



# Resurrection Is the Sign of Hope

A little known feast celebrated last September 14 is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To exalt means to lift high with pride and joy . . . the glory of the Cross.

As Father Liam explained during his homily that day, "The cross is a contradiction. The Romans used the cross to punish and destroy those who opposed their rule. So for the apostles and early followers of Jesus, His death made them feel defeated and despair of ever having a leader to bring them to freedom."

Of course, God has a way of turning things upside down. So with His resurrection, the death of Jesus becomes a sign of hope. "Life does not end with death. And from the cross comes salvation and victory. God used the cross to give freedom."

As Father Liam continued, "All of us have to carry our cross. This pain is a certainty in this life. Everyone suffers in this world, even little children.

But this suffering and bearing of the cross leads us to the ultimate glory of heaven. Remember that God wants to walk with us and support us and leads us to our eternal new life."

In the early days of the church, the fish was the Christian symbol. But eventually, the cross became the most widespread and important symbol for all Christians. It was a sign of Christ's suffering and our redemption.

The most common form of the cross is the "T" shaped cross. But the Apostle, St. Andrew, as a martyr, was placed on a "X" shaped cross. The Greek and Benedictine cross is one with four equal extensions like the plus sign, "+".

Two sacraments which bring us blessings in our everyday life are when we bless ourselves with holy water in the sign of the cross, and/or the various medal or wooden crucifixes which we wear, carry or hang on the wall as a reminder of who we are—Christians. ✨

—Sally Stricca



## —LIGHTS—

New, economical lighting fixtures were installed in the main church building. Soon new lights will be set up in the chapel. These fixtures have less expensive bulbs which have a longer life. They also can be brightened or dimmed for the appropriate occasion in the chapel. A spot light will be placed over the statue of St. Therese.

## —OFFERING BOXES—

Two metal offering boxes have been donated by Mary Ann Ursick in memory of her deceased husband, son and daughter. The boxes will be placed near the candles in the chapel and baptismal area in the front entrance.



## —DOORS REPAIRED—

The chapel doors and windows have been sanded, stained and a water proof sealer has been applied. The work needed to be done by the Maintenance Committee before the winter season arrives. Jim Mathews, Tony Cassio and George Miketa provided most of the labor for this project.

## —OCTOBER CLOTHING DRIVE—

Coats, hats, gloves, sweat shirts and warm blankets that are in good condition will be collected during October and delivered to Sister Nancy in Avondale for the Co-operative Care Center of Pueblo. Items should be brought to the church and placed at the front entrance.

# Parish Religious Ed Classes Under Way

Enrollment is up this year and I am anxious to become better acquainted with the parents and children," said Sarah Nelson, the newly-appointed coordinator of Religious Education for the St. Therese Parish. She replaces August Cordova who has moved from the city.

Sarah grew up in Pueblo and graduated from East High School. Although Sarah's father was a Catholic, her mother was a staunch Protestant, as was Sarah. While in high school, she was shocked when her mother announced that she wanted to become a Catholic.

Sarah decided to attend the RCIA classes with her mother, and came to have better feelings and understanding of the Catholic faith. But it did not attract her

She went on with college classes and eventually moved to Denver where she worked in a Protestant internship program for three years. Working with her was a young man named Brandon Nelson, who worked with middle

school students. They became friends and often discussed their students and religion. Both began to think that they didn't have enough to offer their students.

Dissatisfied, Sarah began reading and studying the Catholic faith more seriously. A couple of priests in Den-

ver spent time answering her questions. One was her second cousin, Father Kent Drotar who works at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver. She and Brandon completed the RCIA classes at St. Thomas More Parish and became Catholics. They were married at Christ the King Church in Pueblo in 2004.

Sarah finished her theology studies at Franciscan University in Ohio. She and Brandon decided to return to make their home in Pueblo.

Sarah is eager for the year to start so she can impart her knowledge and skills with the Shrine families.

We welcome her with warm wishes for a great and rewarding year. ✂



Sarah Nelson

## Paul Hawkins Serving as Council President

Paul Hawkins, president of our Parish Council, is a Pueblo native who graduated from Pueblo County High School. He met Elisha Colalancia through his brother who worked with her. Elisha and Paul were married at the Shrine Church and their son Luke is almost five years old.

