

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

One of the things that I have discovered about my life as a priest is that I am occasionally on the receiving end of a good portion of Christian charity. As one whose vocation it is to extend charity to others, I am humbled when that charity is extended to me. Let me explain.

Because we are celibate and unmarried, one might think that we priests live a lonely life, and that we have no one to take care of us when we are in need. Quite the opposite is true. Apart from the companionship of God, we priests are blessed with many wonderful friends and caring parishioners who look out for us. In fact, I'd have to say that I've never really been lonely or wanting.

For example, here at St. Pius X, food is never in short supply. From time to time, people will drop off a casserole, some brisket, or another dish – either simply out of the goodness of their heart or because they're trying to unload it off on us at a social gatherings so it won't go to waste. Sometimes, people will just drop off cookies or desserts for us priests just because. My expanding waistline probably gives that away.

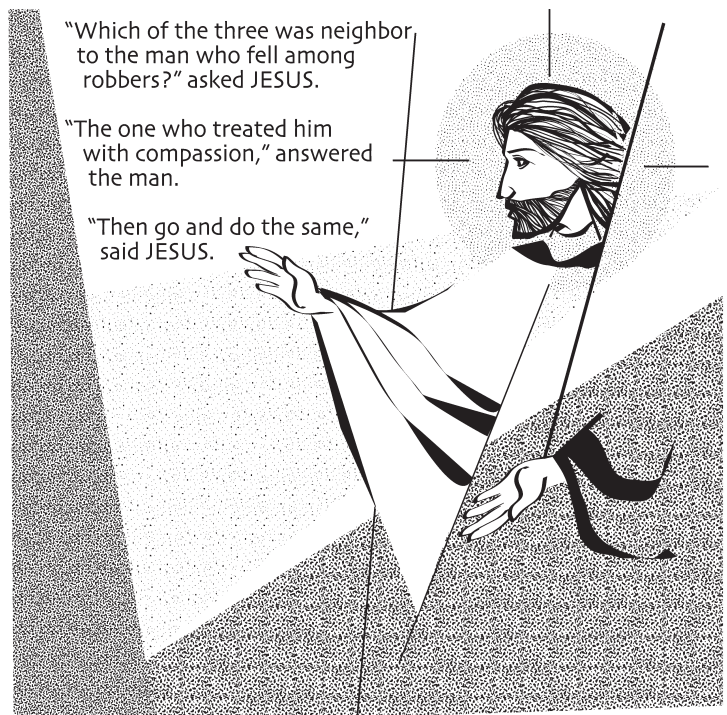
Now, there are also special holidays and other moments when people show special attention to us too. Throughout the years, I've had people invite me over for holiday gatherings and other events, especially if they know that I don't have any place else to go. I've always been appreciative of those gestures because it is comforting to know that I won't ever be alone at significant times of the year.

One of the clearest examples of Christian charity, though, is when I am sick. When people hear that I am "under the weather", the motherliness comes out of many of the mothers in the parish. Some bring me homemade chicken soup and others offer me comfort food. Some bring me different types of curative herbal teas, a hot toddy, or other family concoctions to make me feel better. Some are even kind enough to go buy me medications or run errands for me.

There is no doubt that I have seen a lot of very practical Christian charity throughout the years, not just directed toward me, but toward a lot of other people as well. There is a lot of goodness in the world. I know how much those many gestures of love and acts of caring mean to me. Chances are, many of you have been touched by the loving actions of others, especially when it was completely unexpected. The kindness that we show to our neighbors can have a lasting impact. If we have been beneficiaries of an act of charity and kindness, the chances are we will then do the same for others in time of need. It doesn't take much. We only need to reach out in small ways.

The parable of the Good Samaritan that is presented to us in this weekend's gospel, is a classic exhortation to charity. It has a challenge, though. Most of us would not deny that it is usually far more easy to extend charity toward those that we know and love and care about. It is a much harder thing to extend charity toward those for whom we have little concern. The parable challenges us to expand our definition of "neighbor". Our neighbor is not merely those whom we love and care for. Our neighbor might be someone that we have animosity toward, or those whom we revile.

In light of the tragic shooting in Dallas that just occurred, I'd say we have a lot of senseless hatred and division in our world. There seems to be a lot of polarization and extreme views that divide people. To be sure, this isn't the first time our world has experienced such fracturing. Just about every age has seen this kind of alienation of one group from another. The very parable that Jesus relates to us presents to us



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the great chasm that existed between the Jewish people and the Samaritans of his time. Nevertheless, Jesus calls the Samaritan a neighbor. To whom must we extend charity? As Christians, we are obligated to extend charity even to the person we least likely think of as our neighbor. Such action just may be the ticket to breaking down the barriers that divide us. If we can be touched by the love and care extended to us, who knows what our charity toward others can accomplish – even at the risk of hatred and retaliation in return? We just need to keep reaching out to those in need.

