

Mission of Divine Mercy

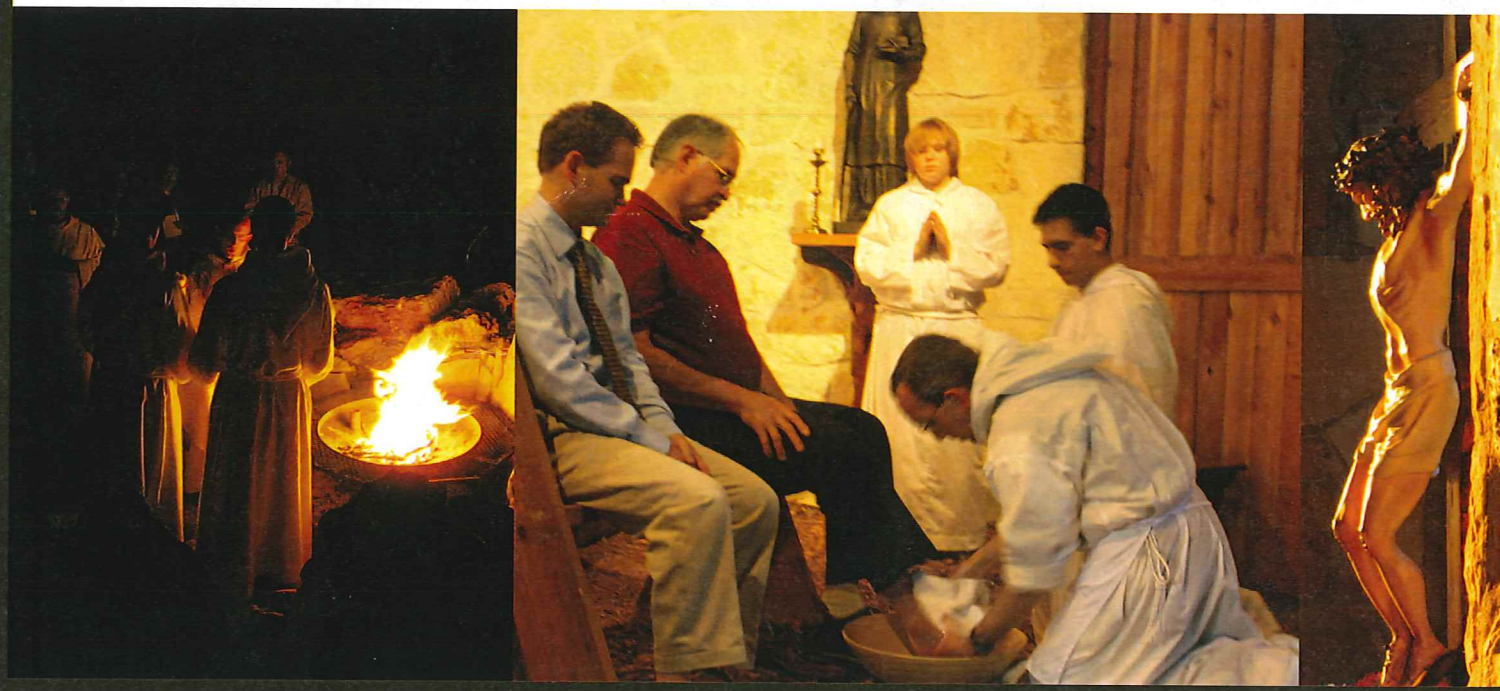
Fall 2009 A.D.



Benedict XVI has decreed that the year from June 19, 2009, through June 19, 2010, be declared the Year for Priests, and has placed this year under the special patronage of St. John Mary Vianney, the Curé of Ars.

We are united with you in asking Our Blessed Mother to protect, purify, strengthen, and inspire all Her Priest-Sons in these times when they are sharing so frequently in the mockery, scourging, and the Crucifixion of Jesus. ♦

YEAR FOR PRIESTS



We are sending you the *economy version* of our usual Fall Newsletter. We wanted to get the Fall Schedule out to you as quickly as possible. We are also working on some important projects at this time so we've needed to simplify this issue. Please pray for these projects. We hope to be telling you more about them in the future. ♦



NOT-SO-ORDINARY TIME ...