Paul was raised a Baptist. A year after his marriage, he decided to learn more about the Catholic

faith and began RICA classes. Following his conversion to Catholicism, he felt he should become active in his new church.

Life is full of surprises. Never did Paul think he would become president of the council! After serving for three years, he was elected president. He finds the 13 other members cooperative and willing to share their opinions. Their purpose is to advise the pastor on issues pertinent to the parish and its development.

Paul also served on the Finance Committee and is secretary of the Maintenance Committee. The Building Committee is now a separate Committee. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. ✂



Paul Hawkins and son Luke

# Father Kizito Serves at Shrine for One Month

"The people are wonderful at the Shrine and I am impressed with the number of people who attend daily Mass." So spoke Father Kizito Osudidia. For a month this summer, Shrine parishioners had the services of seminary professor from the southeast part of Nigeria in Western Africa. He came to help the parish while Father Liam made his annual visit to Ireland.

Father Kizito is on a year sabbatical leave, visiting various parts of the U.S. and becoming more familiar with the Church and its customs. He comes from a family of seven children, with a stay-at-home mother and a father who worked for the government.

He entered a high school minor seminary in 1979. Since his ordination



he has been a pastor and a principal of a high school. Some observations made by Father as an outsider are;

"The U.S. is a very organized country. But, why do women wear trousers instead of gowns?" He is amazed at all the rich desserts served after dinner. Desserts are uncommon in his country, except, perhaps, for a piece of fruit.

Father will now go on to Colorado Springs for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Not to be forgotten or overlooked is the steady support and help given by Father Baaju Izuchi, CSSp, chaplain at St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City. He has helped Father Liam on numerous occasions with Sunday and weekend Masses. The parish is grateful for his assistance. ✂

## *Two Men to Begin Pastoral Internship*

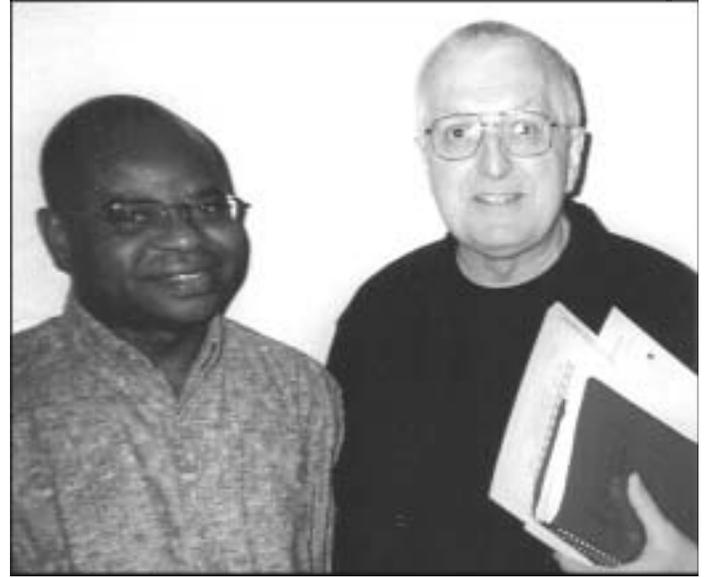


Father Derrek Scott will supervise Albeiro Herrera as he begins his pastoral assignment at St. Joseph's parish in Blende.

Two young men recently arrived in Pueblo to begin their year of pastoral assignment or "internship."

Albeiro Herrera from Colombia, South America finished his seminary studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wisconsin this spring. He is assigned to St. Joseph's Parish in Blende under the direction of the new pastor, Father Derrek Scott. Father Scott, as you remember, was a parishioner of the Shrine and the son of current parishioners, Dwight and Carol Scott.

Albeiro will be perfecting his English and helping in the large rural parish that includes Vineland. At the



Jean-Marie Mondji, shown on the left with Father Bob Hagan, S. J., begins his pastoral assignment at Holy Family Parish.

end of the year, it is expected Bishop Tafoya will travel to South America to ordain Albeiro, so that his elderly parents and many siblings may participate in the event.

