

Nineteenth 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,

Several years ago, I went on vacation with a fellow priest to Costa Rica, which is known for its rainforests and exotic wildlife. Apart from all the beach and aquatic activities, like swimming and snorkeling, the one thing that everyone does while visiting Costa Rica is zip-lining. The country is celebrated for eco-tourism and a highlight of any traveler's visit is to view monkeys in their natural habitat. The primary way to do this is to ascend into the canopy of the rainforest by means of zip-lines.

It was my fellow priest who planned the itinerary of the trip and he was the one who was intent on doing the zip-lining. Once we arrived at the location, we were given all the equipment, given a demonstration on safety and were helped to put the gear on properly. I have to admit that I was a little apprehensive about zipping high above the forest floor. My fellow priest, however, seemed calm and collected about it as we got all the gear on. As soon as we started to climb the stairs to the first platform however, my friend suddenly started to have second thoughts when he noticed how high we had to climb. I, on the other hand, started to calm down and began to laugh at my friend who increasingly became nervous. When we got to the platform for the first zip, he ushered me on ahead and told me to go first. I started to laugh more as his fear seemed to grip him.

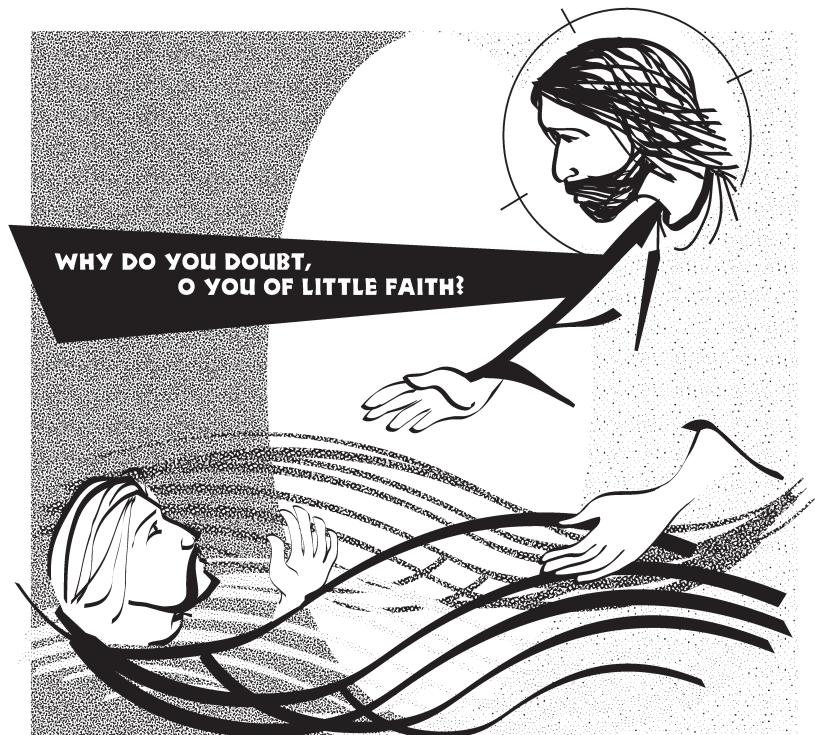
Don't get me wrong. I was nervous too, but I figured I might as well trust and enjoy the experience. The first stretch was a little nerve-wracking, but in the end, it didn't turn out to be as bad as I thought and I actually started to really enjoy the rush and the thrill of zipping through the trees. In the end, we both rose above our initial nervousness and we thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. We were even enthralled by the sight of the monkeys sitting high up on the branches of the canopy of trees.

It's interesting how we can initially work up the courage to do something new, but then when it comes to the moment of reckoning, we find ourselves swayed by forces that rob us of that original confidence. Whenever we make decisions, take certain actions, or engage in any endeavor, we can often go through hurdles of fear and doubt, often for no real reason at all.

Spiritually speaking, we can often allow things to inhibit us as well. We may approach Christ with initial fervor, but we become distracted by life's experiences, or certain obstacles present themselves, and our conviction begins to wane.

In the gospel, St. Peter saw the Lord walking on the water, and he asked the Lord to bid him to approach. Jesus tells Peter to "come", and Peter gets out of the boat and begins to walk on water toward Jesus. At first, he is light-footed and miraculously, he makes his way toward Jesus, but when he finds himself distracted by the wind and the waves, he begins to founder and sink. He ends up calling out to Jesus in desperation and Jesus reaches out to save him.

Nothing had changed in the external situation. What had changed was in Peter's heart. The waves and the wind had been there throughout the whole incident. What had changed is Peter's conviction of heart.