God bless!

Welcome Reception!

Please join us after the 12:00noon Mass today in the parish hall to meet and welcome Rev. Deacon Eric Chapa. He has joined our pastoral staff and will be active in ministry and the life of the parish over the next several months as he continues his path toward the priesthood.

From the Parish Mailbox...

Dear Fr. Paul, thank you for your very generous contribution of the Baby Shower for Hope House and the Gabriel Project! Please send my sincere appreciation to Hester Rodriguez, Jenny and all the volunteers that made it a huge success. In Christ, Ray Reeves (Chairman, Hope House)

Scholarship Thanks

Thank you for the scholarship. Thank you for the guidance, the prayers, the love, and most importantly, for the start of my faith, and making it stronger. Without any of that, I could not make it through my next few years. Thanks you. Love, *Marisa Matthijetz*

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship for tuition at UTSA. I'm happy I was chosen to receive the award and I am very grateful because every bit helps. I plan to visit Corpus Christi often and when I do I'll be sure to come by for Sunday Mass and catch up with you! Thanks again, *Joshua Harney*

Thank you all the parishioners for the scholarship and a late thank you for allowing me to do my Eagle Scout fundraiser. *Joseph Tarin*

Thank you for your graduation gift, scholarship, love and support. The money will be spent wisely. *Ethan Pompa*

† May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alyce Aleen Parker, sister of parishioner Dean Smith, who passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers.

A Message on Mercy

If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix. (*St. Philip Neri*)



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 every other week

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

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

Additional Confession times during the Year of Mercy: Wednesdays & Fridays 5-5:30PM and

Thursdays 6-8PM

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

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Mercy Celebrating the Sacredness of Life

Sharing God's mercy to us with others through word, deed and prayer.

Word: Congratulate new moms and dads.

Deed: Make a meal, offer to run errands or help with housework for a new mom.

Prayer: Pray for the well-being of women who are pregnant and for their unborn children.

Homecoming Feast and Fellowship

St. Pius X Catholic School is turning 50 years old! Help us celebrate this milestone by joining in the FREE festivities on Friday, August 19th. The event will kick off at 5:30 with Mass at St. Pius X Church. Once Mass concludes, we'll head over to the Parish Hall to enjoy a Homecoming-style meal (burgers, dogs, & beer). Following the meal, you can tour the school campus, jump in the outdoor inflatable bounce houses, and enjoy a concert in the Youth Center. See you there!

What are your wants?

- Do you want to be baptized?
- Do you want to receive First Communion?
- Do you want to be Confirmed?
- Do you want to be married in the Catholic Church?
- Do you want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches?

If you've ever wondered about any of these things, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be able to help. We are having an Inquiry Session after every Mass the weekend of July 16th & 17th. Stop by the Rectory Conference Room for more information. Contact Deacon Stacy Millsap for additional information at 993-4053 or deaconstacy@stpiusxcc.org

ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Activities

Rec Time - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00pm- 3:00pm. The Youth Building will be open to any High School or Middle School youth. You can come play Pool, Video Games, watch a movie, or just hang out and chat.

Summer Lock-in

Saturday, July 23 at 5:00pm - Sunday, July 24 at 8:00am

It's that time of year again. The Youth Ministry will be holding a Lock-in in the Youth Building. The Summer Lock-in is an all-night event where we stay up all night in the Youth Building playing video games, board games, basketball, watching movies, and just having a ton of fun. Registration is now open and sign up forms can be picked up in the youth building or in the back of the church.

Volleyball - Every Wednesday at 6:00pm. We will be playing Beach Volleyball every Wednesday at the beach in front of Texas A&M Corpus Christi. We will also have football, Soccer, and Spikeball.

Stay Up To Date!

Instagram: @stpiusxtxym

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

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, July 10th

1:30PM- Baptism class – CC#1

Monday, July 11th

Tuesday, July 12th

1:00-3:00PM – Sultanas - R

4:00-10PM – Men's The Way – PH

Wednesday, July 13th

Thursday, July 14th

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Friday, July 15th

Saturday, July 16th

6:30-7:30PM – RCIA Inquiry Session - R

Sunday, July 17th

2nd Collection: Purple Bag

9:00AM-7:00PM – RCIA Inquiry Session - R

10:00AM – Women's The Way commissioning - CH

Altar Servers

July 16-17



Sat. 5:30pm

MC Dalton Zawicky

Ames Buchanan

Aaron Buchanan

Sun. 8:00am

Christian Ramos

Jonathan Shull

Sofia Pena

Sun. 10:00am

MC Andrew Montez

Brooke Montez

Brian Kostoch

Allison Kostoch

Sun. 12:00pm

MC Ranger Quintero

Emily Rodriguez

Briana Rodriguez

David Rodriguez

Sun. 5:30pm

MC Josh Ramirez

MC Matthew Lutz

MC Kyle Wendel

Sarah Ramirez

LECTORS

July 16-17: 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

JULY 16 SAT 5:30P.M.