Newly-arrived from Washington D.C. is Jean-Marie Mondji. He was raised in Tonga, Africa and completed his seminary studies and a Ph.D. at the Catholic University of America. He is assigned to Holy Family Parish under the guidance of Jesuit, Father Bob Hagan, new pastor. Jean-Marie has a talent for languages and speaks seven, but now must learn Spanish this year!

We welcome these young men. A city-wide reception to meet them is expected to be held soon. ✂

# PARISH LIFE

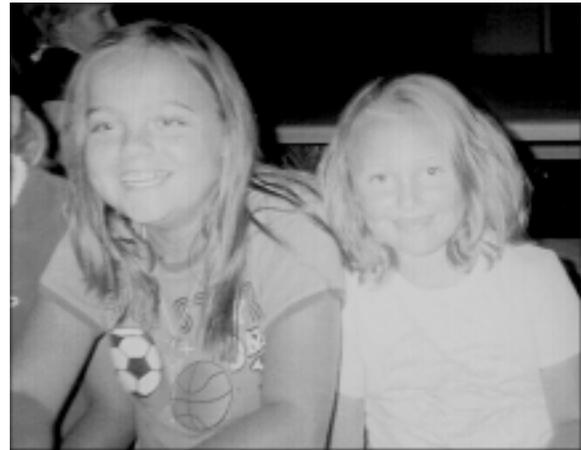
**\$1,000 WINNER**—Darrell Pagels won the top prize in the drawing of the Celebrating Our Parish event last June. He is shown here with his wife Tammy, and their three daughters: Vivianna, 3; Shayla, 6; and Gabriella, 1. Darrell is training to become a deacon.



**ENTERTAINER**—Carl Wartin entertained at the Celebrating Our Parish event.

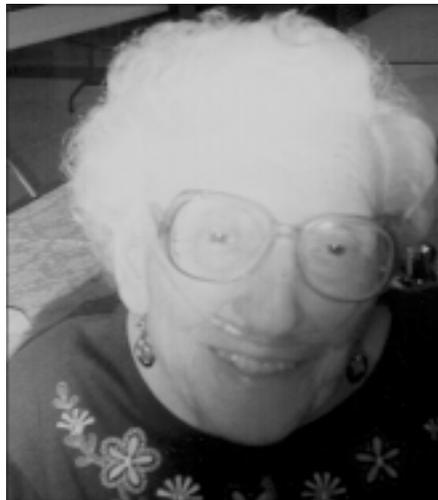


**HAPPY FACES**—Two children show their pleasure with smiles at the Totus Tutus summer program.



**CELEBRATING LIFE**—Frances Concialdi, shown on the left, celebrated her 99th birthday on July 1.

Frank Petrocco, photo on the right, poses with his son, Mario, celebrated his 90th birthday recently with a reception in the St. Joseph's room. Daughters, Mona and Vicky, hosted the affair.



# Sister Mary Faustina Takes Her First Vows

**M**sgr. George Holland beamed with delight when Sister Mary Faustina greeted him with, "Oh, Monsignor, you gave me my First Holy Communion.

A few years have passed since then, and Sister Mary Faustina recently professed her first vows. A reception was held in the parish hall for her, and her first visit to Pueblo and family since joining the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker Community of Walton, KY.

Her parents, Joan and Frank Zugelder were present for her first vows as was Bishop David Ricken. Bishop



Sister Mary Faustina (center) is shown above with her mother, Mrs. Frank Zugelder, and Msgr. George Holland.

and to offer her their prayers with blessings for the days ahead. ✂

Ricken seems to "keep an eye" on her and the other 20 sisters in her community.

Her community of sisters teach in a Catholic school which includes religion classes, and the order operates a senior nursing home as well. Sister Mary Faustina's first assignment follows her visit to Pueblo will be administrative duties at the nursing home.

Many friends and parishioners came to the reception to visit with Sister Mary Faustina,

# Respect Emphasized in Training Altar Servers

**W**hether we call them servers, acolytes, or altar boys, the latter term outdated today since girls now also assist at Mass, they undeniably serve a useful purpose in assisting the priest during the liturgy. At the Shrine, they are known as altar servers.