In the liturgical calendar, Ordinary Time – the time that is not Advent, Christmas, Lent or Eastertide – is in fact the time of the Holy Spirit; *not so ordinary*.

It is Nazareth time; the quiet, low-profile time of daily struggle and fidelity – sacrifices, sorrows, and victories that are seen by no one but God – but that startle the Soul entering into eternity when he sees that he has amassed a rich harvest.

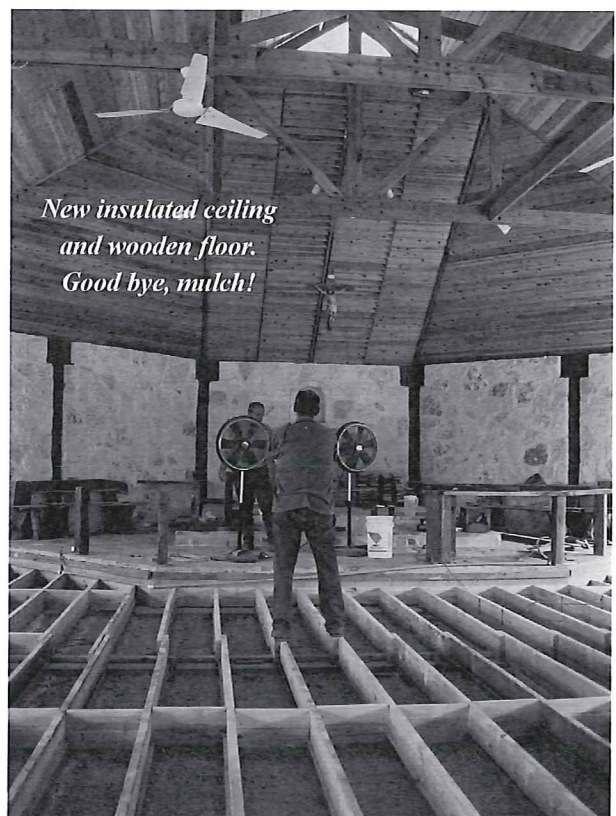
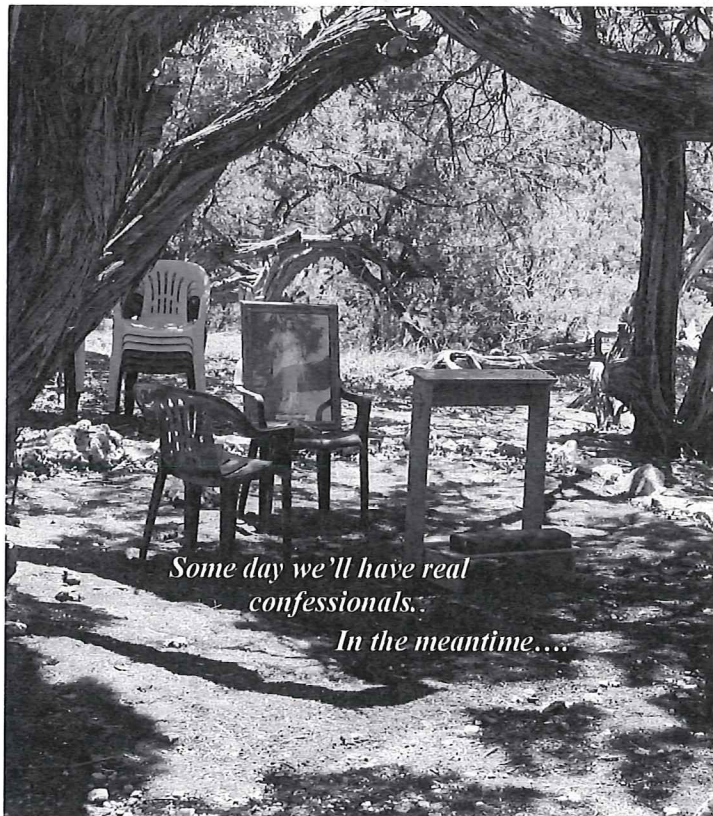
As nourishment for these not-so-ordinary times we offer the following passage from St. Francis de Sales.

“Our greatest fault is that we wish to serve God in our way, not in His way -- according to our will, not according to His will.

