

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Dear Parish Family,

Right now, there are lots of families vacationing. I've seen the pictures posted on social media and I've listened to stories of where people have been. Vacation is always a wonderful time full of great experiences, new discoveries, family bonding, and rejuvenating rest. There is something glorious about taking time away from the normal routine to get out and do something fresh and new. I look forward to a little time away too. It is good for the body and for the spirit.

One of the most positive things about vacation is that families break away from typical influences that bog them down. I know a lot of people try to pack lots of things they think they will need while they are gone. They take electronics, plenty of clothes, more electronics, and other items that they feel they can't do without. This makes for a cumbersome experience – having to lug around lots of stuff.

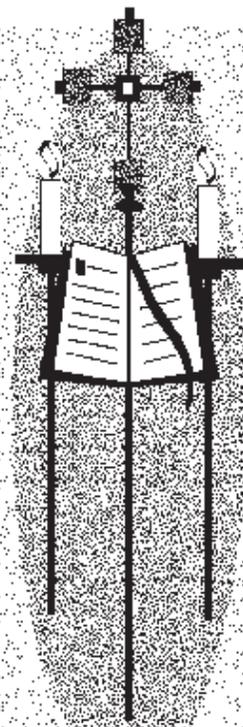
What most people discover though, is that they take so many things they end up not using. The sights, the sounds, the experiences of our vacations are enough to keep us engaged that we don't really need all the extras. Isn't it funny how we weigh ourselves down by so many things that we end up chaining ourselves down? There is something to be said for traveling light. It frees us up to immerse ourselves in the experience of the moment; the here and now.

Family vacations also seem to bind families together in greater unity. No doubt tensions arise from time to time when parents and kids are in such close quarters together. There is bound to be impatience and getting on each other's nerves. But even that, ironically, contributes to the bonding experience. Dealing with each other even when it is tough, is a good thing. By and large, however, there are many good things that happen when family enjoy things together. It fosters good memories and greater love. It also engages other aspects of a person's physical and emotional well-being that provides rest and a new-found outlook on life.

It is important to reach beyond the confines of our everyday lives. These kinds of things help provide new perspectives on life and open the doors for greater meaning and purpose. Life isn't always about just making money. It is about loving, cherishing, and holding dear the people we are given to share life with. When we are encumbered by all our stuff or enslaved by routine activity, we can lose sight of our purpose. The temptations to wealth, money, fame, etc. drive us away from what God calls us to be and what will ultimately make us happy.

In the gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to proclaim the good news. He instructs them not to take anything other than what was most basic and necessary. This enabled the disciples to be at the disposal of each other and to those to whom they would minister. Not being

You who have
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WORD of
TRUTH and
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SPIRIT



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bogged down, they would be much more effective and demonstrate that they were not in this ministry for themselves. They were to give themselves freely and wholeheartedly to the service of the Lord. Ultimately, it would bring them great joy as they focused on the most important things.

Each of us is reminded by the gospel of important facts. First, we are called to spread the gospel according to our own state in life. For those of us who are priests, we are called to spread the good news through preaching, celebration of the sacraments, and tending to the flock. For parents, you are called to witness the gospel in your own family life by loving your children and teaching them by example. Others can find many other ways to fulfill Christ's commission to go and spread the good news to friends by a friendly disposition or loving outreach.

Secondly, each of us needs to learn to be unencumbered in our manner of life. We need to learn not to be distracted by stuff, or weighed down by duties to the detriment of our families and friends. Living simply is freeing. It puts us in tune with God's grace and peace.

Vacation is a good opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in what means most in life. I encourage you all to be sure to pray while your are away. Let God's grace refresh you and renew within you his life!

That Man is You

TMIY started a 6 week session on Saturday, July 10th. We are using the book, "Consecration to St Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Fr Donald Calloway. You can purchase a copy at fathercalloway.com, or just search the title. Pope Francis has dedicated this year as the Year of St. Joseph. In these days of turmoil and seeming lack of direction, we need a father-figure to help guide us. St. Joseph is the perfect Saint to provide us with stability and protection. Take advantage of this great opportunity. We will finish that 6-week program on August 14th. Then after a short break, we will begin the fall semester of TMIY on September 11th.

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

ACTS OF CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

ARE YOU A LICENSED PLUMBLER, ELECTRICIAN, GENERAL CONTRACTOR OR HANDYMAN? The Acts of Charity Hands on Help Program would love to add you to our list of providers who might be able to bid on small home projects. If you would reach out to us via the parish office or on the parish website, we would greatly appreciate your help.