Being respectful and displaying respect of the Eucharist while assisting at Mass is the common thread in the training of altar servers, according to Lydia Pearson, mentor. Mrs. Pearson, who serves in many ministries at the parish, says that the training may actually only take five or six hours, but because there are changes in the liturgy; the routine may be altered for Holy Days or a wedding ceremony. Therefore, training is always on-going.

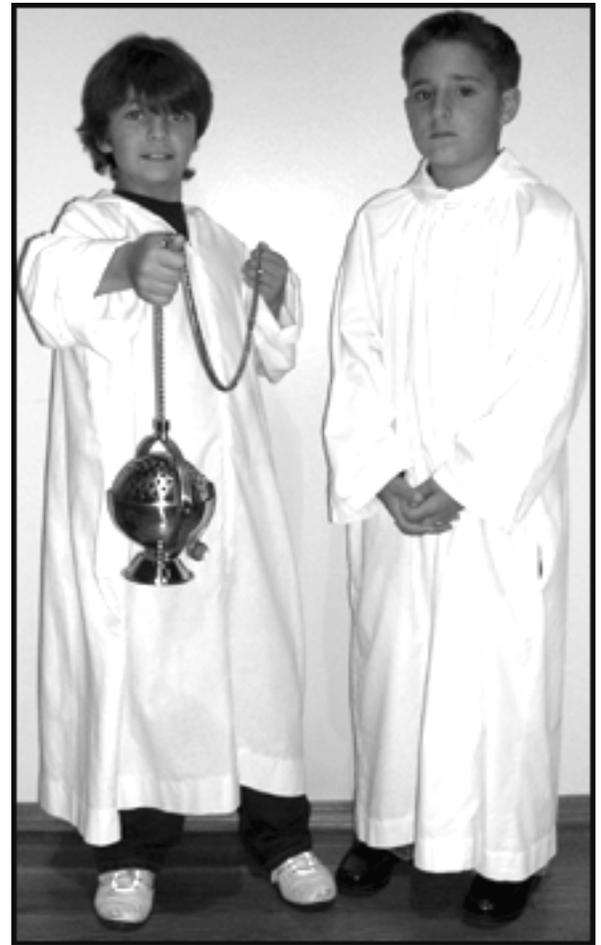
There is no set curriculum for the training of servers and Mrs. Pearson works under the direction of Father Liam. Different pastors have different expectations for those who assist at Mass.

As worshippers we focus on the presence of the Eucharist and the Proclamation of the Word, and we may not always be aware of the presence of the servers. Usually, there are five servers at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, which is considered the Family Mass. Numbers at other Masses vary. Some of the Holy Day Masses may have as many as 12 servers, Mrs. Pearson said.

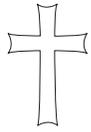
All servers are volunteers who have made their First Holy Communion, a requirement, and are between 8 and 10 years of age when recruited. Most come from Religious Education classes. Girls are also encouraged to become servers, but they have not responded to the call like the boys.

Servers are expected to say the prayer posted in the sacristy after vesting. A blessing from Father Liam is granted to them before Mass begins.

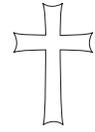
Earthly rewards are given to all the servers once a year when Father holds a pizza party and special blessing for them. ✂



Altar servers Trey Graham, left, holds a censer for the blessing while Dru Novak assists. Trey has been serving for one month. He is a third grader at Sunset Park Elementary School. Dru has served for one year and is a fourth grader at Vineland Elementary.



# MEMORIALS



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M/M Robert Wodishek

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Tim/Carla Dunford (M/M)  
and two children

**FEBRUARY—**

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and five children  
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and one child  
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and one child  
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and one child

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Ms. Amy J. Arias  
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Juan/LaDonna Gutierrez (M/M)  
Brandon/Sarah Nelson (M/M)  
Richard/Cheryl Coggins (M/M)  
and two children

Ms. LaVonne L. Morton  
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Michael J./Jennifer Dietz (M/M)  
and two children  
Mr. David Osborn  
and one child

**AUGUST—**

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Robert/Mariel Trujillo (M/M)  
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*Christian-Muslim Relations*

# Peace Not Served By Ignoring History

By Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput  
Archbishop of Denver  
(Reprinted from the Denver Catholic Register)

Over the past few decades, studies have shown again and again that Americans tend to have a poor grasp of history. In fact, the scholar Christopher Lasch once wrote that Americans love nostalgia, because we see it as a form of entertainment. But we dislike real history, because *real* historical facts are inconvenient. Yesterday helps shape today. Real history places annoying obligations of truth on our present and future, and gets in the way of reinventing ourselves.

