currently working for Cross Catholic Outreach. Learn why we do what we do at Mass. Call Sister Betty at 342-8311.

### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Catholic Charities of Idaho**

**Social Services Staff Position**, Nampa Office; BA in social work or related human service profession; Bilingual skills required.

**Immigration Services Case Aide**, Nampa Office; AA degree and bilingual required.

Email to mhoff@ccidaho.org for either of the above job descriptions and/or applications.

**Director, Catholic Education Ministries** The Diocese of Boise seeks Director, Catholic Education Ministries. The Director supervises the CEM coordinators, and is the diocesan leader for lifelong faith formation. Master's degree and extensive experience in education ministries. Contact HR Director Bobbi Dominick, (208)342-1311/bdominick@rcdb.org.

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