

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

More Than 50 Years of Faith!
Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"

Dear Friends,

When is it going to end? When this pandemic started, many of the experts and scientists were speculating that we might see a drop-off in the virility and the infection rate of the virus as the weather got warmer – much like many other viruses that operate in a kind of cyclical nature. We all waited and prayed that this hypothesis would be true. And we waited and waited. Just when it appeared that the infection rate was dropping, all of a sudden it surged with great ferocity and didn't seem to give way. Here we are five months later, with the summer months beginning to fade into fall, and we are still grappling with a virus that seems relentless. We are still praying for its end and we are longing for the day when we can "return to normal lives". Isn't God listening to our prayers? When will it end?

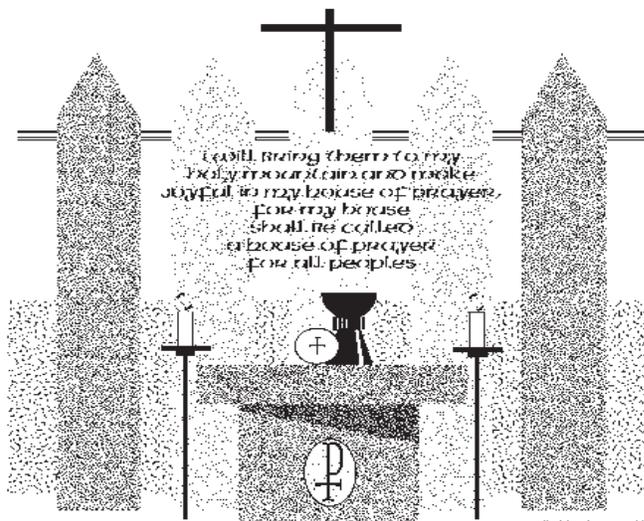
As time goes on, we are beginning to recognize that we might be dealing with this pandemic for some time. Something is beginning to happen as we find ourselves caught up in this seemingly endless problem. I think this situation is revealing something about us as human beings. First, we are realizing that there are some things in life that we have been taking for granted. Spending more time with our families, we are learning how important our family relationships are and we are cherishing more some of the simpler things in life. I've been listening to the stories of people who have taken vacations, but this year, they did it differently. They stayed closer to home or they loaded up an RV that they rented and went on a road trip. The scaling back of things and the resourcefulness of people in making the best of a situation has highlighted how family life doesn't need to revolve around exorbitant excursions or lavish getaways. Simplicity brings to light the blessings we already have.

Secondly, it seems that the prolongation of the pandemic is causing us to realize that God is stretching our faith. We've been praying and praying for an end to this and it is not forthcoming. At least, it doesn't seem that it is forthcoming. What gives? Like the situation in the gospel, perhaps God is simply being silent for a while. Silence frequently causes us to be uneasy. We are used to results. We like to see things happen. When things don't happen, we are uncomfortable. There is a test in here somewhere. I have to confess that there are times that I have wanted to dispense from prayer for the end to the pandemic because it is seemingly becoming "normal". What I mean is that it has gone on for some time now, so it is becoming commonplace. Whenever we come to accept that things are unlikely to change, our initial fervor begins to wane. However, it seems to me that God is inviting us to double down on our efforts to pray. It could be a test of our perseverance in prayer. We need to keep at it. We need to be relentless in our asking for God to intervene on our behalf.

In the gospel, we find a Canaanite woman (a non-Jew) appealing to Jesus on behalf of her daughter. She wants healing for her. Jesus seemingly ignores her. Could his initial silence be a call for deeper faith? Could the Lord be trying to test her sincerity? She doesn't stop. It seems that the more he seems to ignore her plea, the more she is emboldened to ask for help. Finally, the Lord recognizes her depth of faith and grants her desire.