Ron Osman

JULY 16 SAT 5:30P.M.

Pete Anzaldua

JULY 17 SUN 8:00A.M.

Dennis Diersing

JULY 17 SUN 8:00A.M.

Teresa Camacho

JULY 17 SUN 10:00A.M.

Hester Rodriguez

JULY 17 SUN 10:00A.M.

Jenny Sehy

JULY 17 SUN 12:00NOON

Geri Rice

JULY 17 SUN 12:00NOON

Mary Scott

JULY 17 SUN 5:30P.M.

Jeannie Martinez

JULY 17 SUN 5:30P.M.

Angie Quiroz

Mass Intentions



Saturday July 9th

5:30PM † Phil Lenken by Margaret Lenken

Sunday, July 10th

8:00AM † Chris & John Janosek by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings

10:00AM † Vernon Krause by Judy Buchanan

12:00PM † Sultanas' July Birthdays

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, July 11th

8:15AM † Paul Zanetti by Jim & Mim Cook

Tuesday, July 12th

8:15AM † Dick Childs' Annv. by Penny Pacheco

Wednesday, July 13th

8:15AM † Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Willie Mae Shirley by Liz Sefcik

† Evelyn Mansheim by Alice & Tom Driscoll

† Patricia Gough Cuthbertson by Baish family

† Cech, Trefflich & Groner families

Mathews family by D. Mathews

† Paul Koenig by Mabel Schielack

5:30 PM † Jerry Muttera by Lory Moore

James W. Kelly III wellbeing by family

† Bobby Muttera by Groner family

Frances Marsden's health by Groner family

† Dorothy Mathews by Dorothy Hoban

Sydney Payne's health by Diegel family

† Carolyn Quintanilla by family

Thursday, July 14th

8:15AM † Cathryn Belhasen Annv. by Phyllis Benesh

Friday, July 15th

8:15AM † Mary Kelly, John Kelly & James Kelly by Kathleen Horne

5:30PM † Annie Krnavek & Anna Mae Moses by Theresie Krnavek

Saturday July 16th

5:30PM † John Boyd by Nelson & Nancy Woods

† Paul Zanetti by Randy & Geraldine Sykora

Sunday, July 17th

8:00AM † Johnnye Lee Mokry by Jerry Mokry

10:00AM † Elsie Samperi Annv. by Mary Fodor

12:00PM † Evelyn Mansheim by Judy & Don Kallefleiter

5:30PM For the Parishioners

7:30PM Vietnamese Mass – For the Vietnamese Community

Financial Report for Sunday 7/3/2016

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection \$19,959.08

Sunday Online..... \$3,151.33

Other Donations \$2,460.00

Filipino 1st Friday \$184.00

Total Operating Revenue .. \$25,754.41

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$110.00

Peter's Pence \$126.00

Total Other Contributions \$236.00

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Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Felipe Benavidez, Don Birt, Kanon Brown, Jimmy Buehrig, Stella & Michael Campos, Sondra Cazalas, Sabrina Cisneros, Shirley Currie, Allen Daehne, Andrea Dahlstrom, Patrick Delgado, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Minga DeLosSantos, Didra DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Pud'n Dellinger, Liz Elovitz, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Alicia Garcia, Antonio Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Dora Garza, Roel Garza, Terry Garza, Cindy Gedge, Sally Gilbreath, Annell Gollihar, Mike Gollihar, Elida Gonzalez, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Rose Marie Hand, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Ben Janosek, Elizabeth Johnson, Jim Johnston, Nathan Kelley, Frank Kolda, Betty Kollaja, Dora Lambert, Elva Laurel, Arlene Leep, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Frances Marsden, Michael McCloskey, Pat McLemore, Vicki Mitchell, Melynda Moore, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Doug Nicol, Patricia Paris, Mary Lou Penne, Dolores Puckett, Robert M. Pope, Patti Powers, Raymond Richter, John Lee Robertson, Amanda Rodriguez, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Paul Rossi, Albert Rubio, David Russell, Billy Ruzicka, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Toni Sharif, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepard, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Judy Slaughter, Constance Smith, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mary Ann Starkey, Mamie Stoner, Jo Teichman, Diane Thompson, Donna Tindall, Luke Valdez, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Liz Vrana, Judy West, Lillian Anderson Williams, Carole Zanetti, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

July CMSE Classes Canceled

Our monthly CMSE recertification and CORE classes scheduled for July have been canceled. Our next recertification class will be Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:30pm in CC #1 and CORE class on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd.

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