

April 20, 2008

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14: 1

At times our hearts are troubled -- right now our hearts may be troubled! Jesus isn't trying to deny, ignore, or even pray anxiety away. He is asking us, in the face of fear, troubles and struggles, to TRUST him. No matter what the situation, no matter what happens, trust is a basic belief that God is with us.

#### H.O.P.E. COLLECTION

The H.O.P.E. Collection will continue to go toward paying the balance on the church Air Conditioning. The balance for that project right now is \$14,365. We are averaging \$2500 a month, so we should complete that payment by September.

The Finance Commission is recommending that we continue the H.O.P.E. Collection and earmark that fund for some necessary repairs: Rectory roof, floor & ceiling tiles for the church bathrooms, and ceiling tiles and insulation in the hallways, office area, and multi-purpose room.

Thank you for using that envelope on the first weekend of each month. It has been an effective way to supplement our budget.

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL -- "DARE TO SHARE"

A successful appeal depends on the cooperation and generosity of each parishioner. I ask and encourage you to make a pledge or gift to CSA as a way of expressing gratitude to God, and to show appreciation in being a member of this parish family.

Please make a pledge or gift that is reasonable and realistic for you. Every gift helps -- each gift is appreciated!