Silence is often one of the most difficult aspects of faith. We pray to God, we implore him for help, and so often, it seems that God isn't listening. It really isn't that God is deaf to us, but rather that he is drawing forth from us deeper faith. We simply need to reach out all the more. I have confidence that God, as he has done so many times in the past, will get us past this time. Either someone will find a vaccine, or nature will take its course in reducing the threat, or something will aid us in the end. Until then, we must keep appealing to God.

Another thing that this time is revealing to us is this pandemic is calling us to greater courage. I've seen some tremendous courage on the part of doctors and nurses who have



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taken the risk, even at the cost of their own lives, to care for the afflicted. We should be grateful to them. At the same time, the general populace is beginning to realize we can't cower in fear forever. At some point, we must make something of our lives, while taking all precautions. We shouldn't be dismissive of the danger. To do so would be to act uncharitably toward those who are at risk. Nevertheless, we can't live in fear forever. Ultimately, we have to face the pandemic head on.

This brings me to the final thing. I think many are realizing that death is nothing to fear. If we are honest with ourselves, death will come to all of us. With the time we have we should live nobly. We should also live faithfully. If death should come knocking on our door, we need to not be fearful. By all means, try to avoid infection and try to minimize the possibility of infecting others. At the same time, should it be our time for death to visit us, we must be ready. God will be there for us.

As I say these things, I also realize that there are some we have already lost to the virus. We feel the pain of their loss. Nothing can really be said to comfort us at the loss of someone we love. But, Christ is with us. Christ will be right there in the middle of that suffering and pain. He desires to bring us his healing love. Let us continue to act as the Canaanite woman and keep knocking on the door of our Lord to help us in our need. Let us move on in faith!

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Christopher Janosek by his family.

† May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioners Mario Lopez and Doyle Harris, whose funeral Masses were held here this past week and for Fredrick T. Mathews, Oralia Colunga and Betty Konarik whose funeral services were also held here this past week. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Joe & Jeannine Holland, who recently registered at our parish. We are glad to have them be an active part of our growing faith community.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

First Saturday: 8:15AM

Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM

Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM

(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,

Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM

Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM and Thursdays 7-8PM

Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Guidelines/Procedures When Attending Mass

Please observe the following guidelines and procedures:

Before You Arrive

- Be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- **Face masks are strongly encouraged**
- Check your temperature before leaving your home.

Upon Arriving

- Enter only through the front doors from the parking lot on the Gollihar Road side.
- Everyone should maintain 6 feet of distance between them, but families may sit together.

During Mass

- If wearing a mask, we encourage you to keep your face mask on during the Mass.
- You may place your weekly gift in a basket in the vestibule of the church before or after Mass. We encourage you to practice online giving.
- For distribution of communion, maintain proper distancing from the person in front and behind you. Receive communion on your ungloved hand.

Departing Mass

- All are asked to depart Mass in an orderly fashion starting from the rear of the church while maintaining 6 feet of distance from others.

Religious Education and Confirmation Classes

We are in the process of filling the position of Director of Religious Education and ask for your prayers as we undergo this process. We are also working with the diocese to determine the best course of action to safely begin religious education during these times of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we begin to understand the protocols we must take, we will let you know when registration for Religious Education will begin. We will also keep you informed about Confirmation classes as well. Hold tight, and we will notify you soon of our procedures for the new year. Feel free to go to www.spxcc.org and register online.

Let's Celebrate The Feast of St. Pius X!!

This Friday, August 21st, is our patronal feast day, the Feast of St. Pius X! Even though we are enduring a pandemic, we don't want to miss celebrating the feast of our patron saint. We would like to invite you to join us at Mass at 5:30 pm, June 21st. We will have room for approximately 105 people in the church. For those who would prefer, we will live-stream the feast day Mass so all can celebrate as a parish family. During the week, we will be offering novena prayers in preparation for the special day after the 8:15 am Mass. Don't forget to join us!



School News *By Principal Beth Hinojosa*

Our mission is to develop the whole child in a Christ centered environment to become a loving and productive citizen in today's world.

