

Faith Formation by Toni Webb

BEGINNINGSAND ENDINGS

Many are the times that we begin—and end things. Each morning we begin a new day; each Sunday a new week. Twelve times yearly we begin a new month, and on January 1 we commence a new year—though both the Jews and the Chinese begin theirs at different times than our calendar year. Often we begin a new diet on a Monday, or a new fitness program at the beginning of the new year. The school year, which formerly began in September, now kicks off in mid-August. Memorial Day weekend is often considered the (unofficial) start of summer; and by contrast, Labor Day is thought to be the final gasp of summer—though with school beginning weeks earlier, that's questionable, even if many grab at the opportunity for one last—albeit short—trip before settling down to the daily grind of both work and school.

With every beginning there is obviously an end to something else—be it a day, week, month, year, diet, exercise, job, residence, school, life, and sometimes unfortunately, a marriage. And with every end, and beginning, there is a conspicuous change—on the clock, our calendar, to our home, our schedule and/or our way of living. Moving to a new home—be it across town, the state, the country, or the world is a monumental end and an equally tremendous beginning, as we discover when we try to pack up the detritus of our life in our old homes.

We often begin our spring housecleaning in March, when the calendar indicates that it is spring, despite the fact that there may still be snow on the ground. In the fall—September—we may also begin a new diet or exercise regimen, in preparation for the feasting holidays of both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The bible contains numerous references to the term beginning—an entire column in my Strong's Concordance, (you know, that tiny, little print like in the phone directory that's almost impossible to read with or without glasses!). Some of my favorites that I came across while reading these references: Ps. 111:10 "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding..." and Prov. 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Emphasis mine in both cases). These are all gifts or fruits of the Holy Spirit received or emanating from Baptism and/or Confirmation. Interestingly enough, there is only one reference in that same tome to the word ending—that of Rev. 1:8—"I am the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end(ing)." Try as I might in the four different Bible translations I have—including an old King James Version that belonged to my husband's grandfather—I cannot find that exact wording. However, there are three columns—again with the small print—in Strong's about end, ends and ending.

There is a proverb that states: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." Just as hope springs eternal, opportunities present themselves every new day that dawns. So just for today (as Dear Abby says) let's make it a good one. Let's make our thoughts, words and actions good ones, for as the saying goes, yesterday is gone, tomorrow never comes; but today is a gift, that's why we call it the present.

Please inform the parish office of any change of address and new phone/cell numbers. The information is necessary to keep our records accurate.

If anyone is interested in new smoke alarms, the Red Cross has teamed up with the Knights of Columbus to install them on September 10th. See Red Cross flyer in vestibule for contact information.

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR OVER
100 YEARS



July 31, 2016

*Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

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"come to me all of you"
- Matthew 11:28

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jul. 30- Vigil
 5:30p.m. †Frank P. Brown, Sr., by Children

Sun. Jul.31
 8:00a.m. For All Parishioners
 10:30a.m. Int. of Richard Tasker by Margaret Staggers

—✘—NO MASS Tuesday & Wednesday: —✘—

Thurs. Aug. 4
 6:00p.m. †Santa & Pete Pino by Josephine Boyerski

Fri. Aug. 5
 8:30a.m. †Jane Burk by Bruce & Toni Webb
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Sat. Aug. 6 - Vigil
 5:30p.m. †Valeria Brown by Children

Sun. Aug. 7
 8:00a.m. †Marisa Howerton by Mary Kerby
 10:30a.m. For All Parishioners

Offerings July 24, 2016

Env/Loose:	\$ 2,953.00
Online:	\$ 265.00
School:	\$ 45.00
Maintenance:	\$ 45.00
Votives:	\$ 70.00

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2016

PARISH GOAL: \$17,150.00
Current Status: \$13,625 (79%)
Amount Needed to reach goal: \$ 4,375.00

Lectors

Sat. (Vigil): 8/6
5:30p.m. : Toni Webb
Sun. 8/7 - 8a.m.: Vickie Caldwell
10:30a.m.: Mike Kemlock

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

August

Sat. (Vigil):
5:30p.m. : Gene & Kathy Glover
Sun. 8a.m.: Pat Beverley/
 Dominic Re
Sun. 10:30a.m.:
 Bev & Herman Hundley

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil): 8/6
5:30p.m.: Noah & Camden Craddock
Sunday: 8/7
8:00a.m.: Andre Re/
 Emma & Molly Pino
10:30a.m.: Keylie Alexander/
 Bethany Rosiek/Chloe Kania



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
 Saturdays 4:45p.m. or by appointment.

A Family Perspective.

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. When is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool," meant for us? - Bud Ozar



SSPP Food Pantry Needs: If anyone has brown paper grocery bags, don't throw them out, please donate them to our food pantry.

++R.I.P. ++

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Elliot Pritt, Family & Friends on the death of his father, David Pritt.
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May he rest in the peace of Christ.

This Week.....

Wed.

4:15p.m. "Saturday Choir" rehearsal
 5:30p.m. "Sunday Choir" rehearsal

School Notes: from the Principal

We are looking for a part time one day a week music teacher. We are also looking for a part time science teacher. We are also looking to fill the position of School Secretary. For more details, please contact Principal White (405-812-5448) if you or someone you know is interested.

Looking for 250-300 used tennis balls. They will be used on the base of the chair legs to help protect the school floor from scuffs. For more information , please contact the Principal.

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Frank Brown, John Brown, and Sam Porter . The flowers are presented by the Brown/Porter Families.



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"Avoid greed in all its forms. "

It is always good to be reminded, as we are in today's readings, of what really matters, for our lives do not consist of our possessions. Today let us pray that we treasure what is truly important in our lives—all the people to whom we are called to reveal God's mercy—and leave the rest to God.