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When we look at our lives, we may have every good intention of following Jesus and even have a firm conviction to do his will. However, being that we struggle with the storms of life, it is easy to succumb to our emotions. When we look down to earthly distractions, we lose sight of faith. When we raise our hearts to heavenly realities, and develop a habit of raising our minds and hearts to God through prayer and faith, our conviction solidifies and we maintain a surer footing in the face of life's trials.

Let's ask the Lord to help us to trust more in him. If we keep the feet of our soul firmly planted in the life of the Sacraments of the Church and we develop the habit of prayer, we will not be moved by the storms of life so much and we will be fixed firmly with our sights on Christ. God bless!

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Patricia Janosek by her family.

† May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Ruben Salinas, whose funeral Mass was held here this past week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Michael's Mailing Address

Our seminarian, Michael Golla, has left us to spend a little time with family before heading back to school. If you would like to drop him a line, here is his mailing address: 401 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington D.C., 20017

Visiting Priests

Since we only have one priest in the parish for the time being, we will be having visiting priests helping with Masses from time to time. Please welcome these priests with a warm welcome when you see them!

Confession Times

Due to limitations during the pandemic, we are limiting confession times to Thursdays from 7:15 pm to 7:50 pm and Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Confessions may also be scheduled by appointment.

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

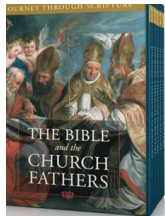
- If wearing a mask, we encourage you to keep your face mask on during the Mass.
- You may place your weekly gift in a basket in the vestibule of the church before or after Mass. We encourage you to practice online giving.
- For distribution of communion, maintain proper distancing from the person in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

Adult Faith Formation - Fall Session

The Bible and the Church Fathers from Dr. Scott Hahn's St. Paul Center at Steubenville University. In The Bible and the Church Fathers, you'll learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture.



- The Bible and the Church Fathers will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form.
- You'll learn powerful tools for reading it, and
- You'll understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and, in particular, to the sacraments.

This program begins September 1st & 3rd and runs for 12 weeks:

Tuesday evening sessions are from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and Thursday afternoon sessions are from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. All classes will be in the Youth Center where there is plenty of room for proper distancing.

School Is Off To A Great Start!

This past week, classes began for our St. Pius X Blue Jay Elementary School Students. We have been excited to see them engaged in learning, even though we began with online education. Please keep our school children in prayer and pray that we are able to move to in-class learning soon. We sing the praises of the teachers who have taken on the challenge of online classes.

Religious Education and Confirmation Classes

Most of you know by now that Sr. Barbara Netek, IWBS is no longer our Religious Education Coordinator. 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.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, August 9th

- 8:00AM – Mass – CH
- 10:00AM – Mass – CH
- 11:00AM – Baptism - CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH
- 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

Monday, August 10th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

Tuesday, August 11th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 3:00PM – Wedding - CH

Wednesday, August 12th

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

Thursday, August 13th

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

Friday, August 14th

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

Saturday, August 15th

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

Sunday, August 16th

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

You must
be a
light
to the
world



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

Saturday, August 8th

5:30PM † Emil & Marie Habeeb by Vicki, Camille & Linda

Sunday, August 9th

8:00AM † Patricia Janosek by the Janosek family

10:00AM † Frances Marsden by Bill Marsden

† Cynthia Schuman by Mary Morin

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, August 10th

8:15AM † Trey Turner by Gladys Lippincott

Tuesday, August 11th

8:15AM † Ben Janosek Annv. by his family

Wednesday, August 12th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear by their family

Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa

† James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.

† Jeanne Baish by her family

† Gabriel Hinojosa by David & Beth Hinojosa

Robert Cotter's Int's. by Bill & Dianne Tate

5:30PM † Ronald Vrazel by Anna Vrazel

† Mary, John & James Patrick Kelly by K.K.H.

† Frank Kollaja by the Kollaja children

† Alex Garcia, Jr. by Donald & Susan Taft

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

In gratitude to Infant Jesus of Prague by Florentino T. Sheldon

Thursday, August 13th

8:15AM † Nellie Mead by the Reumuth family

Friday, August 14th

8:15AM Msgr. Shirley's Birthday Int's. by his family

5:30PM † Mary Annie Gross by Chuck Gross

Saturday, August 15th

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

Sunday, August 16th

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

10:00AM † Roman & Luisa Arevalo by their family

† Charles Brocato by Monica Layton

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Financial Report for Sunday 8/2/2020

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$11,227.00

Sunday Online \$6,147.00

Other..... \$432.50

Total Operating Revenue... \$17,806.50

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$608.00

Total Other Contributions..... \$608.00

Total Contributions..... \$18,414.50

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

Amount borrowed \$389,469.05

Principal pd (6/30/20) \$145,656.39

Ending balance..... \$243,812.66

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.



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