

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Dear Friends,

I am always amazed by the awesome mystery of nature. No matter how much we try to harness its power or curb its force, we always seem to be flummoxed by it. Just when we think we've got the upper hand, something comes along that reminds us that we are ultimately not in control. Nature will do what nature will do.

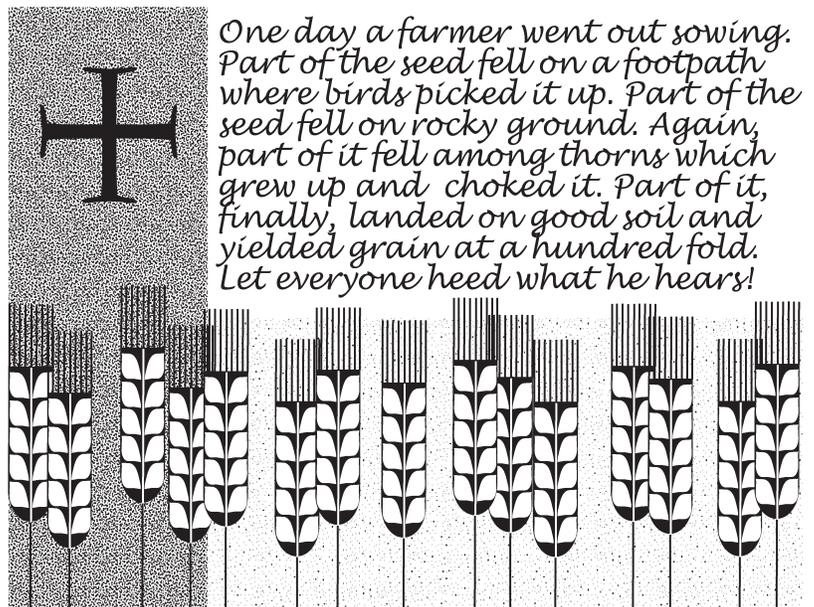
A perfect example is the situation we are currently in. Though there are obviously still many human illnesses for which we seek a cure, we pride ourselves on having virtually eliminated many scourges that have ravaged the world in the past. Scientific advances have built up our confidence in this regard. Nevertheless, there is always something that appears in nature that will throw us a curve ball and the Coronavirus is a case in point.

Despite the many problems that nature can throw at us, there are also many amazing blessings that it can bring as well. Nature has the potential to be resilient in unexpectedly positive ways. Shortly before this pandemic hit us, I was fortunate enough to lead a group of people to the Holy Land. The average person who visits the Holy Land walks away from the experience with a wholly changed perspective. Having watched many movies about the life of Jesus, we have become accustomed to visualizing the Holy Land as an arid and somewhat dreary place. Granted, there are indeed arid deserts, but what most pilgrims discover, is that much of the country is lush and green. In fact, there are pine-covered mountains, flowing streams, green farmlands, flowery meadows, olive groves, and grape vineyards. They didn't call it the land flowing with milk and honey for nothing.

The Judean desert however, is normally quite dry and arid. The one notable thing about this past year is that the Holy Land experienced an unseasonably abundant rain. Traveling through the desert, I was surprised to see green where I had previously seen gray or brown. The rain had had a tremendous impact upon the desert vegetation, causing the undulating hills to show forth carpets of green amidst the rocky crags and outcroppings. The sheep must have felt like they were in sheep heaven. Just a little rain had completely transformed what seemed lifeless.

Perhaps a more dramatic example of the glorious power of nature is when I have been on backcountry hikes in the hill country. Not infrequently, I've seen large trees jutting forth from a rocky outcropping or a cliff. It is enough to make one wonder, "How on earth could that tree have taken root there?" There was obviously just enough dirt and nutrients for a seed to take root and grow in the most seemingly unsuitable places.

Thus is the power of God's word to transform our lives. As the readings tell us, God's word is always effective and it accomplishes the task for which it is sent. If the condition of our hearts is receptive to his word, we can be completely and surprisingly changed. It does not take much, if the "soil" of our hearts is prepared, for God to work miracles in us. He multiplies that effect if we allow his word to soak in and be firmly planted within us. If, however,



One day a farmer went out sowing. Part of the seed fell on a footpath where birds picked it up. Part of the seed fell on rocky ground. Again, part of it fell among thorns which grew up and choked it. Part of it, finally, landed on good soil and yielded grain at a hundred fold. Let everyone heed what he hears!

The seed is the Word of God and Christ is the sower.

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we have hardened hearts or we become engrossed in unedifying pursuits and distractions, we will find ourselves left bereft of God's action in our lives.

Throughout our lives, we fluctuate between having good soil and not so good soil. The good thing is, we can always open ourselves up should we choose. Maybe this time of pandemic and uncertainty is a time given to us to re-ascertain what the state of our heart is and how we can be more attentive to God's word. Do we till the soil of our soul through prayer? Through the reading of scripture? Through acts of charity? Do we examine our consciences? Seek reconciliation? Give thanks? It may mean the difference between withering or thriving! God bless,

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Fred and Emily Dickinson who recently registered at our parish. We are glad to have them be an active part of our growing faith community

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.