We are starting the third week of school this week. What an adventurous first couple of virtual learning! I can already see how important this is for our students even though we are not physically together. I was able to pop into each class and say hello to all of the students. It was awesome to see our teachers and students in action. It is safe to say that the students are excited to start back to school even though they are at home learning. We are excited to offer small group instruction to our students as well as whole group learning. This has given our students the opportunity to build a personal relationship with their teacher and has provided our teachers with some very essential skill-building time with each child. It is safe to say we are off to a strong start. We are looking forward to having our students back on campus starting September 8th. However, we are offering our families the option to stay the course with online learning. God Bless

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, August 16th

- 8:00AM – Mass – CH
- 10:00AM – Mass – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH
- 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

Monday, August 17th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

Tuesday, August 18th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

Wednesday, August 19th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH

Thursday, August 20th

- 8:15AM – Mass - CH
- 7:00PM – Adoration – CH

- 7:15 – 7:50PM – Confessions - PH

Friday, August 21st

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass – CH

Saturday, August 22nd

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 11:30AM – Funeral - CH
- 4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - PH
- 5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH

Sunday, August 23rd

- 8:00AM – Mass – CH
- 10:00AM – Mass – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH
- 7:30PM - Vietnamese Mass – CH



**Deadline for submitting
bulletin announcements is
Wednesday's @ 12:00noon**

Saturday, August 15th

5:30PM † Dominga Guerrero by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa fam.

Sunday, August 16th

8:00AM † Christopher Janosek Annv. by John & Debra Janosek

10:00AM † Roman & Luisa Arevalo by family
 † Charles Brocato by Monica Layton

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, August 17th

8:15AM † Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen

Tuesday, August 18th

8:15AM † Wayne Irvin Annv. by John, Debra & Brian Janosek

Wednesday, August 19th

8:15AM † Pat Sehy Annv. by the Sehy family
 † Deceased members of the Didear family
 Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa
 † Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.
 † James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly
 † Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly
 † Anna Van Dyke by James & John Kelly
 † Jeanne Baish by her family
 † Gabriel Hinojosa by David & Beth Hinojosa

5:30PM † Theresa C. Kravek, Anniversary by her family
 † Ken Morgan, Sr. by Ken & Liz Morgan
 † Mary, John & James Patrick Kelly by KKH
 † Alex Garcia by Vicki, Camille & Linda Habeeb
 Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly
 John C., Kelly's well-being by James Kelly
 James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly
 † David Eicher Annv. by his family

Thursday, August 20th

8:15AM † Victor Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Friday, August 21st

8:15AM † Emilio G. Garza Annv. by E. Garza

5:30PM † J.R. Janos by Maria Revetta

Saturday, August 22nd

5:30PM † Margarita Guerrero Annv. by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa fam.

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00AM † Sister Marilynn Therese Lipps by DeAnna Havel

10:00AM † Felix Matula Annv.
 † Theresa Kravek by family

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Financial Report for Sunday 8/9/2020

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$18,030.00
Sunday Online	\$8,240.00
Other.....	\$690.00
Filipino 1st Friday	\$346.00
Total Operating Revenue...	\$27,306.00

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$350.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$140.00
Church in Africa	\$20.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$510.00

Total Contributions..... \$27,816.00

**Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs
 (1/6/2017)**

Amount borrowed	\$389,469.05
Principal pd (7/31/20)	\$154,723.77
Ending balance.....	\$234,745.28

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Carlos Cardenas, Allison Cash, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Sabrina Cisneros, Gino Colmenero, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Didra DeLosSantos, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Ethel Dulak, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Balde Espinoza, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Raquel Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, George Hoelscher, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher Manka, Dottie Margrave, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Katie Mechlar, Barbara Mikulik, Fred Mitchell, Melynda Moore, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Leo M. Robles, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Myron Rose, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Hidalgo Salas, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, David N. Scherzer, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Clara Skelton, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Donna Tindall, Andrew Trevino, Bessie Vasquez, Leah Villalobos, Santana Villarreal, Judy West, Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