When He wishes us to be sick, we wish to be well; when He desires us to serve Him by sufferings, we desire to serve Him by works; when He wishes us to exercise charity, we wish to exercise humility; when He seeks from us resignation, we wish for devotion, a spirit of prayer or some other virtue. And this is not because the things we desire may be more pleasing to Him, but because they are more to our taste.

This is certainly the greatest obstacle we can raise to our own perfection, for it is beyond doubt that if we were to wish to be Saints according to our own will, we shall never be so at all. To be truly a Saint, it is necessary to be one according to the Will of God.”

Saint Francis de Sales



Schedule for the Fall of 2009

All events take place at Mission La Divina Misericordia. For more information see our website:
www.missionofdivinemeracy.org or call (830) 905-4515.

September:

- Sept. 3 Holy Hours resume from 6-7 p.m.
Sept. 10 Kerubim Program begins
Sept. 12-13 QP Mini-retreat
Sept. 13 Amici Christi Meeting
Sept. 19 SMS Push

October:

- Oct. 2 - 4 EWJ Retreat for Women
Oct. 10-11 QP Mini-retreat
Oct. 11 Amici Christi Meeting
Oct. 17 Amici Christi Retreat for Newcomers
Oct. 24-25 SMS Push
Oct. 31 Day Retreat in Spanish
(*Día de Retiro en Español*)

November:

- Nov. 7-8 QP Mini-retreat
Nov. 8 Amici Christi Meeting
Nov. 21-22 SMS Push
Nov. 19 5th Anniversary of the purchase of the Mission
Special Holy Hour of Thanksgiving

REQUEST FOR MODEST DRESS:

Please refrain from wearing shorts; sleeveless tops; hemlines above the knee; or any low-cut, tight, or provocative clothing. *Thank you.*

December:

- Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass and Veneration of the Image
Dec. 12-13 QP Mini-retreat
Dec. 13 Amici Christi Meeting
Dec. 19 - 20 SMS Push

Schedule to be announced for:

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 27 Feast of the Holy Family
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE MISSION

❖ Thursday Evening

Holy Hours 6 -7 p.m.

The following takes place after the Holy Hour:

Prayer for Healing—

1st Thursday of the Month

Blessing of Sacramentals

3rd Thursday of the Month

❖ Saturday Mass 8:00 a.m.

(Confessions after Mass)

❖ Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

(Confessions before and after Mass)

CONCERN FOR OUR COUNTRY

So many of you have spoken with us about your sense that there is an increasingly grave situation in our country; and your conviction that a growing evil is taking hold.

We also are concerned. We know that, at its root, the evil which is confronting us – and the whole world – draws its power from the ancient serpent. ***“For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”***

Ephesians 6:12 (See the rest of Chapter 6 for St. Paul's cogent advice.)

How does one respond to this evil? The first, most powerful, and ultimate response is the one that Jesus gave by His Sacrifice and death on the Cross. And each day in the Mass that Response is brought to bear against all evil, and to restore hope.

The second is by our continuing personal conversion. By participating in the Mass, by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, by surrendering to His Will in our daily lives, by uniting our sorrow and pain with that of Jesus on the Cross we are acting and responding in the most powerful way possible. Because then it is Jesus Who is responding through us.