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

R.C.I.A. Inquiry Sessions

- If you are an adult and would like to be baptized, or be confirmed, or receive 1st Holy Communion, the RCIA program is designed just for you.

- Or perhaps you come from another denomination and are considering becoming Catholic, the RCIA program is for you, too.

- Or maybe you're not married in the Church, but would like to be. The RCIA program may be able to help you with this, as well.

We will be having RCIA Inquiry Sessions after every Mass next week in the Youth Center, so take that short walk across the parking lot for a visit – we'd like to meet you and find out how we might help you.

Registration for St. Pius X Catholic School Ongoing

Registration for St. Pius X Catholic School is open and continues through the summer months. Be sure to visit our school website for more information at stpiusxschoolcc.org to find out more about our school and to request a tour of the school. We are also working on a virtual tour feature which will be available in the coming months. You can also contact the school at 361-992-1343. We look forward to providing your children with a superior Catholic and academic education!

Ushers Needed

We need you! Ushers are needed at all the Masses. We also need volunteers to help with the disinfecting of church at all Masses. If you would like to accept the challenge to engage in this ministry, please contact us at parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org, or call 361-993-4053. You may also inform one of the priests, but be sure to give us your name and contact information.

First Reconciliation & Communion for SPX School Children

This weekend, some of the students from St. Pius X Catholic School, will have received their First Confession in preparation for their First Communion next weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers during these momentous moments in their lives. We pray that God will shower them with abundant blessings as they receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. We thank all the school staff and teachers for their hand in preparing these children and we hope that this will be a special moment for these children along the road of faith.

Internet/Network Infrastructure Being Updated

Over the years, our parish/school internet network has been riddled with problems that have made it unreliable. With new advances in technology and the increasing number of students, parish organizations, parishioners, and staff needing to use the internet, it has become important for us to make a change. Our school students deserve the best and most reliable technology possible for learning. Also, with the prospect of having to do online learning in the near future, we need to have a reliable network that can accommodate it. Additionally, now that live-streaming has become critical for the spiritual nourishment of the faithful who are unable to join us for Mass, we are planning on making this service permanent, especially to serve the homebound. For this reason, we are completely replacing our current network infrastructure with a new and upgraded infrastructure to handle the traffic these endeavors require. If you would like to help financially toward this effort, we would be grateful for any donations. Please pray for our continued efforts to reach out in new ways to proclaim the gospel message!

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, July 12th

8:00AM – Mass – CH

10:00AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

Monday, July 13th

8:15AM – Mass – CH

Tuesday, July 14th

8:15AM – Mass – CH

Wednesday, July 15th

8:15AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass - CH

Thursday, July 16th

8:15AM – Mass - CH

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:15-7:50PM – Confessions - PH

Friday, July 17th

8:15AM – Mass – CH

5:30PM – Mass – CH

Saturday, July 18th

4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - PH

5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH

6:30-7:30PM – Confessions – PH

Sunday, July 19th

8:00AM – Mass – CH

10:00AM – Mass – CH

1:30PM – Baptisms - CH

7:30PM - Vietnamese Mass



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

Saturday, July 11th

Mass Intentions



5:30PM † Arnaldo Farias by Dennis & Karen Farias

Sunday, July 12th

8:00AM † Robert Bedolla Annv. by Elida Bedolla

10:00AM † Betty Whitaker by DeAnna Havel
† Alvino & Stella Campos by their family

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, July 13th

8:15AM † Roberto Peña by Carolyn Consuelo

Tuesday, July 14th

8:15AM † Alejandro Villarreal Annv. by E. Garza

Wednesday, July 15th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Didear Family
Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa
† James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly
† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly
† Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly
† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.
† Jeanne Baish by her family
5:30PM † Cid Duerr Annv. by Dotti Hill-Duerr
† Cathryn Belhasen Annv. by the Benesh family
† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by K.K.H.
† Henry Villarreal by his wife
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

Thursday, July 16th

8:15AM † Elsie Samperi by Mary Fodor

Friday, July 17th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear by their family
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen

Saturday, July 18th

5:30PM † Maudine Prunty by the Reumuth family

Sunday, July 19th

8:00AM For the Parishioners
10:00AM † Duane Read by Cheryl Johnson
† Annie Krnavek & Anna Mae Moses by family
5:30PM † Adelfa M. Torres by family

Financial Report for Sunday 7/5/2020

Operating Revenue:
Sunday Collection..... \$14,052.00
Sunday Online \$8,429.00
Filipino 1st Friday \$164.00
Total Operating Revenue... \$22,645.00

Other Contributions:
Acts of Charity \$727.00
Peter's Pence \$30.00
Church in Africa \$10.00
Total Other Contributions..... \$767.00

Total Contributions..... \$23,412.00

**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



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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, 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, Dora Garza, Raquel Garza, Terry Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Doyle Harris, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Mario 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, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Aaron & Mercedes Presas, 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.