MONTHLY OUTREACH PROGRAM

JULY BRINGS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT AND SERVE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

For the July service project, the Acts of Charity Monthly Outreach team recommends you and your family volunteer directly with a local charity. Two that we have identified, their volunteer opportunity and the contact information are listed below. If either or both fit your interest and time, please connect the facility directly to volunteer.

The Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend needs help bagging diapers into smaller bags for distribution to those who attend their education programs. This can be done anytime 9-5, M-F at their location at 4310 Kostoryz (the old Salvation Army location). Park in the HI Again Resale shop, and come on in to the Parenting Program, introduce yourself as volunteering to bag diapers. For more information call parishioner Amy Nye at 991-2008, extension 4, or just show up.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank at 826 Krill Street, needs volunteers to pack food boxes as well as deliver food boxes to homebound. Call 361-887-6291 to schedule a time and activity. You can also register on line at <https://coastalbendfood-bank.org/get-involved/give-time>.

CARING COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

Don't forget to let us know if you know of someone who could use a little lift with a card or call. You can fill out forms in the back of the church and place in the blue box, or online at the parish website under the Acts of Charity link.

BEREAVMENT COMMITTEE

Would you be willing and able to bring a dessert or a side salad for an upcoming funeral? If so, and you would like to be added to our list of volunteers, please contact the parish office or visit the Acts of Charity link on the parish website.

EXPLORE Discernment Retreat

EXPLORE is a summer experience for young men who are enrolled in high school or who will be enrolling this fall, as well as recent high school graduates, that want to understand their faith better, know themselves better, have fun, and make new friends from all over the diocese. Staffed by priests and deacons, along with seminarians and others thinking about a vocation to priesthood, EXPLORE often helps a young man discern his God given vocation. In a society that does not seem to understand how someone could accept a vocation to the priesthood, it helps him to meet others who would like to know more and also those who have been in priestly formation. However, EXPLORE is not just all talks or prayer, but also a lot of fun! There are two retreat weekends to select from, and one of them is taking place here at St. Pius X. It will be July 15-16, from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. each day. For more information call Monica Gatlin in the Vocations Office at (361) 882-6191 ext. 655



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Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Monday, July 12th

5:30PM - J.T.D. Board – CC#1

7:00PM - Scouts – CAF

Tuesday, July 13th

Wednesday, July 14th

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, July 15th

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – Confessions – CH

Friday, July 16th

Saturday, July 17th

5:00-10:00PM – Journey - PH



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



Saturday, July 10th

5:30PM † Susan Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse

Sunday, July 11th

8:00AM † Betty Whitaker by D. Havel

10:00AM † Phil Lenken by Margaret Lenken

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by their family

Monday, July 12th

8:15AM † Mary, John & James Patrick Kelly by K.K.H.

Tuesday, July 13th

8:15AM † Gustavo G. Barrera Annv. by the Barrera-Hoy family

Wednesday, July 14th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Darilek family

† Barbara Mikulik by Gerrie Richardson

† Maria Bilka by Peter & Joanne Volpe

† Charlotte Groner by Thomas Groner

† 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

5:30PM † Claude T. Allen, Jr. by Joyce Zarsky

† Roquelito Auza by Riza Auza & children

† Gloria Alvarez by Carlos & Judy Rubinstein

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

† Sam Ferris, Jr. by Jerry Thomson

Thursday, July 15th

8:15AM † Henry Villarreal Annv. by his wife

Friday, July 16th

8:15AM † Elsie Samperi by Mary Fodor

5:30PM † Ethel Dulak by Larry & Helen Witzche

Saturday, July 17th

5:30PM † Lowell & Alice Didear by the Didear family

Sunday, July 18th

8:00AM † Ethel Dulak by Angela & Randy Wendel

10:00AM For the Parishioners

12:00 PM † Adelfa N. Torres by her family

5:30PM † Maury Prunty by the Reumuth family

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Luis Alvarado, Theresa Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy Buehrig, Nicole Cuellar, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Carlos Cardenas, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Carole Cotter, Harly Day, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, John Hand, Janice Harney, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Lorena Kolanski, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, James Lawrence, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Medad Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Mary Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Fred Mitchell, Billy Monti, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Sandra R. Nicolas, Trent O'Connell, Doug Odle, John & Jerilynn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Patricia Riek, Joseph Rollins, JoAnn Rosales, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Sandra Salinas, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, Steve Schuster, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Charles Skrobarczyk, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Gloria Swantner, Joseph Tate, Andrew Trevino, Judy West, Wally Whitworth, Jr., Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche, Joe Zepeda and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

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Year of St. Joseph

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Prayer to St. Joseph

Guardian of virgins, and holy father Joseph, to whose faithful custody Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed; I pray insistently and beseech you by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart, and chaste body, ever most chastely serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my life. Amen.