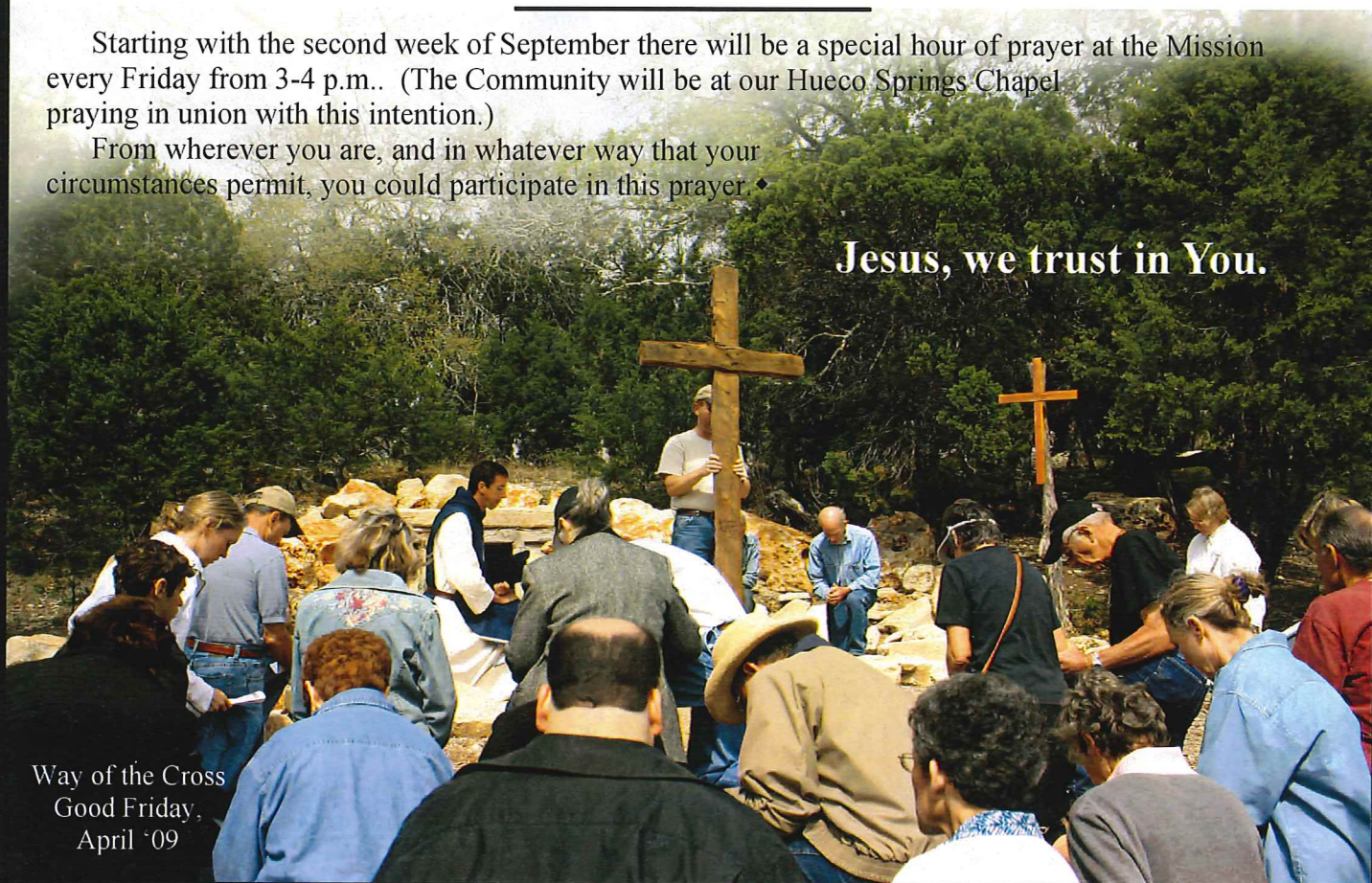
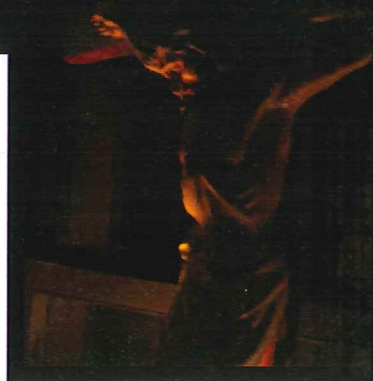
In this critical time, we invite you to join with us in intense prayer, begging God *to disarm the forces of evil and to have mercy on our country.*

Starting with the second week of September there will be a special hour of prayer at the Mission every Friday from 3-4 p.m.. (The Community will be at our Hueco Springs Chapel praying in union with this intention.)

From wherever you are, and in whatever way that your circumstances permit, you could participate in this prayer. ♦

Jesus, we trust in You.

Way of the Cross
Good Friday,
April '09





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**“Lord, give us holy Priests;
You Yourself maintain them in holiness.**

O Divine and Great High Priest, may
the power of Your Mercy accompany them
everywhere and protect them from the devil's
traps and snares which are continually being
set for the souls of Priests.

May the power of Your Mercy, O Lord,
shatter and bring to naught all that might tar-
nish the sanctity of Priests, for You can do all
things.”

Diary of St. Faustina (No. 1052)

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