As a result, quipped a teacher friend, "history is whatever we say it is, as long as we can get away with it."

I remembered her words recently as I read a news story. The story reported an Islamic leader as suggesting that it was European Christians, never Muslims, who tried to root out those who didn't agree with them.

Perhaps the reporter misunderstood the speaker. Perhaps the speaker made an honest mistake. Both Muslims and Christians have committed many sins against each other over the centuries. In the United States, we have an opportunity to overcome that difficult history and learn to live with each other in mutual acceptance. But respect can't emerge from falsehood.

Catholics who *do* know history may remember the following:

Islam has embraced military expansion for religious purposes since its earliest decades. In contrast, Christianity struggled in its divided attitudes toward military force and

state power for its first 300 years. No "theology of Crusade" existed in Western Christian thought until the 11th century. In fact, the Christian Byzantine Empire had already been resisting Muslim expansion in the East for 400 years before Pope Urban II called the First Crusade—as a *defensive* response to generations of armed jihad.

Much of the modern Middle East

the Muslim Ottoman Empire murdered more than 1 million Armenian Christians for ethnic, economic, but also religious reasons. Many Turks and other Muslims continue to deny that massive crime even today. Coptic Christians in Egypt—who, even after 13 centuries of Muslim prejudice and harassment, cling to the faith—continue to experience systematic discrimination and violence at the hands of Islamic militants.

Harassment and violence against Christians continue in many places throughout the Islamic world, from Bangladesh, Iran, Sudan, Pakistan and



was once heavily Christian. Muslim armies changed that by imposing Islamic rule. Surviving Christian communities have endured centuries of marginalization, discrimination, violence, slavery and outright persecution—not always and not everywhere; but as a constant, recurring and central theme of Muslim domination.

That same Christian suffering continues down to the present. In the early years of the 20th century,

## Statue Vandalized, Fixed

The statue of the Madonna della Strada in the Shrine Memorial Garden was recently vandalized, almost a year after being dedicated.

Church personnel were shocked to find that someone tried to remove the statue of the little boy. It was left there, but bent and damaged.

A fiberglass shop in Pueblo West that normally does only boat repairs, was enlisted to make the repairs. Shop owner, Jerry Hoff of Unlimited Fiberglass was reluctant to do the repair, but later accepted the challenge and did a wonderful repair job.

K of C donated the statue. ☘

Iraq, to Nigeria, Indonesia and even Muslim-dominated areas of the heavily Catholic Philippines. In Saudi Arabia, all public expressions of Christian faith are forbidden. The on-going Christian flight from Lebanon has helped to transform it, in just a half century, from a majority Christian Arab nation to a majority Muslim population.

These are facts. The Muslim-Christian conflict is a very long one, rooted in deep religious differences, and Muslims have their own long list of real and perceived grievances. But especially in an era of religiously inspired terrorism and war in the Middle East, peace is not served by ignoring, subverting or rewriting history, but rather by facing it humbly *as it really happened* and healing its wounds.

That requires honesty and repentance from *both* Christians and Muslims. Comments like those reported in the recent news story I read—claiming that historically, it was European Christians, never Muslims, who tried to root out those who disagreed with them—are both false and do nothing to help. ☘

October is the month of St. Therese of Lisieux  
The patron saint of our parish and diocese



*“Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, but at the love which we do them.”*

St. Therese of Lisieux

# THE ROSE

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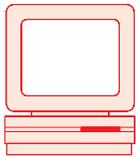
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### UNAVOIDABLE LAWS OF LIFE

- When one wishes to unlock a door but only has one hand free, the keys are in the opposite pocket. (Von fumbles law)
- When one's hands are covered with oil, grease or glue, your nose will start to itch. (Law of ichiban)



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